

Southeast Region Nonprofit News

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Welcome to another issue of Southeast Region Nonprofit News, a quarterly newsletter for non-profits and organizations in southeast Missouri. In an effort to highlight the accomplishments of nonprofit organizations, I encourage you to submit your success stories via e-mail to celeste@missouri.edu.

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New I.R.S. filing requirements

This directly effects organizations whose gross receipts are considered to be \$25,000 or less. That means your organization has A) “been in existence for 1 year or less and received, or donors have pledged to give, \$37,500 or less during the organization's first tax year” B) “Has been in existence between 1 and 3 years and averaged \$30,000 or less in gross receipts during each of its first 2 tax years;” or C) Is at least 3 years old and averaged \$25,000 or less in gross receipts for the immediately preceding 3 tax years (including the year for which calculations are being made).” <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=177338,00.html>

The new 990N e-Postcards, how to file, when to file and to help you determine if you must file are available at <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html> The new 990N can only be filed electronically. I encourage you to visit the website. If you still have questions you can e-mail your questions directly to the I.R.S. tege-ee-file@irs.gov or call 1-877-829-5500. For additional questions please seek the advice of your tax professional.

If you have trouble cutting and pasting the websites from the newsletter, please visit the [irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) web site and click on the tab charities and non profits.

Forever Stamps

For organizations who use stamps and not a meter the forever stamp may be a good choice. As of May 12th postage rates will increase. http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2008/pr08_041.htm The price of Forever stamps goes up May 12th.

Open Source Software

Please note that these are *not* recommended or endorsed by the University of Missouri Extension, and we are not responsible for their content. Before downloading software from any source, you should follow your organization's guidelines.

Yes, there are “no fee” or open source software equivalents to the more expensive softwares. Before deploying on a broad scale, I recommend you visit <http://Techsoup.org> and visit Techsoup stock. As a not for profit organization you may find that the price reduction makes the purchase affordable. You can post on the discussion boards and find out how your open source alternatives have worked for other organizations. Some people prefer the open source versions or vice versa.

Image Creation & Manipulation

Inkscape <http://www.inkscape.org/> is most similar to Illustrator and CorelDraw. A pretty good substitute for Gimp <http://www.gimp.org/> is an image Manipulation Program. It is a photo retouching and image authoring program.

Web Building and Authoring

NVU <http://nvudev.com/index.php> or <http://bluefish.openoffice.nl/index.html>
You can create web applications with Open Laszlo <http://www.openlaszlo.org/>

E-mail

Mozilla Thunderbird 2 is a comprehensive e-mail editor <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/thunderbird/>

Workshops & Seminars

University of Missouri Extension

NPO series Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Call 573-783-3303 to register or for more information

Resources for Non profits – the nuts and bolts we all need.

May 28 - Ironton

Building grants into your organization's mission

June 4 – Reynolds County

Finding Grants

Where are they? Tools, resources and when to apply or not apply.

June 11 – Ellsinore or Williamsville

Cost: \$50 per organization (2 people may attend from your organization) for all three workshops.
Or \$25 per workshop per organization. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Nonprofit Management & Leadership Program

University of Missouri-St. Louis

For more information call (314) 516-6713

Campaign Readiness and Planning: Are You Ready for a Capital Campaign?

Monday, June 9 • 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$110 • 0.7 CEUs

Successful Grant Proposal Writing

Tuesday & Wednesday, June 10–11 • 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$200 (includes handbook) • 1.4 CEUs

Advanced Grant Writing

Thursday, June 12 • 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Fee \$140 (includes handbook) • 0.7 CEUs

Major Gifts

Friday, June 13 • 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$110 • 0.7 CEUs

Web sites of note

Blue Avacado

“The bite-sized magazine for nonprofit people” <http://www.blueavocado.org/>

YouTube <http://youtube.com/nonprofits> has a site just for 501c3 organizations. If you are looking for new ways to get your message out or new ways to recruit volunteers and donors, then this might be an answer for you. Take a look and see how other organizations doing and how are they using the service?

The Non Profit Times <http://www.nptimes.com/>

The Non Profit Times and NOZASEARCH recently introduced <http://www.nptgrantsearch.com/> a free and searchable corporate giving database. Yes there are other sites that allow you to search, but here you can export your results into a database file.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy <http://philanthropy.com/> I would like to draw your attention to the May 2 Issue updates & prospecting sections. Their top donor database is located at <http://philanthropy.com/topdonors/>

Give us feedback

Your feedback is welcome. Tell us what you want and need to be a successful nonprofit organization. Please e-mail Celeste Vanderbrugen at celeste@missouri.edu.

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