

# Washington County Nonprofit Network

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The Washington County Nonprofit Network (WCNN) provides networking and training opportunities to nonprofit organizations predominantly serving Washington County, Oregon.Â The goal of the Nonprofit Network is to provide capacity building supports to improve the stability and success of Washington County nonprofit organizations.Â Â  
 â€¢Â Â Most workshops are free for Board Members at Washington County serving nonprofits  
 â€¢Â Â Hosts Annual Funders' Breakfast in September of each year  
 â€¢Â Â You can see our upcoming events and workshops to the right under "Upcoming Events"  
 â€¢Â Â Learn more via a video here Â Â

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Â HistoryThe Washington County Nonprofit Network grew out of the 2008 Philanthropy Exploration study.

2008 Philanthropy Exploration in Washington County (PDF)

2008 Philanthropy Exploration in Washington County â€“ Executive Summary (PDF)

One of the major findings of this study was the limited capacity of Washington County nonprofits in the area of fund development.Â To address this finding the studyâ€™s Advisory Committee started the Washington County Nonprofit Network (WCNN) to provide opportunities for local nonprofits to network, collaborate, develop skills and build capacity. For more information on the WCNN, please contact Program Coordinator Felicita Montebianco at 503.846.5792 or [Felicita@visionactionnetwork.org](mailto:Felicita@visionactionnetwork.org).

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## 2017 News!

As our 9th year of service approached, a critical opportunity to increase internal capacity presented itself. In March VAN was awarded a 2 year \$150,000 grant courtesy of Meyer Memorial Trust to:

- 1) acquire new knowledge and skills to advance equity through WCNNâ€™s programs and services;
- 2) evaluate the effectiveness and relevance of WCNN; and
- 3) develop a strategy to advance equity and increase the impact of its essential work.

Â Since receiving the grant in May, WCNN has already made great strides towards its goals. We:

- Joined the Dialogues in Action cohort with Steve Patty to increase our qualitative evaluation skills. VAN staff has interviewed 15 individuals so far and is in the process of analyzing those interviews.

- We have hired a Strategic Planner, Thomas Bruner of Bruner Strategies to guide us in the process of building a strategic planning committee and

- Have set up the start of our Equity training, in part with the Center for Equity and Inclusion

Â WCNN Steering Committee: Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Centro Cultural de Washington County  
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