



February 1, 2010

How sweet it is...

CNE understands that organizational needs are high, but purse strings are tight. In response, we have designed a series of **free workshops** that are filled with the information and resources you need to build a stronger, more sustainable nonprofit. Now that is a sweet deal.

These workshops are made possible by partnerships with local foundations, Akron-Summit County Public Library, Association of Fundraising Professionals - North Central Ohio Chapter, Forum for Volunteer Administrators, eTapestry, and the Independence Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library.

Space is limited in each training so don't delay registering for the sessions. Call or email me with any questions, ideas for workshop topics, or *if you'd like a copy of my favorite chocolate mousse torte recipe.*

Regards,

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February

February 10, 2010, 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Laying the Foundation: Developing a Case for Support

Having a compelling case for why a foundation or individual should support your organization is critical to securing



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donations. This workshop provides an in-depth look at the content included in a Case for Support and explores its use as a cornerstone of your fundraising efforts.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

February 26, 2010, 9:30AM - 11:00AM

Nonprofit Book Club: The New Breed: Understanding and Equipping the 21st Century Volunteer

Join us for a morning of peer learning and networking as we discuss the changing landscape of volunteerism and explore how nonprofits can proactively address the changing needs of their organization's volunteers.

Discussion will revolve around the book, *The New Breed: Understanding and Equipping the 21st Century Volunteer* by Jonathan R. McKee. Reading the book is encouraged, but not required.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

March

March 10, 2010, 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Introduction to Finding Funders

Finding a good donor "fit" for your organization's funding opportunities will significantly improve your success rate. This workshop explores online research tools, such as Foundation Directory Online Professional, which help you identify foundations and corporations that support programs and organizations like yours.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

March 22, 2010, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Nonprofit Book Club: Mentoring 101 & A Game Plan for Life: The Power of Mentoring

Join us for an evening of peer learning and networking as we discuss mentoring as a effective strategy for achieving your professional and personal goals. Discussion will revolve around the books, *Mentoring 101*, by John C. Maxwell and *A Game Plan for Life: The Power of Mentoring* by John Wooden.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

April

April 14, 2010, 11:30AM - 1:30PM

Proposal Writing and Budgeting Basics

Proposal writing is easier than you may think. The fundamentals of proposal writing, including budget preparation, as part of a basic grant proposal will be covered in this workshop. Geared to the novice grantseeker, this program discusses the key components of a proposal to a foundation, the kinds of expenses covered under "personnel", and how to determine a request amount that is neither too high nor too low in relation to what you expect to accomplish.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

April, 22, 2010 10:00AM - 11:00AM

WEBINAR: The New World of Electronic Communications: Tools for Relationship Building

Have you unleashed the full potential of your email and online newsletters?

Designed for small and medium-sized nonprofits, this 60-minute webinar explores tools that help organizations effectively engage current and prospective donors, volunteers, and clients. Case studies and research will be used to illustrate concepts discussed throughout the program.

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