



"Let's sow the seeds of growth together to build a stronger community!"

**\*\*News You Can Use in Your Nonprofit\*\***  
**September 2011**



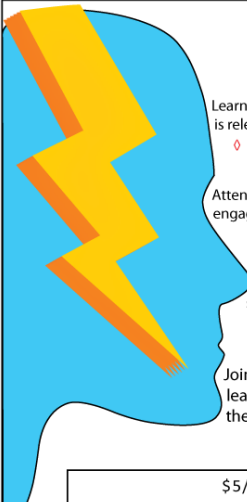
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**Gospel Rescue**  
**Mission is asking for food donations - perishable and non-perishable. Anything would be appreciated!**  
**Location: 326 South 2nd Street, Muskogee**

**Thank you for helping us help**



***POWER HOUR @ NOON***  
*High Impact Learning*


***“ARE YOU PREPARED?”***  
 Learn how to prepare for grant writing before the grant opportunity is released in a series led by experienced grant writer, Linda M. Clark.  
 ♦ SEPT. 1 ♦ SEPT. 15 ♦ OCT. 6 ♦ NOV. 3 ♦ NOV. 17 ♦ DEC. 1 ♦

***“ICEBREAKERS FOR PRESENTERS”***  
 Attend Tonya James’s workshop to learn creative techniques on engaging your audience and breaking the ice.  
 ♦ SEPT. 20 ♦

***“HOW TO START A NONPROFIT”***  
 Paige Frix, attorney and CPA, explains the main issues surrounding nonprofits, how to start one, and status revocation.  
 ♦ SEPT. 29 ♦

***“FUNDING FOR THE ARTS”***  
 Join Martha Stoodley, Rebecca Walkup and Laura Wickizer to learn about funding available to artists and musicians in these tough economic times.  
 ♦ OCT. 18 ♦ OCT. 27 ♦

\$5/Members or \$10/Non-members



others.

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**Interested in running for office?**

Interested in working on a campaign?

Interested in learning more about politics? Join Sally’s List for a FREE campaign training!

What: FREE campaign training for progressive women wanting to learn more about politics.

When: August 27, 2011, 10am-4pm

Where: Martin Luther King Center  
627 N 3rd St.

Muskogee, OK, 74401  
For more information and to sign up, visit [www.SallysList.org](http://www.SallysList.org) or call 405-361-9072.



**FUNDER'S FORUM**

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, and executive directors

**September 8, 2011**  
**2:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Nonprofit Resource Center**  
**207 N 2nd St., Muskogee**

**Funders Include:**

- Sarkeys Foundation - Kirschner Trusts -
- City of Muskogee Foundation -
- Ruby Family Charitable Trust -
- Bank of America Charitable Foundation-

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



[Tahlequah Meet & Greet a success!](#)



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## Training Opportunities for Your Nonprofit



Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits presents

"Standards for Excellence" offered at our new training center! 25 organizations have been chosen to participate. For more information please call our office at (918)683-4600.

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

Who should attend: All City of Muskogee Foundation Grantees are required to attend. Municipalities, elected officials, nonprofit organization boards and staff, church(es) boards and staff should attend. Any person, organization, agency or company that accepts federal or state funding is usually required to comply with the Open Meetings/Open Records Act from the grant solicitation and acceptance letter.

Cost: No charge for attendance.

### Artful Askers

Bob Vickers has agreed to return to Muskogee on 10/20/2011 from 9 am-4 pm to present his one day, information-packed workshop, Artful Askers. When he was here in May, the participants gave him rave reviews. With his emphasis on building relationships, this is an especially useful workshop for faith-based organizations, who don't often know about the kind of information and resources that Bob shares. You won't want to miss this one! First-time attendees pay \$49 (see registration form to see what you get for your money). Free to Previous attendees. [Click here to register.](#)



### City of Muskogee Foundation Summer Grant Cycle

- City of Muskogee Foundation Summer Grant LOIs
- The deadline for submission of letters of inquiry to the City of Muskogee Foundation Summer Grants program for projects to be held in summer 2012 is October 1, 2011.
- If you would like the Nonprofit Resource Center to assist you with writing, editing, proofreading, or submitting your LOI, you must contact us by September 5.
- We will be scheduling initial appointments for LOI assistance for the dates August 29-September 10.
- Our proposal writers will be out of the office from September 29 to October 3, so it is extra important this year that you start the process early to avoid last minute difficulties.
- To schedule your appointment, contact Rebecca Walkup at [rwalkup@thenonprofitresourcecenter.org](mailto:rwalkup@thenonprofitresourcecenter.org) or Linda Morgan Clark at [lmorganclark@thenonprofitresourcecenter.org](mailto:lmorganclark@thenonprofitresourcecenter.org) or reach either one at 918-683-4600.

### [Grants & Deadlines](#)

Target K-12 Field Trip Grants Program

(Deadline - October 3, 2011) [http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=urqnj4bab&et=1107312180375&s=-1&e=0017tqcMmwVUqbk1FbmdyLzn\\_4SUnM7O7Z-v75X1rVO4udLjdFY-Uq\\_QlXkZesB4XvKuzkRwUIPK79TcOscCMsqYUhiHfv8hFenKGdQZ1eicKWYCK7asajxsYc0oKgtV9dO4v\\_BqNsKkd1BJpDX5jDIUvE9hxFDB296bTXQqSL-oHNOoRB0nuQCJnqf2YkeBMt](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=urqnj4bab&et=1107312180375&s=-1&e=0017tqcMmwVUqbk1FbmdyLzn_4SUnM7O7Z-v75X1rVO4udLjdFY-Uq_QlXkZesB4XvKuzkRwUIPK79TcOscCMsqYUhiHfv8hFenKGdQZ1eicKWYCK7asajxsYc0oKgtV9dO4v_BqNsKkd1BJpDX5jDIUvE9hxFDB296bTXQqSL-oHNOoRB0nuQCJnqf2YkeBMt)

Verizon Foundation Grants - FY 2011

(Deadline - September 30, 2011)

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=urqnj4bab&et=1107312180375&s=-1&e=0017tqcMmwVUqYrqcQLxxvuMOPtszq6\\_AQWFhi9LNKfw9oETXxExtVFX6MmPpug-M9FlsWc-QpRL7wOoFvri0jce\\_SteN0E6YgMN\\_zPc6buPuYZDTchkkRyBCL1\\_2QOB615AQv2C3pI2Jg4vGnZJzOAG9StP5XsblIE](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=urqnj4bab&et=1107312180375&s=-1&e=0017tqcMmwVUqYrqcQLxxvuMOPtszq6_AQWFhi9LNKfw9oETXxExtVFX6MmPpug-M9FlsWc-QpRL7wOoFvri0jce_SteN0E6YgMN_zPc6buPuYZDTchkkRyBCL1_2QOB615AQv2C3pI2Jg4vGnZJzOAG9StP5XsblIE)

Microsoft 2011 Citizenship Tools grants

(Deadline: Rolling) [http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=urqnj4bab&et=1107312180375&s=-1&e=0017tqcMmwVUqaJL\\_D7R\\_lsdAfUezzNW5kPTzEqrSqiUQz\\_JXDrP5zEJWVi5lqNrFiJGVx2XPX\\_EA0HW0X0AzItPBGjivit-2qySgRBVSNdR7uSFwWSEMuNTp10rPG57N2G4ORg-cESPY\\_P1Qcn767CcGqKywyBlctbYEDJLT0AqtHRgLR\\_4bwfCnzEbBUW16Yy](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=urqnj4bab&et=1107312180375&s=-1&e=0017tqcMmwVUqaJL_D7R_lsdAfUezzNW5kPTzEqrSqiUQz_JXDrP5zEJWVi5lqNrFiJGVx2XPX_EA0HW0X0AzItPBGjivit-2qySgRBVSNdR7uSFwWSEMuNTp10rPG57N2G4ORg-cESPY_P1Qcn767CcGqKywyBlctbYEDJLT0AqtHRgLR_4bwfCnzEbBUW16Yy)

Tyson Foods 2011 Project A+ label redemption grants

(Deadline: Rolling)

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## Community News and Events

### SOCIA MEDIA FOR NONPROFITS

Tuesday · October 11 · 1-3 p.m.

Tulsa Central Library · Aaronson Auditorium

Fourth Street and Denver Avenue, Tulsa

Jeff Martin, Online Communities Manager for the Philbrook Museum, will share his experiences developing social media for the Philbrook. Nonprofit organizations will gain insight and a model from which to develop their own social media communities. "Phil," a regular feature on the Philbrook Facebook page will make a guest appearance!

### GRANT SEEKING BASICS

Thursday · September 29 · 2-4:30 p.m.

Tulsa Central Library · Computer Training Room

Fourth Street and Denver Avenue, Tulsa



### BOOK REVIEW

#### **The Emerging Leader: Eight Lessons for Life in Leadership**

David A. Lewis

The Emerging Leader is full of insightful stories and analogies that make it easy to comprehend the essence of leadership. A few of the lessons Lewis teaches are the importance of not feeling entitled to success because of disadvantage, the biggest threat to your success comes from within you, and not letting your present success stand in the way of your full potential.

This little book is packed with inspiration and advice needed to get you on track to becoming a leader as well as refresh and energize those who may already be leaders in their fields.

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## Resources You Can Use



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!

### 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. Adults who would like to improve their skills in these areas or those who would like to tutor should contact Penny Chastain, Adult Literacy Coordinator, Muskogee Public Library at 918-682-6657, x246 or [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 ensure that a person familiar with those skills will be available.

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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