New Tax Reform and Philanthropy
How to Prepare for the Years Ahead – Event on Feb. 7

In 2017, Congress passed a major tax reform bill that analysts project may cause charitable giving to drop by as much as $20 billion in 2018 (Tax Policy Center). As our sector regroups, what information do we need to understand to prepare for the years ahead? On Feb. 7, join our next workshop and networking mixer as a panel of experts explains the Impacts of Tax Reform on Charitable Giving. The event will be at the University Club, atop of Symphony Towers. See sidebar for details.

The tax bill nearly doubles the standard deduction, incentivizing over 30 million additional taxpayers to take the standard deduction instead of itemizing their charitable gifts. This will likely create an impact at the middle and lower end of the donor pool. Be ready to speak with donors and your peers about the effects of tax reform, and be prepared for donors who may decide to start a donor-advised fund so they can deduct their full gift this year but distribute the money to nonprofit organizations over time. Come learn from our panel of experts about what we can tell our donors, and how this historic shift may impact the philanthropic sector and the work we do. As always, encourage each donor to review any financial decisions with their advisors, continue to cultivate meaningful relationships with donors, and focus on the many reasons supporters give that reach far beyond tax incentives.

Colette Murray: A Champion for Diversity

A heartfelt thank you! to Colette Murray for leading our workshop and luncheon in January, and for her commitment to diversity and inclusion. In 2010, Colette established AFP San Diego’s Colette M. Murray Fellows Scholarship Program, which has awarded 23 scholarships to fundraisers from diverse communities and from nonprofits serving these communities. AFP San Diego upholds Colette’s passion for advancing social equity. In 2017, our Board of Directors formally adopted a Diversity and Inclusion Plan to increase programming that reflects the philanthropic habits, customs, and interests of communities across San Diego County. To join our Diversity and Inclusion Committee, contact Chairperson, Dani Dawson, JD, MBA, at ddawson@ucsd.edu.

The 2018 Colette M. Murray Fellows Scholarship applications will be announced in May and will be due June 30. Stay tuned for details!
Building Relationships with Communities Across San Diego County

Diversity in nonprofit leadership and in our industry provides for a larger pool of knowledge and perspectives from which we can all draw as we carry out our individual missions. The result: an even greater capacity to change the world, together. In honor of African American History Month, AFP San Diego is proud to highlight two nonprofits that foster grassroots collaborations aimed at improving our San Diego community.

Established in 1994, the United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) develops policy initiatives and promotes awareness of crucial African American issues; fosters unity within congregations that lead to collective community projects; enhances the capacity of fledging, under-appreciated and under-served programs serving the interests of the African American community; and implements direct service projects that address unmet community needs. At UAAMAC’s 23rd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast and Celebration on Jan. 15, keynote speaker Assemblywoman Shirley Weber, PhD, shared, “If King taught us anything, it’s that we really are one people, and we must fight for those things that are important and justice, equality, and equal opportunity are really the crux of this nation.” Learn more at www.uaamac.org.

The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA is dedicated to improving the quality of human life and to helping all people realize their fullest potential as children of God through development of the spirit, mind and body. The organization has been serving southeast San Diego since 1943. On Oct. 26, 2017, the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA cut ribbon on a new, highly anticipated 45,000 square-foot sports complex, gym, and community center. The larger facility is expected to serve 10,000 children, adults and seniors. “A new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA reinforces all of the great work the Y has invested in the southeastern San Diego community,” said Executive Director Michael Brunker. Learn more at www.ymca.org/locations/jackie-robinson-family-ymca.

Job Opportunities

Reach Outstanding Applicants with Your Open Position by posting on the AFP San Diego Website. For $100 your ad will run for 90 days (member rate). Contact Georgia.Ringler@afpsd.org. Current positions include: San Diego History Center, Development Manager; I Love a Clean San Diego, Philanthropy Manager; Sanford Institute of Philanthropy at National University System, Director and Program Manager; Serving Seniors, Associate Director of Development, Annual Giving; Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, Administrator of Fund Development; The Arc of San Diego, Development Coordinator; Comic-Con Center for Popular Culture, Vice President, Development; Jewish Family Service of San Diego, Major Gifts Office; Balboa Park Conservancy, Philanthropy Coordinator; The TLC Foundation for Body-Focused Repetitive Behaviors, Director of Stewardship & Leadership Giving; Easterseals, Senior Development; Father Joe’s Villages, Director of Development; San Diego Police Foundation, Director of Development; International Relief Teams, Director of Philanthropy; Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, Development Manager. Resources available on the Career Development tab at afpsd.org.

Questions, Comments, Contributions to Next Month’s Hot Sheet?

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