



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear friends,

Thank you for being a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Detroit Chapter.

I am so very honored to be serving as your 2023 chapter president. I follow in the footsteps of some truly incredible professionals and am grateful for the legacy of the amazing group of presidents and board members who have come before me.

We have some big plans for 2023, with hopes to see our chapter continue to thrive, and most importantly, grow. Opening our arms wide to the philanthropic community here in the greater Detroit area is critical to our growth. Adding more scholarship opportunities and ensuring that our educational programs are inclusive and accessible to all who are interested in joining us, will help us achieve this goal.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Leslie Carmona'.

Leslie Carmona, CFRE  
President, AFP Greater Detroit Chapter  
Senior Director, Donor Experience and Individual Giving, Wayne State University

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE MARJORIE S. FISHER FELLOWS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all Metro Detroit fundraisers! AFP Greater Detroit's [Marjorie S. Fisher Fellows Mentorship Program](#) is a unique opportunity to grow your expertise in the development field and network with experienced professionals. Fellows and mentees attend monthly discussions on a variety of topics, from events

MARJORIE S. FISHER FELLOWS  
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM  
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!



Application deadline is March 17, 2023.  
Apply today!



Mentee Application

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## CALL FOR SPEAKERS FOR 2023

As we look toward 2023 and continue our commitment to provide members with diverse voices and perspectives, we are seeking volunteers to serve as speakers for next year's programs.

The AFP Greater Detroit program committee estimates a 2-3 hour time commitment for each program. Programs can be in-person, online or hybrid. We are happy to work with you on scheduling dates and times for these engagements, as we have some flexibility in this phase of the planning process. Programs are scheduled throughout the year.



**Would you like to present on any of the topics listed below?** If so, or if you would like more information, please reach out to Elsea Burrows at [eburrows@afpdet.org](mailto:eburrows@afpdet.org) or (248) 579-5004, ext. 5.

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you!

Below is proposed programming for next year.

1. Designing a level of giving recognition program Seeking 3-4 speakers
2. Understanding Giving Trends in Michigan and Detroit
3. Managing Up for Fundraisers: Encouraging fundraising from leadership
4. Funder's Panel Discussion with Grant Professionals Association - Michigan chapter
5. Starting a new role - things to do, assessing, making a plan for the first 60-90 days
6. Communications and Marketing Summer Series Seeking 3 speakers
7. Donor Giving vs. Donor Behavior

8. How to engage the next generation of current donors & transfer of wealth Seeking 1 speaker
9. How does privilege and power, equity, diversity and inclusion intersect with fundraising and philanthropy? Hiring and retaining inclusive teams
10. Hosting an annual gala/signature event

## JOB LISTINGS

### Job Seekers

Looking for a new opportunity? Click [here](#) to see available positions.

### Employers

Have an open position you are looking to fill with a great development professional?



Post your open position to the AFP Greater Detroit Chapter job page and connect to more than 300 chapter members and their networks of development professionals. We'll even send your listing out via e-mail to all active AFP Greater Detroit members!

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Questions? Call the AFP Membership Department at (800) 666-3863.

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