



COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program helps build the capacity of nonprofit organizations and individuals so that they are better able to serve their communities and work together to provide a comprehensive safety net for vulnerable populations. Our educational programs and resources serve as an important clearinghouse for information on all aspects of nonprofit work and leadership.

Seminars and Workshops: More than 78 training sessions offered each year are designed to build skills in all areas of nonprofit management. These include intensive seminars presented by The Fund Raising School of Indiana University and Conversation with the Funder forums, profiling local grantmakers and their funding opportunities.

Consultations: Curbside Consultations, our signature service, provides nonprofit leaders with one-on-one guidance from a professional consultant in a safe and confidential setting. Experts in fund development, strategic planning, board development, and other nonprofit issues offer customized support three Tuesdays a month, providing more than 175 sessions each year. In addition, consultations with Foundation staff in the areas of nonprofit management, real estate, communications, and human resources are available by appointment.

The Philanthropy Resource Library is a cooperating collection of the Foundation Center and the only library of its kind serving the San Gabriel Valley and greater Los Angeles. The extensive collection contains more than 1,200 books and periodicals on nonprofit management, fund development, leadership, financial management, and more. Two computer workstations provide access to funding research databases: Foundation Directory Online, Wealth Engine, GrantStation, and Foundation Grants to Individuals. The Library is free and open to the public, and assistance is always available. Hours are Monday Thursday, 11 a.m. 6 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. 1 p.m.

Flintridge Retreat Center: Quality, affordable meeting space is available seven days a week and weekday evenings. The two rooms, one with state-of-the-art presentation technology, are provided free to nonprofit organizations and community groups with annual budgets of less than \$1 million. More than 500 events were hosted in 2008.

THE NEED

Nonprofit organizations play a critical role in a community's well-being. They are often the first line of response to a community's health, service needs, and social challenges. At the same time, they must compete to raise funds while providing services with limited resources. Capacity building, by helping to strengthen nonprofit infrastructure, enables these organizations to increase their effectiveness and achieve greater impact so that they better fulfill their vital missions.

GOALS/PURPOSE

- To develop stronger, more sustainable nonprofit organizations.
- To encourage and empower effective nonprofit leadership.
- To ensure that community-based nonprofits are equipped with the knowledge and tools to enable them to meet the comprehensive needs of children, youth, and families throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

POPULATION SERVED

- Nonprofit organizations throughout Southern California, with a particular focus on those serving children, youth, young adults and families in Northwest Pasadena, Altadena, and the greater San Gabriel Valley.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- We offer a full curriculum of educational opportunities scheduled throughout the year. Registration and fee payment will soon be available online.
- A searchable database of the Philanthropy Resource Library collection also will be available on our website in the near future.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2008 Calendar Year)

- 350 nonprofit organizations utilized our services.
- 500 events were held at the Flintridge Retreat Center.
- 225,000 seat-hours of training were provided to 900 nonprofit staff members and volunteers.
- 240 hours of consulting services were provided to nonprofit leaders.
- During the past ten years, Flintridge has supported the development of numerous nonprofit leaders and helped them to increase the effectiveness of local organizations such as NATHA, Foothill Vocational Opportunities, Door of Hope, Teen Futures, Pasadena Birthing Project, and others.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Pasadena Public Library
- La Pintoresca Branch Library
- SoCal Center for Nonprofit Management
- Women at Work