Fiscal Year Update and Highlights

The Nonprofit Leadership Initiative (NPLI) began its fourth year of operation on July 1, 2019. As I reflect on the highlights of last year and all that has been realized, I know none of those accomplishments could have been achieved without the guidance, support and vision of so many individuals and organizations. Since NPLI’s inception in 2016 as a three-year pilot within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, we have come a long way and are very excited for what is yet to be developed.

THANK YOU to our funders, nonprofits, educators and community members for your investment in working with us to build a stronger Fox Cities. ~ Kim O’Brien, Executive Director

Program Highlights

Leadership Institute
- 3rd class of graduates
- Participants created an alumni program to continue collaborating and learning together

Board Connect
- Format change to include more nonprofits

Leadership Forum
- Revised program to allow additional nonprofit staff and board members to participate

Operations
- Formalized our steering council governance and realigned committees
- Hired part-time program manager

External Resources
- 10 nonprofits piloted Network for Good fundraising software
- Created Microsoft Office 365 Users Group
- Collaborated with Microsoft for workshops on technology enablement of nonprofits
- 436 nonprofits accessed Nonprofit Next, a data-rich website

The 2018-19 Leadership Institute graduating class. The Institute is a year-long cohort education program, created in collaboration with Fox Valley Technical College. The program teaches core competencies required for nonprofit leadership.

Future Plans

Strategic planning sessions helped formulate our strategy for 2019-20 goals.

**Goal: Revise board effectiveness program**
Strategy - Research board training cohort learning programs with implementation by spring of 2020

**Goal: Strengthen program impact measures**
Strategy - Program committee will utilize an impact criteria model to review new programs
Strategy - Conduct focus groups to measure program impact

**Goal: Sustainability model formulated**
Strategy - Develop marketing plan
Strategy - Review partnership/sustainability options

What participants are saying…..

“The Leadership Institute has been critical in helping me analyze the current state of operations, identifying improvements, and implementing a mission-driven change. The class has also made me more aware of the larger role that I now play as a nonprofit community leader and advocate.”

~ Luke Schiller, Heckrodt Wetland Reserve

“I just wanted to send a quick note to say how incredibly valuable, engaging, and inspiring the Leadership Forum on long-term financial stability was. The presenter was so well spoken and had a wealth of knowledge to share. I could have listened to her all day.

I'm so grateful that we have you to put together these opportunities, and thankful to be able to take advantage of it! Keep up the great work.”

~ Nikki Hessel, Future Neenah, Inc.

Outreach

- Leadership Institute Graduates: 39
- Leadership Forum participants: 550
- Board Connect event attendees: 480
- Attend board member small group learning sessions: 86
- Nonprofit Next users: 436

Meet our Steering Council:

- Becky Boulanger, FVTC Foundation
- Gary Cebulski, Community Volunteer
- Lynn Coriano, POINT
- Mary Downs, Catalpa Health
- Jenni Eickelberg, Thrivent Financial
- Tammy Geenen, Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
- Tony Gonzalez, United Way Fox Cities
- Jeff Hahn, Real World Strategies
- Marti Hemwall, Community Volunteer
- Cathy Mutschler, Community First Credit Union
- Kim Wetzel, Amcor Company Foundation

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