

NONPROFITS FIRST ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable achievements and growth Nonprofits First has experienced this year. Our journey has been marked by significant milestones, innovative initiatives, and a deepened commitment to our mission.

Setting the Standard

One of our most notable accomplishments was the successful implementation of Accreditation 2.0. This new approach, which replaces desktop and full reviews every four years with categorical reviews, has streamlined our workflows and standardized costs. This change has not only benefited the agencies we serve but also enhanced our organizational efficiency. Additionally, we are proud to have earned Accreditation from the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, a testament to our dedication to excellence and transparency.

Bold Leadership

Professional development remained a cornerstone of our efforts. We introduced new continuing education programs for HR and fundraising professionals, tailored to the needs and feedback of our nonprofit community. We continued to offer in person, hybrid, and virtual trainings to meet the needs of our constituents. The expansion of our Rising Leaders and Advancing Leaders programs allowed us to connect with even more local nonprofits, fostering leadership and collaboration.

The Community Circle

Community engagement was at the heart of our activities this year. Our staff volunteered at various local organizations, strengthening our ties within the community. We also hosted a series of successful events, including a memorable night with the Palm Beach Symphony, a unique pairing at the Palm Beach County Food Bank's new Community Kitchen, the vibrant Affiliate Marketplace at the Wellington Community Center, and the 9th Annual Hats Off Nonprofit Awards. This year's Hats Off event was particularly special, with a record 180 nominations and the introduction of the Legacy of Giving award.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our mission. Together, we will continue to make a lasting impact in our community.

Trudy Crowetz CEO Jennifer Sullivan Board Chair

WHO WE ARE





OUR SUCCESSES

At Nonprofits First, we measure success by the profound impact we have on the community around us. We gauge our achievements by observing how our members and accredited organizations grow, thrive, and succeed.



80 Accredited Agencies

in 2024



80

Professional Workshops in 2024



45

Advancing Leaders Graduates since 2021



1000

Participants in our Workshops



470

Rising Leaders Graduates since 2005



321 Nonprofit & Affiliate Members in 2024





Guests at the 8th Annual Hats Off Nonprofit Awards





Nominees for the 8th Annual Hats Off Nonprofit Awards

OUR IMPACT



Launching Leaders Soar

"The NPF Launching Leaders program gave me the opportunity to engage and learn about the framework and impact of nonprofits...I hold the internship as a key highlight in my career that empowered me to develop the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in my current position at the United Way of Palm Beach County. " Sam Mackey - Launching Leaders Graduate 2024

Helping You Succeed

"Nonprofits First has taken Bright Minds Processing from 0 to 100 in one year! The networking events helped me to meet so many other Nonprofit members and we formed friendships along the way. The education programs are amazing and I do believe I took each and every one of them. The Nonprofits First team members were my backbone, and the referrals to the affiliate companies were amazing as I now have the best grant writer and media video producer who are now part of our team! Thank you, Nonprofits First!" Susan Mann - Bright Mind Processing, Nonprofit Member





Contributing to Your Accomplishments

"Attending the 101 for the 501 program was incredibly informative and resourceful. Connecting with other grassroots organizations and cultivating long-term relationships made it worth the investment of being a member of Nonprofits First. Additionally, we are proud to be an accredited agency with Nonprofits First, which further underscores our commitment to excellence and community impact." Tenecia L. Burton-Sproull - The Pink Queen Foundation, Nonprofits First Accredited and Member

Fostering Exceptional Performance

"Collaborating with Nonprofits First has been instrumental in amplifying our impact. Their support and resources have empowered us to serve our community more effectively. Accreditation and Membership with Nonprofits First not only enhances our operational efficiency but also fosters a network of shared knowledge and innovation, crucial for agency growth and success." Jamie Kendall - Palm Beach County Food Bank, Nonprofits First Accredited and Member





IN THE NEWS



Fortin Foundation Honored in first Legacy of Giving Award



Palm Beach County Food Bank doubles efforts to feed

Nonprofits First staff volunteers at PBC Food Bank



Our Best Hat Award Winners 2024

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Rising Leaders

Nonprofits First honors the recent graduates of its Rising Leaders program.



July 16, 2024

Nonprofits First is proud to announce the successful graduation of its Rising Leaders program participants.



Celebrating our Rising Leaders Graduation

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