



EMERGING LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY

at COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

2018-2019 Program Syllabus and Schedule

INTRODUCTION

September 5, 2018 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm (Evening)

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 10, 2018 | 7:30am - 9:00am (Morning)

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, there will be 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.

FINDING AN EFFECTIVE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

November 14, 2018 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm (Evening)

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.

Panel: Michael Thomas (My Possibilities), Kimberly Williams (Interfaith Family Services), and Michelle Kinder (Momentous Institute).

WAYS TO GIVE AND ENGAGE

December 5, 2018 | 11:30am - 1:00pm (Lunch)

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 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.

Panel: Richie Butler, Peter Brodsky, Nicole Small, Pepe Guevara.

GRANTMAKING AND PLANNING

January 9, 2019 | 7:30am - 9:00am (Morning)

This integral session provides an opportunity for cohort members to give input on the grantmaking process that will occur over the next 3 sessions. Here, we will lay the groundwork for outlining our process for how grant funds will ultimately be awarded in an intensive 90 minute workshop that will involve table discussions, voting, and group consensus on this cohort's values and priorities.

BOARD LEADERSHIP

February 6, 2019 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm (Evening)

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? Kick off the start of 2019 by getting the answers to these questions, and more.

Presentation on Board Governance by Jonathan Blum (shareholder at Polsinelli) and panel moderated by Monica Egert Smith, including: Jonathan Blum, Byron Sanders (Big Thought), Chris Bhatti (UTD), and Kristine Schwoppe (Class Act Creative Solutions).

NONPROFIT PITCH DAY

March 1, 2019 | 12:00pm – 4:30pm (Half-Day)

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.

The six nonprofits: City Year (education), Per Scholas (economic mobility), Crossroads Community Services (hunger, food & nutrition), GROW North Texas (hunger, food & nutrition), Cornerstone Crossroads Academy (education), and Interfaith Family Services (economic mobility).

NONPROFIT SITE VISITS/PITCHES

April 5, 2019 | 12:00pm – 4:30pm (Half-Day)

Based on preference and availability, ELPers who RSVP will be assigned to one of the final three nonprofit organizations to site visit. Sometimes applications, pitches, or even videos don't fully 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.

The three nonprofits: Per Scholas, GROW North Texas, and Interfaith Family Services.

FUNDING AN ORGANIZATION

May 1, 2019 | 7:30am - 9:00am (Morning)

This session is when the cohort will make final grant decisions. Here, you will have the opportunity to help 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 11, 2019 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm (Evening)

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