

THE NONPROFIT CONNECTION

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Connection OPPORTUNITIES

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We're happy to share these items of interest from around our local network. Please e-mail us any opportunities you would like to be featured in future editions! (*The Nonprofit Connection* usually goes out during the first ten days of the month.)

Training OPPORTUNITIES

✦ **Join Neighbors for Better Neighborhood's "Think Like an Organizer" training session this weekend!** This session will teach the fundamentals of leadership development, project planning, and capacity building in community. There's only six seats left, so you have to act fast! The sessions are being held **Friday, June 5th from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Truliant Federal Credit Union.** Cost for most nonprofits is **\$50.** Session details and online registration can be found on their [website](#).

✦ **"How to Increase the Financial Stability of Your Nonprofit,"** BCBSNC Foundation's Five Good Ideas Make Them Great discussion, **June 25th, 10:30 am to 2 pm, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce.** Five Good Ideas is intended to be a series of conversations and interactive trainings hosted throughout North Carolina. You can find more details and registration information [here](#). Space is limited, so please secure your reservation soon. For more information, contact [Annette Taylor](#) or call her at **919-765-2087.**

Dear Amy,

With Memorial Day behind us, the dog days of summer have arrived. While many of you are planning upcoming vacations, we here at HandsOn are busy planning our upcoming programs for the second half of the year. We're pleased to announce that the **Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust** has funded our ambitious capacity-building programming plan for 2009-2010, so look for many more exciting offerings in the upcoming months!

Our next program offering will be an additional session on **"Form 990: What Are The Changes In 2008?"** for those of you who have June 30 and September 30 year-end dates. We're pleased that Dixon-Hughes will again be working with us to present this information to local nonprofits on **June 25th at Salemtowne.** Further details are below.

Also, please remember that HandsOn is offering **scholarships to the NC Center for Nonprofit's Conference, September 9th-11th, in Concord, NC.** We sent out the applications in last month's *Quick Connects*, and we hope to receive many completed forms before the **June 12th deadline!** These scholarships cover the cost of registration plus two nights of lodging in the conference hotel. What a deal! For more details, check out the [application form](#). Last year, we sent seven recipients, and we hope to send at least that many this year! And for those of who might not qualify for one of our scholarships, the Center is offering a **special deal just for members of the HandsOn NWNC network--an extra \$20 off!** You can find more details on the left under "Training Opportunities."

I hope all of you will find some time this summer to reflect on your accomplishments over the first half of the year, in one of the toughest environments that nonprofits have seen in awhile. You've all done amazing work in difficult circumstances and I know that I am honored to work with the best professionals in the sector day in and day out.

Stay cool,

+ **Special Deal Offered by the NC Center for Nonprofits to members of the HandsOn NWNC network!** Registration is now open for the Center's statewide conference, "Hope in Chaotic Times," which is being held **September 9th-11th in Concord, NC.** In addition to the scholarships that we're offering to new, emerging or small nonprofits within our network, the Center has generously offered a **\$20 discount to the first ten nonprofits associated with HandsOn NWNC!** In recognition of the financial challenges nonprofits face, the Center has dropped prices for their Members by \$100 from last year. If you're already a Member of the Center and you get the discount, you could attend a two-day conference for **\$175** - that's a bargain! Please contact [me](#) for the code that you'll need during registration if you want to take advantage of this additional discount. **Deadline for early bird registration is July 1st!**

+ **"Aligning for Impact, Connecting the Dots," NC Philanthropy Conference, August 12th.** This conference will bring together fundraising professionals from across the state at the **Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel in Greensboro.** Early bird rates start at **\$109.** Check out the [brochure](#) and register online [here](#).

Funding OPPORTUNITIES

+ **Truliant Federal Credit Union is offering mini-grants** which provide operating funds for projects or programs of community and faith-based, non-profit organizations that serve "underserved" groups and/or low-to-moderate income areas. Grant applications are available in person at any Truliant branch after May 15th. **Grant applications are due July 15th.** For more information, go to their [website](#) or contact [Marjorie Rorie](#) at 1-800-822-0382 ext. 2054.

+ **"Be Big!" in Your Community for a chance to win \$25,000!** Scholastic and the national HandsOn Network launched Clifford's Be Big in Your Community Contest to inspire children of all ages to think about how they can live the values of Clifford and Be Big in their local communities. People can now submit their Be Big Ideas for a chance to win community grants

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Executive Director

Form 990: What Are The Changes In 2008?

Thursday, June 25th, 10 AM - 2 PM

Location: Salemtowne Community Center

Back by popular demand, we are again offering you this workshop, led by experts from Dixon-Hughes, to help guide you through the required changes to the new Form 990 for the 2008 tax year. While many of you came to the session in January, we thought it might be helpful to offer it again in the summer for those of you who have June 30 and September 30 fiscal year end dates. We are excited that staff from Dixon-Hughes will again be able to join us to cover these key topics:

- "Red Flag" questions and pitfalls
- The increased role of your board in the new tax exempt world
- "Related Party" issues, unrelated business, income and executive compensation.

**Cost: \$20 for Supporting Organizations
\$30 for all others.**

(Includes a hot buffet lunch and extensive take-home materials.)

(Not a Supporting Organization of HandsOn? Click [here](#) to become one today!)

[Register Now!](#)

Convened ED's Brown Bag Lunch Meeting

Monday, June 29th, Noon

Location: American Red Cross

After taking May off for Memorial Day, we're looking forward to seeing you all again for our next Convened EDs meeting! Bring your own lunch for this informal networking session as we discuss the possibilities of increasing support for volunteers and capacity building among nonprofits.

(Attendance limited to Executive Directors or equivalents.)

Cost: Free!

[Register Now!](#)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Advocacy, Organizing and Civic Engagement Pays Off!

Last month, on May 11th, we were pleased to help host the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy's launch of the report, **"Strengthening Democracy, Increasing**

from the Be Big Fund at HandsOn Network. Winners will be announced at the end of the summer: 10 finalist prizes of \$2,500 each and a grand prize of \$25,000! **The deadline is June 26th**, and you'll find the application [online](#)!

+ "Minnie" Grants available for youth service projects! Youth Service America and Disney are pleased to offer the Disney Minnie Grants to fund children's efforts to improve their communities. These grants of **\$500** are for children (ages 5-14) or the organizations that engage them, to implement youth-led service projects that address the issues of Poverty, Hunger, Education, Environment, Global Citizenship, Sustainable Community Development, and Disaster Prevention & Relief. Applications are accepted from all over the world. Projects will take place in the months of September-November 2009. Deadline for applications is **June 15th**. Find more details [online](#).

Other OPPORTUNITIES

+ HandsOn Network wants your input! Our national network is helping lead a special project that will assess the readiness of local nonprofits to handle a new surge of volunteers and think creatively about how to build the nation's infrastructure for service. With the pro-bono support of Deloitte, they are collecting data from nonprofits on their volunteer management practices. The turnaround is tight- **the survey will close on Friday, June 5th**. Click [here](#) for more information.

+ Partners for Homeownership is interested in sharing an administrative assistant. They can no longer support a full-time person on their own, and would like to share a capable administrative assistant with another organization. Their needs include good phone/reception skills, careful record keeping, inventory management/office management, excellent computer skills including work with data bases, Publisher, etc. and overall executive and real estate/marketing assistance. They would like to try this on a temporary basis but hope that they can move toward making these kind of shared services more permanent. For more information, please contact [Jane Milner](#) or call her at **416-8576**.

+ The NC Center for Nonprofits

Opportunities: Impacts of Advocacy, Organizing and Civic Engagement in North Carolina." This ambitious report, which looked at 13 local nonprofits across the state, including Winston-Salem's own **Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods** and **CHANGE**, documents how they and their allies leveraged foundation grants to secure nearly \$2 billion in benefits for North Carolinians. The report revealed that **for every dollar invested in these strategies, the sample groups garnered \$89 in benefits for North Carolina communities!** That's quite the return on investment! You can read the full executive summary of the report [here](#).

In the coming months, we'll be working with NCRP to follow-up with the findings of the report and create dialog locally around these issues. Stay tuned!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

New Data on Winston-Salem is Released by Chamber!

The **Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce** and its Research Center have created a concise data profile of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County and its economy. **Winston-Salem: By the Numbers** provides simple, straightforward demographic and economic information that you can use to better understand Winston-Salem's characteristics and how we are changing. You may download the report [here](#). This could be very handy information to have as you prepare for funding requests and other planning needs!

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Needs Your Feedback on New Strategies! The Center has just completed part of a strategic planning process and is looking for feedback on how they interact with their nearly 1,600 Member nonprofits. They've focused in on some core strategies, including **taking a more active role advancing the importance of the state's nonprofit sector** through greater communication about the value of nonprofits, **expanded advocacy on behalf of all nonprofits**, and **member services that help nonprofits be more effective and sustainable**. Here's a list of their [summarized strategies](#). Feel free to share your reactions and ideas through a special [blog](#). Please post your comments or reply by **Friday, June 5th**.

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