



EMERGING LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY

at COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

2019-2020 Program Syllabus and Schedule

INTRODUCTION – WAYS TO GIVE & ENGAGE

September 4, 2019 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Evening) | Capital Factory

The term “philanthropy” is typically thought of as an exclusive club open only to those who can afford it. Beyond wealth and money, how else can a person give and engage with nonprofits in a meaningful way? This session will explore the idea of aligning your values and passions with your philanthropy goals, and how we need to redefine ‘philanthropy’ to include the giving of your time, talent, treasure, or voice. Social meet & greet of CFT staff and cohort, with brief overview of CFT, North Texas Giving Day, and the ELP program. Short group exercise using Values cards.

FOUNDATION OF BIG ISSUES

October 9, 2019 | 7:30am - 9:30am (Morning) | Communities Foundation of Texas

Before getting to the point of making a grant to an organization, it is helpful to understand the current landscape of opportunity and need in our community. Here, the group will hear a presentation on the Dallas Economic Opportunity Assessment (comprehensive analysis of economic opportunity in Dallas County, funded by CFT and created by the Center for Public Policy Priorities) – who we are as a region, indicators of economic opportunity, and indicators of wellness. Group will break up into multiple smaller table discussions.

GRANTMAKING AND PLANNING

November 13, 2019 | 7:30am - 9:30am (Morning) | Communities Foundation of Texas

This integral session provides an opportunity for cohort members to give input on the grantmaking process that will occur over the course of the program. The group will decide on a shared list of values and funding priorities in an intensive 90 minute workshop that will involve table discussions and voting on the focus issue areas. This work will provide CFT staff with the framework to bring an array of nonprofits of varying size and serving diverse populations that match the group’s decisions.

FINDING AN EFFECTIVE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

January 15, 2020 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Evening) | Communities Foundation of Texas

We’ve all had our heartstrings tugged on when reading stories or watching videos that are shared about nonprofits, whether we have an existing relationship with them or are learning about them for the first time. What tools can be used in assessing whether a nonprofit is actually effective or impactful – and what

does that mean? This session will address what is important to you when you decide you may want to give to an organization, things to consider, and hopefully, address some misconceptions. Smaller group discussions and report-outs to the larger group.

NONPROFIT PITCH DAY

February 20, 2020 | 12:00pm – 4:30pm (Half-Day) | Communities Foundation of Texas

Through the CFT Philanthropy team’s vetting, using the ELP cohort’s priority focus areas and values, six nonprofits will be invited to pitch their organizations and/or programs to the group. Hear firsthand about some great nonprofits and their work in the community, and based on voting, three will move forward in the funding process to receive group site visits.

BOARD LEADERSHIP

March 11, 2020 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Evening) | Latino Cultural Center

For many people, the best way they can be engaged in a cause or organization they care about is by participating on a nonprofit board or board committee – but what does that really mean? What does a board do; what do you need to know to be on one; and what is expected? What kind of people are boards looking for, and how do you even get on a board? This session will explore the idea of giving your time, talent, or treasure in a rare opportunity to probe the minds of some prominent Dallas-area philanthropists and leaders who have made an impact on our community through their work, legacy, and inspirational contributions.

NONPROFIT SITE VISITS

April 1/2/3 (TBD), 2020 | 12:00pm – 4:30pm (Half-Day) | Communities Foundation of Texas

Sometimes applications, pitches, or even videos don’t full capture the work that nonprofits do in the community. See and experience for yourself these nonprofits by attending a site visit facilitated by CFT staff. Debrief and group discussions to follow after reconvening at CFT. Based on preference and availability, ELPers who RSVP will be assigned to one of the final three nonprofit organizations to site visit.

FUNDING AN ORGANIZATION: GRANT DECISION

May 6, 2020 | 7:30am - 9:30am (Morning) | Communities Foundation of Texas

This session is when the cohort will make final grant decisions. Here, you will have the opportunity to advocate, discuss, and determine the outcome of the \$50,000 available to award through another intensive workshop of table discussions, voting, and final group consensus.

CELEBRATION AND CHECK PRESENTATION

June 2020 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm (Evening) | TBD

The Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy cohort will be able to present the check to the chosen grantee, and network and reflect with their class.