

Join Us for a Training About How Your Form 990 Can Make a Difference for Your Organization

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is hosting an upcoming training for nonprofit leaders that is focused on Form 990 and why it matters for your organization beyond your annual filing requirements. Led by **Caroline Root** and **Mark Murphy** of **Kerkering, Barberio & Co.**, the session will offer an approachable, practical look at Form 990 and help attendees better understand what the 990 communicates about their organization and how to use it more strategically.

What will be covered:

- Why the 990 matters
- A guided walkthrough of key sections of the form
- What your financial and organizational data says about your nonprofit
- Common mistakes nonprofits make
- Governance roles and responsibilities
- How to use the 990 as a communications and marketing tool

Whether you work directly with the 990 or simply want to better understand the story it tells, you'll leave with practical insights and actionable



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takeaways that can strengthen your organization's transparency, governance, and public profile.

Who should attend: Executive directors, board members, finance staff, development professionals, and anyone interested in understanding and leveraging their organization's Form 990 more effectively.

When and where: The training takes place from **9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22**, at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, 2635 Fruitville Road, Sarasota. The event has a maximum capacity of 50 attendees, with **a limit of one attendee per organization**.

[Register for "Unpacking the 990"](#)



Looking For: Scholarship Application Reviewers

Every year, the Community Foundation awards more than \$2 million in scholarships to 500-plus recipients, which is made possible thanks to the effort of volunteer reviewers. After each application cycle, Scholarship Committee members review the applications and make recommendations. If you're interested in **joining the Scholarship Committee** this year, here's what you need to know.

To be **eligible**, you must:

- ✓ Be 18 years of age or older
- ✓ Reside in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, or DeSoto County
- ✓ Not be a current recipient of a Community Foundation of Sarasota County scholarship
- ✓ Have access to and the ability to use a computer
- ✓ Complete our Scholarship Committee application
- ✓ Attend the online Scholarship Committee orientation to be trained on the committee review system, or watch a recording of the orientation

The time commitment involves approximately **eight to 10 hours** of reviewing and providing feedback on scholarship applications through an online review system. The system allows you to review applications on your own time within a two-week period.

Please note: *Neither you nor your immediate family members will be eligible to apply for a scholarship from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County while you are actively serving as a Scholarship Committee member.*

[Sign up to Become a Scholarship Reviewer](#)

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Each year, the Community Foundation sets aside specific periods of time during which nonprofits can apply for different types of grants made possible by the generosity of our donors. Ongoing and upcoming grant cycles include:

- Ongoing through Oct. 18: [Capacity Building Grants](#)
- Ongoing through Dec. 1: [Sponsorship Grants](#)
- Nov. 15-Jan. 3, 2027: [Animal Welfare Grants](#)
- Dec. 1-30: [Community Impact Grants](#)

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Stories of Impact



The Florida Center Receives Grant to Expand School-Based Mental Health Services

Read more [here](#).



Embracing Our Differences Awarded Strategic Partnership Grant

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Grant to Second Heart Homes Will Strengthen Resident Support

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Have a story of impact you'd like to share?

Email it to communications@cfsarasota.org.

Office Hours

Our Community Impact department holds weekly Zoom sessions for nonprofits from 11 a.m. to noon **every Friday**. This is an excellent opportunity to ask specific questions about grants or grant applications that may affect your nonprofit.

There's **no need to pre-register**. Just click below to join.

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Nonprofit Network

Nonprofit Network (formerly known as The Giving Partner Huddle) is a **Facebook discussion group** for nonprofit professionals in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties that is moderated by the Community Foundation.

The goal of this group is to provide an informal space for nonprofit professionals to **ask questions, share knowledge, and build community**, all with the goal of strengthening your organization so that you can better deliver on your mission.

Examples of common topics and themes include grant opportunities, webinars and trainings, consultants, free or discounted resources, general advice and questions, and much more.



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Nonprofit Job Bank

Whether you're **seeking a new 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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