The 2020 Giving Challenge kick-off trainings for nonprofit organizations have concluded. Missed them? Fear not. Your organization can view the recorded webinar training [here](#).

After you've watched the training video (or attended an in-person training), use the flowchart below for any remaining action items to prepare your nonprofit organization to participate in the 2020 Giving Challenge from Noon to Noon on April 28th-29th, 2020.
Logos and branding guidelines for the 2020 Giving Challenge will be available for download starting next week on the Giving Challenge website.

If you have any questions, please contact GivingChallenge@CFSarasota.org
Nonprofit Workshop:

Put the Method in the Madness: Managing Your Campaign for The 2020 Giving Challenge

This February, join Sara Leonard, MBA, CFRE to learn how to create a successful Giving Challenge fundraising campaign. 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:

- How to determine a strategy and begin outlining a campaign.
- How to identify a funding goal and determine non-fundraising goals.
- How to integrate a strategic communications plan into your fundraising campaign.
- Best practices for thanking donors and stewardship after the Challenge

Who Should Attend:

Giving Challenge Team Leaders. This workshop is exclusively available to organizations with updated profiles in The Giving Partner. Please limit attendance to one representative per organization.

When: February 20th 9:30a-11:30a

Click Here to Register

Animal Welfare Grants
We are excited to announce a competitive grant opportunity for organizations that work with animals:

**2020 Animal Welfare Grant, provided by the Robert Parker Fund and the Helen C. Schwieder Fund**

The 2020 Animal Welfare Grant from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County 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 12:00 midnight, Friday, March 6.**

Questions? Please reach out to Angelica Hull at **ahull@cfsarasota.org**
The Giving Partner: 
Process & Checklist for Key Updates

Thank you so much for your patience during this time of transition, especially as we completed development for certain fields that were under construction for The Giving Partner's new platform! Functionality has now been deployed for the document upload fields and financial fields - so please don't hesitate to login and complete your profile.

Below you will find links to a checklist of the required fields that must be completed to have an Approved|Current profile in The Giving Partner. As your organization prepares to participate in the 2020 Giving Challenge, please reference these links to ensure your profile is updated in time.

The deadline to submit your completed profile in The Giving Partner is before 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2020 for NEW profiles and before 5:00 p.m. February 28, 2020 for EXISTING profiles, to qualify for the 2020 Giving Challenge (Noon to Noon, April 28-29, 2020).

Connect with us on 
The Giving Partner Huddle

Join The Giving Partner Huddle on Facebook, a discussion group for nonprofit professionals in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties moderated by The Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

With a purpose to promote collaboration, camaraderie, and information sharing, The Giving Partner Huddle is an easy way to stay informed and stay connected with our nonprofit community.

Note: you must have a profile in The Giving Partner and a Facebook profile to join The Giving Partner Huddle.

Joining is easy! Click the link below, fill out the appropriate information, and then submit. If you have a profile in The Giving Partner, our Nonprofit Team will approve your request within two business days. If you need to create a new profile, please do so here before asking to join the group.

Join The Giving Partner Huddle Now

Missed a Previous Nonprofit News?
We have you covered: The most recent issues of Nonprofit News are now on the Community Foundation's website. Visit our website to catch up on the latest news, trends, and updates happening in our nonprofit community.

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**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.