The deadline to submit your fully updated profile in The Giving Partner is before **5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2020** to qualify for the 2020 Giving Challenge. Please be sure to click **"Submit profile for review"** when you've completed all your updates so our team is notified that your profile is ready for review!

**5:00 p.m. on February 28** is ALSO the deadline to register to participate in 2020 Giving Challenge. For more information, [browse our information packet](#) or [listen to our recorded webinar](#).

Questions about what fields are required to complete for a Current|Approved profile in The Giving Partner? We've updated our Giving Partner profile checklist with the required fields and all the reference information you'll need. You can find the updated checklist on The Giving Partner page on our [Community Foundation website](#).
Search:
Curious how visitors to The Giving Partner and Giving Challenge will find your profile? GiveGab has created a short video outlining how the search function works for The Giving Partner and the Giving Challenge and how you can best optimize your profile to ensure visitors are able to find your page.

Click Here to Watch Video

**Final Steps to Success for the Giving Challenge Webinar**

**Tuesday, March 31**

* 2 - 3 PM ET

With only a few weeks until the Giving Challenge, now is the time to make sure your 2020 Giving Challenge campaign is ready to go. In this webinar, we will go over last-minute tips and best practices to engage with your supporters and be successful on the 2020 Giving Challenge. The Giving Challenge team will also be available to answer any and all of your questions.

Click Here to Register

In case you missed the first 2020 Giving Challenge training, [click here to view the recorded webinar].

---

**Documenting the Day**

**March 26th 9:30-11:30a**

**Nonprofit Workshop:**

Documenting the Day with
Video & Digital Media

This March, join Robyn Levin Media to learn techniques to utilize dynamic videos and social media to amplify your organization’s story!

According to the Cisco Networking Index, "83% of internet content will be video in 2020." Now is the time to learn how to create captivating video and use social media to attract donors, increase online visibility, build community around your mission, and so much more!

This will be a great opportunity to plan and prepare for the 2020 Giving Challenge and Giving Challenge prizes. Attendees of this training will be exclusively eligible to apply for a special grant opportunity to support the implementation of a fundraising campaign for their organization.

**What You’ll Learn:**
- Low cost tools that will make you look like a pro
- Tips for feeling comfortable on camera
- Top tips to create fast professional videos
- Social media sharing tricks to maximize visibility

**Who Should Attend:**
Marketing and Communications professionals and Giving Challenge Team Leaders may find this workshop informative. This workshop is exclusively available to organizations with updated profiles in The Giving Partner. Please limit attendance to one representative per organization.

**When:** March 26th 9:30-11:30am

**Where:** The Community Foundation of Sarasota County
2635 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota, FL 34237

Click Here to Register

---

**Grant Opportunity:**

**Animal Welfare Grants**
Deadline Approaching:
Midnight, Friday, March 6.

A friendly reminder that the March 6th deadline for the 2020 Animal Welfare Grant from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County is fast approaching.

This competitive grant opportunity for organizations that work with animals is available through support from the following funds:

- **Robert Parker Fund** - To benefit domestic animals and promote their humane care. Support is available for projects serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, or DeSoto counties.

- **Helen C. Schwieder Fund** - To support the care and maintenance of all animals located in Sarasota County, Florida that have not been placed in homes, farms, or ranches but are under the care and supervision of agencies in Sarasota County that hold these animals pending placement. The fund shall be used to pay for such items as veterinarian expenses, medicines, food, and rehabilitative care. Support is **exclusively** available for projects serving Sarasota County.

To be eligible for grant funding the proposed project must meet the criteria for **at least one** of these funds. Your organization must also have an approved/current profile in The Giving Partner by the application deadline (we are currently undergoing a platform change and understand that many of you are still working on your profiles).

The total amount of grant funds available in this grant cycle is **$100,000**. Funding requests must have a **minimum of $10,000** and there is no set maximum, but please keep in mind that the review committee may award grants to multiple organizations. Partial funding of requests may be available based on the quality and quantity of applications received.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee including local animal welfare experts. The committee will give preference to proposals that demonstrate the strongest impact on a critical need in animal welfare in our community.

**The application deadline is by Midnight, Friday, March 6.**

Apply Here
Census 2020: Education & Grant Funding

The importance of ensuring a fair and accurate count in Sarasota County cannot be understated. All of us have a civic responsibility to ensure our growing community has the resources needed for the decade to come.

That is why the Community Foundation of Sarasota County is offering Census 2020 Education support opportunities by strengthening both regional and the City of Sarasota's efforts:

**Regional Support**
Nonprofit organizations serving the counties of Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto counties with an active profile in The Giving Partner are able to submit a request for grant funding up to $10,000 through the Community Foundation's "Community Impact Grant" program.

Community Impact Grants are considered on a rolling cycle for requests of to $10,000 that assist with emerging needs or unexpected opportunities. To apply, or for more details, visit [https://www.cfsarasota.org/nonprofits/grants](https://www.cfsarasota.org/nonprofits/grants).

**City of Sarasota Support**
The Community Foundation has offered support for the City of Sarasota's Complete Count Committee, which the city established in fall 2019 to ensure "hard to count" communities within the city boundaries are reached during the Census.

Funds are available for census-related activities undertaken by nonprofit organizations that support the city's efforts, such as translating census information, hosting information sessions, or other education efforts.

Applications for grant support must be submitted through the City of Sarasota's Complete Count Committee.

**Other Grant Opportunities:**
Florida Counts Census 2020 is currently accepting Request for Proposal applications from nonprofit and community-based organizations with thoughtful, culturally
Sarasota County has launched an online survey to gather public feedback regarding a proposed mental health care special district. This short, non-scientific survey, which is open Feb. 6-28, is an effort to gauge the public’s interest in the district and potential millage rate that would fund the district’s budget.

Should the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners approve putting the special district before voters, the item would appear on the November 2020 General Election ballot. If adopted by voters, the proposed district would be governed by the county commission.

For more information, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000 or visit www.scgov.net.

Complete the Survey

---

**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.