Nonprofit Effectiveness & Strategic Restructuring

This program is not about awarding grants. It’s about providing expertise.

Nonprofits bring together passionate people with a shared commitment to an important cause. But a nonprofit needs more than passion – successful nonprofits need solid leadership as well as a robust infrastructure that can withstand change. That is why the Community Foundation invests in helping organizations strengthen their leadership and infrastructure.

Our 60-plus years of experience tells us that eight priority areas drive nonprofit success. We put philanthropic dollars to work, strengthening organizational leadership and infrastructure through board development, financial management, human resources, resource development, strategic planning, strategic restructuring, succession planning and technology.

We offer:

Tools that target management, governance and operations. Organizations are matched with a specialist who identifies solutions to a specific problem.

Learning opportunities Programs are offered in partnership with national leaders. Participants build skills and leave with tools to grow their nonprofit.

Management consulting services to build strong nonprofits. The Strategic Restructuring Fund and the Nonprofit Toolbox support organizations as they improve efficiency.

“The knowledge we acquired enabled us to become more resourceful in our efforts to achieve greater sustainability.”

— STAR House Foundation

What difference can it make?

The Center for Family Resources, an organization that helps families become self-sufficient, needed a new strategic plan. With guidance from a Foundation consultant, leaders developed an ambitious, three-year strategic plan addressed client needs while tackling debt elimination, funding, governance and leadership.

This plan created a framework that benefits the organization today and will continue to do so 50 years from now.
Contribute to the Foundation’s Nonprofit Effectiveness and Strategic Restructuring programs to provide organizations with the tools they need to fulfill their missions.

Here are some ways your gift can benefit an organization:

- **$10,000 provides** an organization with the tools and research to execute a fund development plan.
- **$12,000 provides** an organization with a consultant to guide the development of a strategic plan.
- **$40,000 provides** two nonprofits with consulting services to conduct a partnership assessment.
- **$50,000 provides** 15 nonprofit CEOs and their board chairs with the opportunity to participate in a five-month program on succession planning.
- Up to **$75,000** provides a mid-to-large nonprofit with one year of operating support allowing flexibly to strengthen the organization where most needed.
- **$100,000 helps** two nonprofits merge by providing strategic planning, legal counsel, marketing and branding, technology and leadership training.

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Genesis Shelter and Our House both served homeless mothers with young children. In 2012, the organizations received a partnership assessment grant from the Community Foundation’s Strategic Restructuring Fund to explore merging. In 2014, the nonprofits merged, preserving the short-term shelter Genesis provides, while increasing the number of children served and the range of services available for Our House clients. The organization combined business processes, including budgeting and fundraising, and is now expanding to include a Georgia Pre-K classroom and other services.