



NonprofitCenter
of Northeast Florida

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Dear Colleague:

As a member of the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida, I would like to invite you to apply to become a part of a very special program – the *Uplifting (Nonprofit) Leadership Series*.

This series – which the Nonprofit Center started in Jacksonville two years and has now been replicated nationally -- brings together 20 philanthropic and nonprofit leaders to discuss short readings in the humanities about giving, serving, and other fundamental issues at the heart of leading nonprofit organizations. A more comprehensive description of the series is included in this packet.

Thanks to a grant from the Florida Humanities Council, there is no cost for participating. Space, however, is strictly limited to 20 individuals. We will strive to have a mix of types of nonprofits (i.e., arts organizations, funders, health and human service organizations, youth-serving organizations, etc.).

To participate in this unique opportunity, you must commit to attending the first session as well as at least three of the remaining sessions. Breakfast will be provided.

- o Friday, January 13, 2006 (8:30 -12:00) [**** ATTENDANCE MANDATORY ****]
- o Friday, February 24 , 2006 (8:30 – 12:00)
- o Friday, April 14, 2006 (8:30 – 12:00)
- o Friday, May 12, 2006 (8:30 – 12:00)
- o Friday, June 16, 2006 (8:30 – 12:00)

I also ask that you complete and return the enclosed simple, one page application form by December 23, 2005.

If you have questions about the series feel free to contact me. If this sounds intriguing or interesting to you, I hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Rena

Rena Coughlin
President & CEO

Uplifting (Nonprofit) Leadership Series III
A Five Part Conversation about
Nonprofit Leadership in Northeast Florida

Overview

Uplifting (Nonprofit) Leadership III will convene 20 key staff and chief executives of Jacksonville-area philanthropic and nonprofit organizations five times in 2006. Participants will meet in a hospitable setting to share a meal and to explore key questions at the heart of nonprofit leadership -- Why do we do this work? Why does it matter and to whom? Is it possible to lead when you must beg? What makes a good gift? What do we expect of those to whom we give? Does it matter whether we can prove we are doing good? Are we leaders for something larger than our own organizations?

Sessions will be structured around a series of short readings in the humanities with skilled outside facilitation provided by Dr. Andrew Buchwalter, Dr. Sam Kimball and Rena Coughlin.

Dr. Buchwalter is Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophy, UNF. Dr. Kimball is Associate Professor of English at UNF, and Rena Coughlin is the President and CEO of the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida.

This series has been designed to:

- uplift the important work of nonprofit leaders in Northeast Florida;
- strengthen relationships among these leaders for future collaboration;
- deepen individual and shared understanding of the nonprofit sector.

Philanthropic and nonprofit leaders who participated in last year's series reported that, as a result of their participation, they:

- felt a stronger connection to their local nonprofit community;
- were better able to place their work in the larger context of the nonprofit sector;
- had been introduced to new texts and practices of reading;
- felt "uplifted" as leaders.

Who Should **Not** Participate?

The series will admittedly not appeal to everyone. Individuals focused on tackling specific, concrete issues in nonprofit management will likely be disappointed because the series is focused more on the "why" of philanthropy and nonprofits than on the "how to." That is not to say that the series is irrelevant to the everyday realities of leading organizations. In fact, it is poignantly relevant, but more because of the questions it raises than the issues it resolves.

Who Participated Previously and What Has Come of their Participation?

More than 50 nonprofit and philanthropic leaders have participated in the previous two series. A number of those continue to meet together to discuss humanities readings and to explore fundamental issues at the heart of leading nonprofit organizations.

The Details

Sessions will be held on the following dates in the Community Room at WJCT, 100 Festival Park Ave :

- o Friday, January 13, 2006 (8:30 – 12:00)
- o Friday, February 24, 2006 (8:30 – 12:00)
- o Friday, April 14, 2006 (8:30 – 12:00)
- o Friday, May 12, 2006 (8:30 – 12:00)
- o Friday, June 16, 2006 (8:30 – 12:00)

Individuals must commit to attending the first session on Friday, January 13, 2006 (8:30-12:00) as well as at least three of the remaining four sessions.

Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida, Inc.
Uplifting (Nonprofit) Leadership III
Application Form

Name:

First

Last

Title:

Organization:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Number of years leading a nonprofit organization:

Number of years living in Northeast Florida:

In one paragraph, please answer one of the following two questions on a separate sheet of paper. Mail your response and this application back to the **Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida, 1300 Riverplace Boulevard, Suite 320 Jacksonville, FL 32207** or FAX it to 904 390-7367 or e-mail it to kensign@nonprofitjax.org.

What's the best gift you ever gave, and why? OR What's the best gift you ever received, and why?

Signature

Date

Application Deadline: December 23, 2005