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OneSource Center Nonprofit News

February 2021

Welcome to OneSource Center's Nonprofit News which includes upcoming events, announcements and other news important to nonprofits in the Greater Cincinnati area.

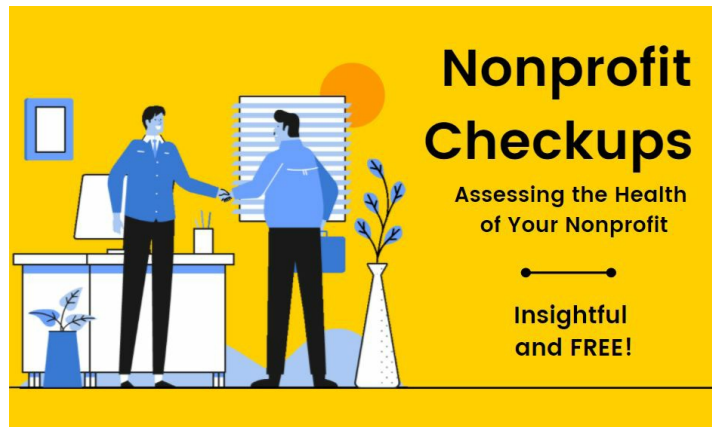
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Assessing the Health of Your Nonprofit Free Nonprofit Checkups Give Insight

Did you know OneSource Center offers FREE Nonprofit Checkups, helping organizations assess the health of their nonprofit? The process is simple – usually involving the CEO and board chair providing some key information from materials they already have on hand. For most nonprofits who already have more to do than they can handle – this tool helps leaders prioritize where they should focus their efforts –

something that is often difficult when organization leaders are in the “thick of things.” Why does OneSource Center offer this complimentary service? The answer is simple: OneSource Center wants nonprofits to succeed!

[UpSpring](#), a nonprofit whose mission is to empower children experiencing homelessness in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky through education and enrichment opportunities, took advantage of the free OneSource Center Nonprofit Checkup process after hearing about it at the Social Venture Partner “Fast Pitch” competition. The process sounded interesting to Executive Director Alex Kuhns and the price was right!



“The free Nonprofit Checkup process we went through with OneSource Center was a time for our organization to pause and quickly reflect on what we were doing well, and where we needed to make some adjustments,” said Kuhns. “As it turned out, some of the things our team was concerned about were things we could eliminate to better focus on things that had more impact. The process began some great conversations with our staff and board, and set the stage for a strategic planning initiative that ultimately helped us pivot easier with the pandemic response we are implementing now.”

The Nonprofit Checkup helps an organization look at what they are doing well and where there may be room for improvement. Nonprofit leaders and/or board members participate

in a couple short meetings with OneSource Center consultants to help define a clear understanding of the organization, and to reflect on programs and procedures already in place. More board members or staff can be involved in the process if the agency wants.

Agencies that have utilized the offering have praised the visioning received, and were able to move forward more confidently on strategic direction. Want to learn more? We want to help! Contact [Vickie Ciotti](#).

Grant Information

Find more information and links to these opportunities on the [OneSource Calendar](#)

Andrew Jergens Foundation grant. The Foundation's prime interest is the health, education, cultural experiences and social welfare of children in the Greater Cincinnati area. Deadline for submission is Feb. 15, 2021.

The Spirit of Construction Foundation supports outreach initiatives that seek to engage young people in construction careers. Over the past 5 years (in addition to scholarship funding), the SOC Foundation has contributed over \$760,000 towards outreach and \$1.2 million since its founding. The initiatives have a construction component to them and are geared for the most part towards middle school and high school youth. Application deadline Feb. 15, 2021.

Butler Foundation grants. In keeping with its mission, the Foundation only funds public charities based in and/or serving Northern Kentucky residents. Priority goes to charities that provide basic, direct services to improve the long-term quality of life for our poor and disadvantaged neighbors. Typical Charity Grants include start-up funding, operating support, or program support for non-profits that provide shelter, food, clothing, education, legal representation, rehabilitation, therapy, substance abuse counseling, and/or child abuse prevention services for Northern Kentuckians in need. Application deadline: March 1, 2021.

Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation The Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation makes grants for programs serving the Greater Cincinnati and tri-state area with a focus on children, adults and animals in the following areas of interest: Education Success and Scholarships, Health, Wellness and Scientific Research, Children's Welfare and Competitive Sports, Fine and Performing Arts and Cultural Vibrancy, Civic Public Affairs, Animal Welfare and Preservation, Environmental and Community Stewardship LOI deadline: March 1, 2021.

Summertime Kids grants, available through the Greater Cincinnati Foundation with support from the Charles H. Dater Foundation are available to nonprofits, schools, or churches working with young people in GCF's eight-county community — Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren in Ohio; Boone, Campbell and Kenton in Kentucky; and Dearborn in Indiana. The funds may be used to support, expand or strengthen existing programs or launch new programs. Application deadline: March 1, 2021.

Upcoming Trainings and Events

Visit the [OneSource Center OneSource Center Nonprofit Community Calendar combined training calendar](#) to find upcoming events, training opportunities AND registration information ALL in one place for OneSource Center and our collaborating partners. There are numerous regional webinars of note for the coming months. [Check it out!](#)



February 5 CPL: "Introduction to Finding Grants"

February 9 CC "Board Bootcamp"

February 10 CPL: "Introduction to Proposal Writing"

February 10 Candid "Seal of Transparency" Intro Webinar

February 24 OC "Open Shopping Day"

March 3 AFP "From Ballroom to Computer Screen: How to Successfully Plan Online and Hybrid Events"

March 4 LC "Securing the Future" Virtual Conference

March 22 CPL "Introduction to Finding Grants "

March 25 CPL "CPL: VIRTUAL Grants Research Lab"

Ongoing:

AFP [Networking and Knowledge Breakfast](#) - Normally the first Wednesday of the month (check website for exceptions)

PBPO [Employment Helpline](#) - First Thursday of the month

NOTES: Association of Fundraising Professionals: **AFP**; Board Connect: **BC**; Cincinnati Cares: **CC**; Cincinnati Public Library: **CPL**; Green Umbrella: **GU**; Interact for Health: **IFH**; Leadership Council for Nonprofits: **LC**; OneSource Center : **OC**; LC; Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio: **PBPO**; Social Venture Partners: **SVP**; Tristate Trauma Network: **TTN**; United Way of Greater Cincinnati: **UWGC**

Free Webinars for Nonprofits

Check out these free webinars offered to nonprofits in February:

- [Ethical Storytelling for Nonprofits and Philanthropy](#) facilitated by Nonprofit Quarterly.
- [How to Promote Your Online Fundraising Campaign](#) facilitated by CharityHowTo, Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 at 1 p.m.
- [New year, new Seals! Boost your fundraising by earning a 2021 Seal of Transparency](#) facilitated by Candid. Wednesday, February 10, 2 p.m.

Transportation Info for Agencies

Metro Requesting Nonprofit Input

The Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority is beginning to implement the "Reinventing Metro" plan to better connect people to jobs in our region. On Thursday, February 11, a presentation is being held to review the plan and to allow community leaders to give feedback. To help shape the rollout of our region's transit future and represent how the plan can support nonprofits and the people we serve, register [here](#).



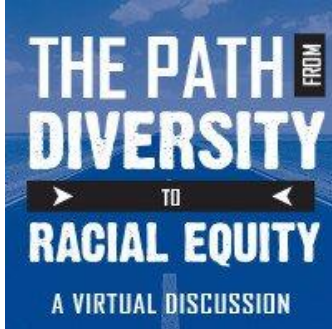
METRO

Discounted Bus Tickets Available

If you provide bus passes to your clients, your human services agency can now register to receive a 50% discount on the passes you purchase through Cincinnati Metro's Everybody Rides Metro program. In order to participate, you must provide the following to cjones@go-metro.com: [Online application form](#) [ACH Deposit Form](#) 501(c)(3) The program helps riders access jobs, medical appointments, services and the grocery store. More information [here](#).

News Nonprofits Can Use

Join the Cincinnati Business Courier for a free virtual panel



discussion “The Path From Diversity to Racial Equity” on Thursday, February 11, 2021, 10:00–11:15 a.m. Panelists include Jeanetta Darno, VP & Chief Diversity Officer, UC Health; Ellen Katz, President & CEO, Greater Cincinnati Foundation; Renee Mahaffey Harris, President & CEO, The Center for Closing the Health Gap and Jorge Perez, President & CEO, YMCA of Greater Cincinnati.

Dashboard Tracks Data

When gathering information for grant writing, are you aware of data available on the Cincinnati Regional Chamber's website that shares selected statistics illustrating components of economic life for the Cincinnati region's black residents and workers? This [dashboard](#) will be regularly updated as new data becomes available.



Help for Hamilton County Seniors Scheduling COVID Vaccines

Do you have senior clients in Hamilton County who are struggling to schedule COVID vaccines? The United Way of Greater Cincinnati's 2-1-1 Call System is available for seniors to call and have a person talk them through the process of making a connection. UWGC is working closely with the Cincinnati Health Department, Hamilton County Health Department, Kroger and health care systems and operators can tell seniors when more slots become available, the numbers to call, etc. Leave a message if you don't directly connect with an operator, and calls will be returned. More info [here](#).



2021 GuideStar Seal of Transparency

GuideStar/Candid's 2021 Seal of Transparency [registration form](#) has been simplified and expanded. New this year, by sharing your nonprofit's mission, issues and populations served, you can be "tagged" which can help potential donors find your organization, and will help Candid connect data across grants and organizations that give and receive them. A [free webinar](#) explaining the process is being held on February 10 at 2 p.m. Register [here](#).

KY Assistance Program

Community Action Agencies across Kentucky are now accepting applications for the Crisis Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Open enrollment will run through March 31 or until designated funds are depleted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Qualified residents should apply at their local Community Action Agencies. Kentucky residents should call 800-456-3452 or visit the [website](#) to locate a Community Action Kentucky Partnership office near them.



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Don't Forget Our Service Offerings

Consulting Services

OneSource volunteers offer [consulting services](#) to help with strategic plans, board development, employee coaching, and business solutions.

Training Opportunities

We support your staff development through [Building Blocks for Nonprofits](#) half-day seminars and multi-session leadership development programs offered through our partnership in the [Nonprofit Leadership Institute of Greater Cincinnati](#). [Custom training](#) is also available.

OneSource Center Shoppers Club -- Furniture and Supplies

Gently used [furniture](#) and new [retail products](#) are available in our Shoppers Club. [Shoppers Club](#) members have everyday access; all other nonprofits are welcome to visit and shop on the last Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise noted.)

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