



Thursday Thoughts

Save The Date: November 6th Education and Networking Session

Join AFP Colorado for an afternoon of virtual networking and positive stories of success! Over the last six months, non-profits pivoted and adapted to uncertainty, a new way of business, and a different social landscape. Hear from your peers about the ways they prevailed under the unique circumstances and found success furthering their mission. We hope you will engage with us as we discuss industry success stories and new trends that could be the future of philanthropy.



Friday, November 6th

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

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Job Postings

BlueSky Bridge - [Director of Development and Communications](#)

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New Tools to Help Donors Identify Nonprofit Groups Who Can Best Use Their Money



As donations shift during the pandemic, new databases are coming online to help. Data indicates donors are giving money in different ways this year, and to different causes. Two new projects are helping donors of all levels identify the nonprofit groups that can best use their money: [Give Bick](#), founded to showcase the

diversity of causes that Black-founded organizations organize around; and an interactive map created by Vanguard Charitable set to be released next month. Read more [here!](#)

Member Moment

Mary Feller and Believing in the Goodwill of People

The last few months of the calendar year can be a high pressure, exhausting time for fundraisers. End of the year campaigns, closing those big asks while planning ahead for the next year can be draining. Combine this with the already challenging year and we hear from our community that many fundraisers are tired and looking for some extra inspiration.



We asked longtime AFP Member and fundraiser extraordinaire, **Mary Feller**, Executive Director, Craig Hospital Foundation, for her advice on fundraising during hard times and for some inspiration to pass on:

I've been in fundraising for over 35 years and I've lived through other times of uncertainty, but I'm not sure if I've seen anything compared to this in the terms of the impact that it's having on every facet of life! That said, I do believe in the good will of people. Even when times are tough, there are people who are willing to give back to help others. I do feel like philanthropy will continue, and this will certainly require some innovation on our end, but I do think that people want to help when there are obvious priorities for their resources and when they know that they are needed to make a difference. We need to keep a positive attitude that people will step up and we need to continue to ask!

Thank you, Mary, for sharing your experience. Learn more about Mary and the amazing work she does at Craig Hospital at [AFP Member](#)

Stories.

Carry on, Fundraising Community! Believe in the good will of people and the value of your mission. You are doing a great job!

Click here For more information on [AFP Membership](#), to renew or join.

Thursday, October 8th
8:00 am - 10:00 am

DAF Ethics

Speaker:

**Anita Wesley, Rose Community
Foundation**

[ZOOM Link for Virtual Coffee Chat](#)

Anyone with fundraising duties in their job description is welcome to attend. Coffee Chats are free to everyone and there is no need to register



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Member Spotlight

**KUDOS! Celebrating the
accomplishments of our
members.**

Kudos to **Alex Schulze** on her new job as Director of Operations for TEDxMileHigh. Alex is overseeing all fundraising efforts and operations. Congratulations Alex!



If you have some great news to share, like a promotion, a new job, or an award received, email us at AFPkudos@gmail.com. Please note this is specifically to celebrate our Members, so no need to send the results of your latest campaign or event

Upcoming AFP Events

October 8th
Coffee Chat - DAF Ethics

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October 9th

Education Session - "Major Gift Cultivation – How to Move a Donor to the Next Level of Giving"

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November 6th

Save the Date! Education Session - Partner Event with AFP Southern Colorado Chapter

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