

## FW: Education News: Rising Leaders Service-Projects Needed

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Don't Miss Our Training Opportunities



## Your Education Connection

Rising Leaders 2024 kicks off this week and the January Training Calendar is starting to fill out! Check it out here: [Calendar - Nonprofits First](#). An important part of the Rising



the Service-Learning Projects and how to apply.

Leaders experience is the Service-Learning Project. And it's a great way for nonprofits to support one another. Do you have a project that could get your agency to the next level and you just don't have the capacity to get it done? Maybe you're trying to develop a volunteer program? Or research a marketing plan? Do your policies and procedures need updating? Our Rising Leaders are here to tackle these challenges and offer solutions. Find out more below about

--Meghan

[Questions or Suggestions](#)



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RISING LEADERS

## It's time to submit your Service-Learning Projects!

The Nonprofits First Rising Leaders program is soliciting proposals from nonprofit organizations in Palm Beach County who need assistance with mitigating or solving a present challenge within their organization. This is an excellent opportunity for an organization to address a need or complete a project for which there are limited resources available.

As a component of Nonprofits First's Rising Leaders program, organizations can expect a team of between 4-6 program participants to work collaboratively with the organization and other professionals as needed to address the area of concern and identify possible solutions. The final product is a free professional project management presentation to the organization. Past projects were overwhelmingly successful and met with accolades in the community.

Examples of acceptable service-learning projects include:

- Develop and design a complete volunteer program
- Research and prepare a marketing plan for an organization, division, or program
- Develop a policies and procedures manual or handbook
- Conduct a program evaluation and prepare a report with findings
- Research and develop a disaster preparedness and recovery plan
- Develop a handbook for board members
- Redesign a space for commercial use or additional rental income

**Deadline For Project Submittal Is December 22nd.**

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- Fund Development: Show Me the Money
- Communicate Your Mission: Social Impact Storytelling

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

### New And Current Member Orientation

Join us as we review the different benefits, programs and resources available to nonprofit members, including a brief look at the Nonprofits First website and where to find things. Time will be given for questions and answers.

**Tues. Dec. 12**

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Via Zoom**



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## AFFILIATE INSIGHTS

## Planning Stress Free Events For Your Nonprofit



### **Tell us a little bit about your business?**

With over 35 years of experience in hospitality and special events, I have a passion to beat all expectations for any event or project that I am involved with. Having worked for Walt Disney World, Norwegian Cruise Line, The Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel, as well as The Jupiter Beach Resort and Spa and PGA National Resort and Spa, customer service is my forte. I specialize in creating and executing fundraising events and approach them with structure and strategy, which is what I think sets me apart from other event planners.

### **What do you love best about what you do?**

I am driven by taking action and making a difference in our community. After having worked for a National Non-profit for almost 9 years, my heart is still as a development person. What that means to me is that I have a responsibility to fight for my clients when it comes to their contracts - to ensure that the focus of their money going toward their mission - and not the expenses of an event.

### **What suggestions do you have for relieving the stress of holiday planning?**

1. Prioritize your time - before the hustle and bustle starts up. Decide on what matters most to you.

2. Make sure to schedule time for yourself - either to be able to re-charge or reflect (or both).
3. Set boundaries, both financial and time management. There is always something else you could be doing or spending money on - but if your priorities are in the forefront of your planning - it's easier to say no to things.

### **What is a “must” on your holiday celebrations?**

Family - and lots of Christmas trees - lol:) Growing up in Michigan, my Dad was a window display designer - so we always had multiple Christmas trees - each with a different theme. (I have 4 trees up so far.) We host all of the Family celebrations, and I wouldn't have it any other way. Family is everything.

### **What do you enjoy about being an Affiliate Member?**

I believe in Nonprofits First and what they offer the 8000 nonprofits in Palm Beach County. As an Affiliate Member, I know that I am connecting with other members of our community that also want to make a difference - no matter what their mission is.



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