Many nonprofits are finding new and innovative ways of getting things done and doing things more effectively. This month's LeadTime offers articles and a webinar around nonprofit governance and management that review some best practices and new tools. Check out our upcoming events where practitioners discuss their management practices.

Fiduciary Responsibilities of Board Members

A key board responsibility is to maintain financial accountability of their organization. Board members act as trustees of the organization's assets and must exercise good financial governance practices so that the organization remains sustainable. A recent Bridgespan publication gives an outline on how board members can fulfill their role as fiduciaries.

To view and download go to:
5 Ways to Ratchet up Your Fundraising Using LinkedIn

Here is a link to a recent webinar by Nonprofit Webinars where experts discuss how LinkedIn could be used as a tool that boards, executives, and staff could use to:

- Enhance your nonprofit’s brand image
- Increase your visibility with keywords
- Research potential major donors
- Meet potential board members
- Build long-term relationships

To view the webinar go to: http://nonprofitwebinars.com/past_webinars/5-ways-to-ratchet-up-your-fundraising-using-linkedin/

Financial Scorecard/Dashboard for Nonprofit Senior Management

Lifepoint Solutions created the Financial Dashboard / Scorecard as a tool for nonprofit executives who want a financial management tool. This dashboard tracks key metrics to watch. The spreadsheet contains a template and a completed example.

To download go to: https://www.ideaencore.com/item/financial-scorecard-dashboard-non-profit-senior-management/?utm_source=Consumer&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=2012-10-09

New York Community Trust-New York Magazine Nonprofit Excellence Awards Finalists

NPCC announced the six finalists for the 2012 New York Community Trust-New York Magazine Nonprofit Excellence Awards. The Awards program encourages excellent management and governance practices by nonprofits and honors management excellence among the large and diverse nonprofit communities of New York City, Long Island and Westchester. Finalists are recognized for outstanding management practices rather than program content and vary in size, age, and services offered. Center Director, Ann Marie Thigpen, serves on the selection committee.

To see the six 2012 finalists go to: http://www.npccnyc.org/newslet.htm#1
Innovation Fund Winners Announced

The Alliance for Global Good announced the four recipients of grants from the inaugural round of its Innovation Fund. The Innovation Fund is designed to help medium-sized U.S.-based nonprofits develop mission-relevant social finance mechanisms as part of their approach both to their own revenue needs and to the sustainability of programs that address the mission and problem-solving programs of the nonprofit. Applicants were medium-sized, US-based nonprofits that work on solving global problems related to poverty, health, education, environment, and world relations.

To learn about the winning organizations go to:
http://afgg.org/

2013 Brooke W. Mahoney Award for Outstanding Board Leadership

If you believe your organization's Board of Directors is among the best performers in the past year, share their story by entering the 2013 Brooke W. Mahoney Award for Outstanding Board Leadership.

Applications are due by December 7, 2012 at 5:00 pm. The winning organization will receive a $5,000 award.

Please see below for application form:
http://www.vcggm.org/