Working Together for Greater Impact

Many nonprofits today are looking for ways to work with others to increase effectiveness, achieve maximum impact, and extend their reach. Whether these are formal or informal arrangements, working together makes sense. This issue of LeadTime asks the question: How can working together produce greater impact? The selected articles offer different perspectives on how collaboration can benefit nonprofits and the community.

Finding Incentives for Nonprofit Collaboration

The combination of diminishing resources, increased demand for services, and desire to serve as many people as possible is causing some nonprofit executives to view their peers as partners and not competitors. This article in the Chronicle of Philanthropy discussed some of the reasons organizations align themselves strategically.

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Creating High-Impact Nonprofits

Becoming a high-impact nonprofit is not just about building a great organization. This study of 12 high-impact nonprofits shows that real social change happens when organizations find creative ways to enlist the help of others. This relevant article tackles six myths of nonprofit management and offers six practices of high-impact nonprofits. While we mentioned this article in an early LeadTime, the message about impact is definitely worth a second read.

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Merger Fund Launched for New York Nonprofits
The Altman Foundation, The Clark Foundation, The Heckscher Foundation for Children, The Lodestar Foundation, The Robert K. Steel Family Foundation, and SeaChange Capital Partners have provided the initial resources to launch the New York Merger, Acquisition, and Collaboration Fund (NYMAC). This new initiative seeks to encourage and enable nonprofits considering various types of formal, long-term collaborations between nonprofit organizations working in New York.

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Nonprofit Excellence Awards

The Center for Nonprofit Leadership at Adelphi University will host an application clinic for the sixth annual Nonprofit Excellence Awards, sponsored by New York Magazine. The clinic will be held on April 19 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. The meeting will take place in the Ruth S. Harley University Center, Room 313. These Awards help nonprofit leaders improve the management of their organizations and inform all New Yorkers about management excellence in nonprofit organizations.

Winning organizations will be recognized for excellent achievement in management at a special Awards Presentation in November, 2012. Winners will receive cash awards and special mention in New York Magazine, among other prizes. For more information visit our website

From Isolation to Collaboration to Community

The Center for Nonprofit Leadership at Adelphi University is hosting a full-day symposium for nonprofit executives, board members, government officials, and business leaders who want to learn innovative ways of working together, ranging from partnerships to collaborations to mergers. Any strategic alliances that grow out of our symposium will have the opportunity to submit a short proposal to the Center for an award of up to $5,000 to help explore and nurture the alliance. Funding for the award comes from the United Way of Long Island.

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