Airstream (https://www.airstream.com/) will match donations up to $25,000 given to the National Forest Foundation (https://www.nationalforests.org/) to support the Campsite Cleanup Campaign (https://www.nationalforests.org/donate/airstream). The campaign will fund clean-up efforts needed to restore and reopen National Forest areas and grasslands after the recent government shutdown.

The Warrior-Scholar Project (https://www.warrior-scholar.org/) received $850,000 from the A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation (https://www.clarkfoundationdc.org/) to extend the the project's no-cost, academic boot camps to more enlisted, transitioning, and veteran service members in American colleges and universities.

The Morton Arboretum (https://www.mortonarb.org/) completed a five-year fundraising campaign, raising $73.9 million to support tree-focused science and research, as well as enhancements to core spaces and facilities. An endowment from the Daniel P. Haerther Charitable Trust will enable the arboretum to continue tree breeding programs around the country.


The McNay Art Museum (https://www.mcnayart.org/) in San Antonio, TX received $175,000 from the Henry Luce Foundation for an upcoming exhibition, “Transamerica/n: Gender Identity, Appearance Today.” The exhibit opens this summer and a 12-week internship is available for college students from underrepresented communities. Learn more (https://www.mcnayart.org/about/internship/) about the Association of Art Museum Directors’ Diversity Internship Program.

The Semper Fi Fund (https://semperfifund.org/) raised more than $20 million during a year-end Double Down for Veterans fundraising campaign, which included a $10 million match from The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation (https://www.tbrpf.org/).

Morris Animal Foundation (https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/) received a $1 million legacy gift from the William and Ann Cullen Trust, one of the largest single gifts in the Foundation's 70-year history.

Guidestar (https://www.guidestar.org/Home.aspx) and the Foundation Center (http://foundationcenter.org/?gpc=2.234640542.1454611188.1549908634-1773906894.1549908634), two of the biggest information-sharing forces in the nonprofit sector, merged together to create Candid (https://candid.org/). The Foundation Center collects information on more than 13 million grants offered by 155,000 grant makers and GuideStar built an open database with profiles on 2.7 million active organizations.

Central Scholarship (https://central-scholarship.org/)'s first Executive Director, Margie Black Warres, passed away at age 100. Warres led the national provider of scholarships and interest-free loans from 1952 and 1988.

Child Family Health International (https://www.cfhi.org/) (CHFI) names Robin Young as managing editor and Moira Roger as programs director. CHFI provides global health education programs for students around the world. They recently accepted an award for Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion in International Education from Diversity Abroad (https://www.diversitynetwork.org/news/436521/2019-Diversity-Inclusion-Award-Recipients-Announced.html?fbclid=IwAR2c815eRxRyskOE704ADB0V3MRQZRT0eAEMzoRkmewhSMVZ6lWwEwU) CAN Community Health (http://www.cancommunityhealth.org/) welcomes Marlon Pittman as Director of Partnership Development.

Kathleen Lobb joins the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (https://www.asme.org/) as Managing Director of Philanthropy and Executive Director of the ASME Foundation (https://www.asmefoundation.org/).

Pam Tanowitz named Bard Fisher Center (https://fishercenter.bard.edu/)’s First Choreographer in Residence, a residency underwritten by a $1.2M gift from dance philanthropists Jay Franke and David Herro.
DKT International expands family planning products and services in Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Turkey, and Libya. DKT is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that provides cost-effective contraceptives, including millions of condoms, to people in the Middle East and North Africa.

Nonprofit HR shared results of its third annual Nonprofit Talent Management Survey, which indicates the sector is continuing to focus on attracting and hiring diverse talent. Survey results and takeaways can be downloaded and reviewed the recent webinar.

Cornell Alliance for Science hired graphic artist, Wences Almazan to design a new HOPE logo for the organization.


America’s Warrior Partnership published a resource guide issued by the Community Veteran Engagement Board (CVEB) Task Force. The guide offers recommendations on how local CVEB groups can better serve veterans, their families and caregivers in the areas of outreach, mental health, healthcare access, suicide prevention, homelessness, employment, and education.

Easterseals celebrates 100 years of service. Affiliates around the country kicked off a year of celebrations and events to promote the journey of those living with disabilities, special needs and mental health challenges. The Easterseals float in the New Year’s Day Rose Bowl Parade received the Leishman Public Spirit Award. Also, Easterseals Southern California is enjoying a new Autism Therapy and Disability Services center. H. Hendy Associates designed and managed the renovation of the building in Irvine, CA.

JOANN and Project Linus are partnering together to provide more blankets to children in need. More than 300 JOANN locations will serve as designated blanket donation points. Project Linus provides blankets to children in hospitals, foster care, and other trying situations.

Vera Institute of Justice released a tool created to provide answers to fundamental questions about American policing. The organization also issued a new report, Every Three Seconds: Unlocking Police Data on Arrests, which includes information about the need for greater access to policing data.

Gender equity was the focus of a Community Heroes event sponsored by The San Diego Foundation Center for Civic Engagement. Kim Sontag-Mulder, who is credited with resurrecting the San Diego chapter of the National Organization for Women, was honored as the a Community Hero for her lifelong commitment to gender equity and opportunity for all.

Kyle Peterson is stepping down as Executive Director at the Walton Family Foundation. Peterson will continue to serve for the next six months to assist in a leadership transition.

Shirley Sagawa is stepping down as CEO of Service Year Alliance. Sagawa was a presidential appointee in both the first Bush and Clinton administrations. An executive search firm is seeking to replace Sagawa by June.

Helping the Homeless Colorado, founded by high school students, Alyssa Gorkin, Matine Khalighi, and Ali Ginsburg, is working to educate their community about homelessness and provide accessible resources for those struggling with homelessness, including local youth who seek a more stable future.

Morris Animal Foundation received four 2019 AVA Digital Awards that recognize excellence by creative professionals responsible for the planning, concept, direction, design and production of digital communication.

News about opportunities, initiatives

Good Grief is enrolling families in Jersey City and Newark to join “In Community” programs that provide free peer support to children, teens, and families after the death of someone significant in their lives. Learn more about being a participant and upcoming facilitator trainings.

Omega Institute is offering scholarships from a newly established endowment, the George Kaufman Endowed Scholarship. The new scholarship aims to help more participants find insight and inspiration at the institute by allowing recipients to attend a variety of holistic studies and sustainable living workshops, including special scholarship opportunities for veterans, women, and educators. “See information on new scholarships.”
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Aquen (https://aquent.com/) and Capital One (https://www.capitalone.com/) have launched Four Good (https://www.facebook.com/fourgoodchicago/), a pro bono initiative and quarterly event series to provide creative services for nonprofits in Chicago. The first event will take place on Thursday, February 14th at Capital One in downtown Chicago. Seating is limited. Local creatives should email fourgoodchicago@gmail.com to secure a spot.

Generations United (https://www.gu.org/) will host the 20th Global Intergenerational Conference on June 12th in Portland, OR. Chip Conley, author of Wisdom @ Work: The Making of a Modern Elder, will speak at the kick-off reception. Award nominations (https://guconference.org/program/awards/) for outstanding contributions to the fields of intergenerational and grandfamilies are due February 22nd.

Nonprofit Tech for Good (http://ntchforgood.com/) will offer a free webinar, “How to Use Social Media to Raise Money Online,” on Tuesday, February 19th at 1:00 p.m. EST and 10 a.m. PST. Registration (https://ntchforgood.com/2019/01/04/free-webinar-how-to-use-social-media-to-raise-money-online/) is open.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals of Fort Lauderdale (Broward Chapter) (https://www.afpbroward.org/) meeting takes place February 20th meeting at the Tower Club at 7:30 a.m. in Fort Lauderdale. Duree Ross will discuss “How to Use a PR Firm to Establish a Presence in Your Community.”

Cornell University (https://www.cornell.edu/) is accepting applications for their Global Leadership Fellows Program (https://allianceforscience.cornell.edu/education/global-leadership-fellowship/applying-global-leadership-fellow/), an intensive training course August 26th through November 15th. Participants must have a passion for enhancing food security, environmental sustainability and access to scientific innovations. Learn about the application process and apply by March 1st.


Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Community Senior Service (http://yuaikai.org/) hosts 45th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, March 16th at the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel at 5:30 p.m. The event supports Yu-Ai Kai’s essential services and activities for older adults. Tickets (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yu-ai-kai-s-45th-anniversary-gala-registration-50290983686) for table hosts and legacy circles are on sale.

Young People’s Chorus of New York City (https://ypc.org/) hosts their Annual Gala Benefit Concert and Dinner on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Jazz at Lincoln Center’s Frederick P. Rose Hall. Tickets and sponsorship information (https://ypc.org/gala-form-2019/) is available.

The UL Innovative Education Award (http://ulinnovationeducation.naee.net/) application period is open for nonprofit organizations advancing environmental and STEM education, sustainable communities and youth empowerment. Apply (https://newknowledge.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_72qeHtQeNaJU3nX) now through March 12th. Winners receive gifts of $100,000, $50,000 or $25,000 to scale up efforts and reach more youth in their respective communities.

The Rockefeller Foundation (https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/) and the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth (https://www.mastercardcenter.org/) will jointly invest $50 million over five years to develop the field of data science by helping non-profit, civic and government organizations use tools and expertise to solve local and global challenges through collaborative philanthropy.

The Community Chest (https://thecommunitychestebc.org/) is accepting proposals for annual grants from nonprofits providing services to residents in eastern Bergen County, New Jersey. Review (https://thecommunitychestebc.org/apply-for-grants/) guidelines and application criteria.

Brown Arts Initiative (http://arts.brown.edu/) promoted spring programs that include WalkOut!, a one-act play commemorating an event in 1968 when 95 black students at Brown University walked out of classes to advocate for increased black student enrollment. The play debuts May 23rd through 25th at the Department of Africana Studies’ Rites and Reason (https://www.brown.edu/academics/africana-studies/rites-and-reason-theatre) theater.

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