



The Association of Fundraising Professionals Charlotte Chapter provides its members opportunities to advance philanthropy by becoming effective and ethical fundraisers.

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Upcoming Events

Developing Your Personal Strategic Plan

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May 16th, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Crowne Plaza Hotel



Four Keys to Advancing Your Nonprofit Career

Whether you're new to the profession or a veteran of the nonprofit world, you've probably given recent thought to your career track or the professional development of members of your team. This presentation will offer practical advice to help you evaluate where you stand in the eyes of current and future employers, how you can identify and build on the ten key skills and experiences you need to advance into leadership roles, and set an annual and 90-day plan to accelerate your career progress. [Register Now or More Info](#)

National Philanthropy Day - Nominate Today!

AFP Charlotte is officially accepting nominations for the 2012 National Philanthropy Day awards, which will take place on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, from 11:15am to 1pm, at the Westin Charlotte. Nominations must be received **by Monday, June 11**, to be considered.

A list of the nine categories as well as the nomination forms are available on [AFP Charlotte's website](#). The categories include: Outstanding Philanthropic Small Business; Outstanding Philanthropic Organization; Outstanding Philanthropist; Outstanding Legacy; Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser; Outstanding Emerging Philanthropist; Outstanding Student Philanthropy; Outstanding Fundraising Executive; and Outstanding Champion of Diversity.

Writing and compiling nominations can be overwhelming, so we put together what we hope you will find as a helpful check list of the Top 7 Items to Remember when submitting a nomination.

TOP 7 THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION

1. While you might enjoy reading Hemingway in your personal time, writing like him when submitting your nomination is not such a great idea:

Complete, clear and concise is the way to go.

2. Include every organization who benefits from their support:

Include your nominee's involvement in the community so your nomination will reflect the full breadth of their philanthropic impact.

3. Three may be a crowd but it's perfect when it comes to supporting documents:

Supporting material is limited to three (letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, etc.)

4. No one likes to be stood up:

Nominator must confirm nominee's attendance at the awards luncheon in November



Nominator must commit nominee's attendance at the awards luncheon in November.

5. Spread the wealth:

Please submit only ONE nomination for each category.

6. No one likes a double dipper:

A person or organization can only be selected as an honoree once for each category. You can view a list of past honorees on AFP-Charlotte's website [here](#).

7. If you didn't succeed before, feel free to try, try again:

Past applications can be resubmitted; we simply ask that you send an updated nomination form in the current format.

On a more serious note, the nomination process is a great opportunity for all development professionals to learn more about their donors and cultivate the relationship with them when you let them know that you're nominating them for an award! Even if they aren't selected as a winner this year, they will appreciate being nominated and thought of in such a special way. Remember to submit your nominations by Monday, June 11th!

Our Newest Members

Missy Banks, Development Associate
[Community Culinary School of Charlotte](#)

Courtney Hurd, Director
[Hendrick Marrow Program](#)

Jen Kraus Rosen, Chief Operating Officer
[Moishe House](#)

Sarah Lewkowitz, Director of Development
[McColl Center For Visual Art](#)

Chamberlain Scholarship Winner

Thoughts from our Chamberlain Scholarship Winner [Deepa Naik](#)

My trip to Vancouver was amazing - between the scenery of the mountains, the wide selection of fantastic restaurants and European influences I had to force myself to stay inside and concentrate! But of course, the 49th International AFP conference also did not disappoint! I was welcomed as one of 127 Chamberlain Scholarship winners before the conference officially started - being a part of this group was a true honor and privilege. We then quickly launched into two days of fantastic workshops and sessions. I thoroughly enjoyed learning from Penelope Burk, Robbe Healey and many other highly respected professionals in the fundraising arena. I also enjoyed spending time with AFP Charlotte chapter members who I had not met before (yes I know, it seems ironic that it



takes a trip to Canada to meet people from our own town but that's what happened). I returned to Charlotte not only refreshed and renewed, but also thankful for the opportunity that AFP International and AFP Charlotte gave me!

Benefits to you: I highly encourage everyone in our AFP Charlotte chapter to check out all of the handouts from the conference. There are many, many great resources just [a click away](#). If you are building a legacy giving program, definitely check out Peter Chipman's '*Tips & Templates - Working your Legacy Program*'. Peter provided some very practical implementation materials.

Please feel free to [contact me](#) with any questions about the conference or the Chamberlain Scholarship.

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UNC Charlotte
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