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"Lets sow the seeds of growth together to build a stronger community!"

## **\*\*News You Can Use in Your Nonprofit \*\*** **August 2011**



**Join us for our 1st Meet & Greet in Tahlequah - August 23rd, 4-6pm!**

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**Gospel Rescue Mission is asking for food donations - perishable and non-perishable. Anything would be appreciated!**

**Location: 326 South 2nd Street, Muskogee**

**Thank you for helping us help others.**

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**Free Office Furniture & More!**  
**Metal desk, 25 chairs, file cabinets, 2 bookcases - please contact Gary Szabo at**

# Meet & Greet

*You are invited to attend the Nonprofit Resource Center's first meet & greet for the Tahlequah area.*

Come out and learn more about what the NRC can offer your organization or business & let's sow the seeds of growth together to build a stronger community!



*Vidalia's Cafe  
August 23, 2011  
4 - 6 p.m.*



Please R.S.V.P. by Aug. 15  
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## Come get insider advice on how to be more competitive in seeking grant funding!

Panelists from foundations giving in the Muskogee area will discuss their funding interests and application procedures and what makes a successful application. Come hear their tips and valuable advice on obtaining funding.

Who should attend? Fundraising/development staff, board members, executive directors

**Funder's Forum**  
September 8, 2011  
2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Nonprofit Resource Center  
207 N 2nd St, Muskogee

Funders  
Sarkeys Foundation  
Kirschner Trusts  
City of Muskogee Foundation  
Ruby Family Charitable Trust

No registration is required. Co- sponsored by the Nonprofit Resource Center and Lake Area United Way.



Are you using all the services we offer you as a member?

Come check out our library and see how it can "work" for you! Find grants that fit the needs of your non-profit organization. Call us for a personal tour on how to use this valuable tool!



## Community News and Events



A Tribute to Woodstock  
August 19th  
7:30p.m.  
Roxy Theatre  
All Ages Event!  
More info - 918-608-5903



\*MLK Center is hosting the "AIM High" and afterschool program from 3-6 pm M-F for \$10/week for 5th-8th Grades and Fridays are "fun day" where there will be many engaging and creative activities as well as tutoring and life skills throughout the week. Please Contact Derrick Reed for more information: 918-684-6314 or 918-856-1683



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## Training Opportunities for Your Nonprofit

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[August 30, 2011 - Strategic Planning by Adam Colclasure](#)

**\*\*NEW\*\***

### Power Hour with High Impact Learning Sessions

Are you prepared to write a winning grant proposal? Or do you wait until the announcement comes out or you learn about a possible grant opportunity? Do you work long hours, pull your hair out doing re-writes, put your proposal in the mail at the last possible minute and then go home and go to bed for a week?

You don't have to write grant proposals this way - not if you follow some simple steps for preparing BEFORE the grant opportunity is released by the funder. Linda Morgan Clark will lead a series of Brown Bag sessions that outline those steps. You will come away from each session with at least one handout and a two steps toward getting ready for your next winning grant proposal.

- 9/1 First Steps: Project and Prospectus
- 9/15 Interlude: Critique and Google
- 9/20 Tonya James -Icebreakers for Presenters
- 10/6 Next Step: Research
- 11/3 Next Steps: Review and Accumulate
- 11/17 Next Steps: Decide and Develop
- 12/1 Next Steps: Identify and Determine
- 12/5 Last Steps: Write and Prepare

[October 17, 2011 - Open Meetings/Open Records](#)

## Resources You Can Use

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### Muskogee Public Library

There will be an **adult literacy program** at MPL for present and prospective volunteer tutors on Saturday, October 15, from 10 to 2. If you are interested in tutoring you are welcome to attend. Jan Bryant will be a guest speaker.

Tutors are needed in all areas of adult literacy, including A.B.E (reading, writing, spelling, comprehension), E.S.L., G.E.D. preparation, math and U.S. citizenship preparation.

Encourage adults who would like to improve their skills in these areas or those who would like to tutor to contact Penny Chastain, Adult Literacy Coordinator, Muskogee Public Library at 918-682-6657, x 246 or e-mail her at [chastainp@eok.lib.ok.us](mailto:chastainp@eok.lib.ok.us).

### Book-A-Librarian

Anyone may come in or call ahead for a booking for help with using the mouse, setting up an e-mail account, making a resume, etc. If specialized skills are needed an appointment may be necessary to assure that a person familiar with those skills will be available.



## City of Muskogee Foundation Summer Grant Cycle

- September 1st: Begin accepting Letters of Inquiry

- October 1st: Letters of Inquiry DUE
- November 15th: Applications DUE

What did you think of this publication? Was the information useful? What was most helpful? What would you like to see in future issues? **We want your input!** Please send your comments to the [editor](#).

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