We Bid a Fond Farewell to Betsy Johnson

NSP and the Hartford Foundation celebrate our dear colleague and friend, Betsy Johnson, as she retires in mid-July after 15 ½ stellar years of service to the Foundation and the nonprofit community. Betsy has been an incredible asset to the NSP team, and it’s hard to think of a part of NSP’s work and success that doesn’t include her fingerprints. Her excellent work, thoughtful suggestions and creative solutions have strengthened so many NSP programs over the years. Not only has Betsy allowed us to build systems and protocols that will live on well beyond her tenure, but her thoroughness and fine eye to detail have helped make NSP a highly responsive, and customer-oriented resource. Needless to say, Betsy leaves some mighty big shoes to fill. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for all that Betsy has done during her tenure, and wish her joy and adventure as she embarks on her very well-deserved retirement. Best of luck, Betsy - you will be greatly missed!

New Technology Grants Available to Small Nonprofits

Technology is a mission-critical investment that can stretch your scarce resources farther and accelerate your organization’s impact. By thoughtfully integrating technology into your operations, communications, fundraising, and service delivery, small nonprofits can fundamentally shift the way they deliver their missions and serve the community. Small Technology Grants are now available to 501(c)3 organizations with annual budgets under $300,000, located in the Hartford Foundation’s 29-town region.

Contact Amy Studwell, astudwell@hfpg.org to learn more.

Nonprofit Support Program and Hartford Public Library Workshop Recordings Available for Viewing

A wide range of NSP’s recorded workshops are available for viewing on our website. Workshop topics run the gamut from fundraising to technology to marketing to succession planning to HR and more.
Recordings of Hartford Public Library workshops, aimed at smaller nonprofits, are also available.

Click here to access the recordings.

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Hire Skilled Professional Volunteers at No Cost to Your Nonprofit

The Hartford Foundation has partnered with Catchafire to match skilled professionals who wish to donate their time, with nonprofits who need their expert talent. Using a user-friendly online platform, nonprofits post projects, and select skilled, professional volunteers. Learn more about how Catchafire works by watching this 2 minute video.

Catchafire volunteers have contributed over 7,000 volunteer hours and completed more than 450 projects with Hartford-area nonprofits in the areas of Communications (social media strategy, copy writing, graphic design), Technology (tech systems setup, google ad words setup, Salesforce customization), Organizational Strategy, Human Resources, Language Translation, Financial Management, Business Planning and much more.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to receive a Foundation-sponsored membership with Catchafire, please email Amy Studwell at astudwell@hfpg.org.

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Hartford Foundation Announces New Grant Opportunities

Click here to learn more about the latest grant opportunities from the Hartford Foundation, and to sign up for notifications when new grant opportunities are announced.

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Hartford Foundation Annual Report is Now Online

The Hartford Foundation’s 2022 Annual Report shares stories of how our long-term work of dismantling structural racism and advancing equitable mobility for Greater Hartford’s communities of color is being put into practice. This is the Foundation’s first digital-only annual report, and includes feature articles, data and exclusive multimedia content that offer an in-depth look at some of our work.

Click here to read the Annual Report: Making Connections, Advancing Equity.

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Connecticut Town Equity Reports Now Available through DataHaven
This informative series of town-specific equity reports produced by DataHaven, include local data for all 169 Connecticut towns. These reports are designed to inform local-level efforts to improve community well-being and racial equity. The reports disaggregate data from the 2020 Census, American Community Survey, DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey record-level files, and other federal and state sources to create relevant town-level information that is not typically available from standard public databases.

Click here to access the reports and learn more.

New England Compensation and Benefits Survey Deadline Extended to August 25th

TSNE in Boston is surveying nonprofits across New England (including Connecticut) to compile staff compensation and benefits information in order to produce a comprehensive report and searchable database that will be published in Fall of 2023, and will be made available to nonprofits at no cost. The report and database will help you make compensation decisions and offer competitive wages and benefits, as well as understand equity issues affecting your workforce. Your participation in the survey will contribute to an accurate and comprehensive report, relevant to nonprofits such as yours.

Click here to learn more and to complete the survey by August 25.

Pro Bono Partnership Can Provide Legal Services to Your Nonprofit

Pro Bono Partnership provides non-litigation legal services to nonprofits in areas such as: governance, employment and environmental law, real estate, regulatory compliance, contracts, fundraising, intellectual property, lobbying, mergers, bankruptcy and dissolution. In addition to offering a range of pro bono and low cost legal services to nonprofits, Pro Bono Partnership offers a rich array of webinars and articles on a host of legal topics including: employment law, fundraising, by-laws, starting a nonprofit, and more. Click here to access PBP’s Upcoming Workshops & Webinars.

For more information, contact Priya Morganstern at pmorganstern@probonopartner.org.

Seeking New Board Members? Leaders on Board Can Help

If you’re a nonprofit seeking motivated board members, or an individual interested in serving on a board, Leaders on Board can assist you. LOB has placed more than 950 individuals on the boards of more than 190 nonprofits.

Click here to learn more.
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