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GIVING CHALLENGE

Connect, Collaborate, Come Together
Noon to Noon, April 9 - 10, 2024

2024 Giving Challenge Website is Now Live!

The 2024 Giving Challenge website is now live. Visit www.GivingChallenge.org to get your early questions answered on the FAQs page, keep track of upcoming trainings, and save key dates to your calendars.

Registration Opens November 1, 2023

Registration for the 2024 Giving Challenge **starts November 1, 2023, and closes on January 12, 2024**. Registration begins much earlier than past giving challenges for the purpose of giving nonprofits a wider window to register for the big day.

[Click here to download & save the registration date to your calendar.](#)

Develop/Update Your Profile in The Giving Partner by January 12, 2023

Organizations must have an updated profile in [The Giving Partner](#) to be eligible to participate in the 2024 Giving Challenge. Whether you're creating a new profile or updating an existing one, submit it for review by **5:00 pm EST January 12, 2024**.

[Click here to download & save the profile deadline date to your calendar.](#)



Click the image to download the infographic on 2024 Giving Challenge participation.

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UPCOMING TRAININGS

5 Mental Fitness Tools to Enhance Leadership Resilience

August 23, 2023

Resilience is a critical factor to your success as a nonprofit leader. Regardless of title, each member of a nonprofit team plays an essential role in building an organization's capacity to serve through fundraising initiatives. Join Kristen Lessig-Schenerlein of [Koi Coaching](#), on August 23, 2023, as we host a webinar on tools your team can use to build and strengthen mental fitness as your organization prepares for the 2024 Giving Challenge.

[Sign Up Today](#)

Board Member Recruitment Best Practices

September 21, 2023

Great boards of directors don't just happen; they require a healthy dose of care, thought, intention, and planning. Join Christie Nolan of [Mission Matters Consulting & Coaching Group](#) for a presentation and moderated panel discussion on promising practices in board member recruitment, selection, and engagement. There will be opportunities for individuals seeking board and committee volunteer service to connect with local nonprofit agencies.

[Sign Up Today](#)

First Quarterly Virtual Open House

September 26, 2023

The Community Foundation's Giving Challenge team will be hosting a Virtual Open House. It is completely optional to attend. Pop on and off anytime during this one-hour virtual open house to ask your 2024 Giving Challenge question(s).

[Secure Your Spot](#)

Peer Learnings: 2022 Success Stories

October 12, 2023

Get a head start on your 2024 Giving Challenge campaign plans by learning from your peers! Hear from nonprofit leaders that excelled at different strategies for their 2022 campaigns that you can apply in 2024.

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Nonprofit News is your source for the 2024 Giving Challenge, including trainings, workshops, and other important updates. If you miss an issue of Nonprofit News, you can [revisit archived editions](#) with relevant 2024 Giving Challenge content anytime on the Giving Challenge website's Communication Library page at givingchallenge.org.

Please contact the Giving Challenge team at givingchallenge@cfsarasota.org with any questions you may have.



UPCOMING GRANT CYCLES



Suncoast Disaster Recovery Fund Grants

Apply by August 31

Suncoast Disaster Recovery Fund grants support the work of organizations with programs in disaster recovery. Grant proposals focused on case management, children & youth services/education, home repair and housing needs, legal services, long term recovery groups and COAD support, mental and behavioral health will receive priority.

The application closes on August 31. Applicants will be notified of their status by the end of September 2023.

[Apply Today for the Suncoast Disaster Recovery Fund Grant](#)

Have additional questions? Email sdrf@cfsarasota.org to contact our team!

Capacity Building Grants

Apply by September 1

Capacity Building grants help improve a nonprofit's ability to fulfill its mission by strengthening its capacity. Capacity strengthening areas include fundraising, leadership, communication, evaluation, and emergency needs. An average grant award through this cycle is \$5,000 to \$10,000. Most proposals for working with a consultant will be considered at 50% of the consultant's fee.

The next application cycle closes on September 1, 2023.

[Now Accepting Applications for Capacity Building Grants](#)

Athena Giving Circle Grants

Apply by September 15

The Athena Progressive Giving Circle will award up to \$27,000 to projects that either 1) supports aiding young adult women with special needs, with an emphasis on helping individuals successfully transition to independent living, or 2) addresses the critical social, interpersonal, hygienic, mental health, and life skill needs of homeless women and girls.

The application opens August 4 and closes September 15, 2023.

[Now Accepting Applications for Athena Giving Circle Grants](#)

If you have any questions about available grant opportunities, reach out to impact@cfsarasota.org.



Mission Mavericks

Pro Bono Communications Support Opportunity



The Central West Coast chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association (CWC-FPRA) is launching a new endeavor, "Mission Mavericks," to provide pro bono communications support to 501(c)(3) nonprofits with limited or no PR, communications and/or marketing staff. The organization must be based in or conduct significant business/activities in Sarasota, Manatee and/or DeSoto counties. Examples of potential projects might include: providing a custom press release template and best practices for media outreach; building out brand

guidelines, including logo design; developing a list of local media contacts; setting up an e-newsletter template and guidance on content development; and more.

Applications will be accepted through October 1. Applicants will be notified of their status by October 31. All project work will be conducted between November 1, 2023, through February 28, 2024. Learn more and apply at this link: cwcfptra.com/mission-mavericks

Direct any questions to Hunter Carpenter, CWC-FPRA Community Liaison, at community@cwcfptra.com.

Nonprofit Job Bank

Whether you're seeking a new nonprofit position or you want to post an open position at your organization, your local resource is the Association of Fundraising Professionals Southwest Florida Chapter's [Job Bank](#), supported by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

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