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CAN'T MISS EVENTS

[February 13 - Breakfast with Lt. Governor Sheila Simon – Education Reform in Illinois](#)



Illinois Lt. Governor Sheila Simon will address the Association of Fundraising Professionals Chicago on Education Reform in Illinois – New Directions for State-Nonprofit Partnerships on **Wednesday, February 13**. **Lt. Governor Simon**, a passionate education advocate, has visited each of the state's 48 community colleges and 12 public universities. Over several months visiting each corner of Illinois, Simon gathered students, educators and the best educational minds in Illinois to discuss revamping higher education in our state. She will share the innovative ideas that she has compiled, and how the state must work with the private and nonprofit sectors to improve and reform higher education – especially at a time when we are all doing more with less.

[Click here](#) to register for this program.

[Save the Date! Tuesday, March 12 Ethics In Philanthropy Roundtable](#)

Join AFP Chicago as we move the topic of ethics beyond scandal and code. Building on the inaugural event of 2012, come engage in a discussion of ethics grounded in the needs of our members that will leave you better prepared for the unthinkable. The roundtable will be facilitated by **George Roe**, Director of Business Ethics in the College of Business Administration at University of Illinois at Chicago. Panelists include **Elinor Hite**, Adler Professional School of Graduate Psychology; **Terry Mazany**, The Chicago Community Trust; **Paul Pribbenow**, Ph.D., Augsburg College; **Rev. Alexander Sharp**, Protestants for the Common Good; and **Laura Washington**, Chicago Sun-Times.

Online registration opens February 19, 2013. For more information on this dynamic program, please [click here](#).

[Save the Date: 18th Annual AFP Chicago Midwest Conference on Philanthropy](#)

The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont is *the place* to be on **Tuesday, October 8, 2013!** Please mark your calendars for AFP Chicago's Midwest Conference on Philanthropy- the region's premier learning event for fundraising professionals. Follow us [here](#) to stay up-to-date on what's to come this October.

NEWS & UPDATES

[Call for President's Award Nominations](#)

Beginning this year, AFP Chicago will present the **President's Award** at the annual Midwest Conference on Philanthropy (previously presented at the AFP Chicago Philanthropy Awards Luncheon). The award will be presented to a fundraising professional who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to AFP Chicago. To nominate a deserving individual please [click here](#). **The deadline for all nominations is Friday, March 29, 2013.**

[AFP Chicago Features Honorees of the 2013 Philanthropy Awards Luncheon](#)

On May 10th, AFP Chicago will proudly honor eight of the most distinguished leaders of Chicago's philanthropic and nonprofit sectors at the 37th annual Philanthropy Award Luncheon. Please allow us to introduce you to three of the eight awardees today:

Grant Achatz & Nick Kokonas - Outstanding Community Leaders

Grant Achatz and Nick Kokonas are co-owners of one of the most highly regarded restaurants in the world, Alinea. Acclaimed trailblazers in the field of molecular gastronomy, Achatz and Kokonas have hosted three successful fundraising events at Alinea where guests hear about the latest advances in targeted cancer therapies... [read more](#).

Brad Ballast – Professional Grantor

Brad Ballast is a leader in Chicago's corporate philanthropy sphere. Some people just "go to work" each day. Not Brad. While he began a conventional banking career, he has spent the last 16 years of his career helping banks invest in non-profit missions...[read more](#).

Bob Lee – Outstanding Volunteer

When Bob Lee turned 57, he redirected his life. Forever a devoted husband, father, grandfather and conscientiously contributing community member, reading the book Tuesdays with Morrie changed Bob's life. Written by Mitch Albom, the book tells the story of a man dying with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). It was then that Bob committed himself to making a difference for three causes...[read more](#).

Sponsorships are currently available for the Philanthropy Awards Luncheon. Please visit us [here](#) for more information, and save Friday, May 10th on your calendar.

[Welcome to the 2013 AFP Chicago Fellows](#)

AFP Chicago welcomes the five members of the 2013 AFP Chicago Fellows Program: **Amy Cheng**, Year Up; **Adrienne Glover**, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago; **Madalyn Messer-Brooks**, CommunityHealth; **Jessica Rodriguez**, La Casa Norte; and **Michael Wren**, Art Resources in Teaching (A.R.T.). Congratulations!

[Find Your Match-Peer Mentoring March Class Still Accepting Applications](#)

There is still time to submit your application for the AFP Chicago Peer Mentoring Program's March class of mentors and protégés. Protégé applicants with a minimum of one year in development are matched with mentors who have a minimum of five years of development experience. For full program specifications and the application process for both mentors and protégés, visit us [here](#). **Application deadline is Wednesday, February 13.** Protégés and mentors will be introduced to one another at a kickoff event on **Wednesday, March 13, 2013**. Please consider participating in the program and encouraging others in your organization or circle of influence to apply for a mentor or volunteer to be one.

AFP Chicago appreciates the sponsorship of this [program](#) from the **School of Business and Nonprofit Management at**

North Park University. For 2013, AFP Chicago members will be offered new benefits from this partnership. Details soon!

AFP Offers Member Dues Installment Plan

Take advantage of this membership dues payment opportunity - the installment plan breaks dues into six payments. Please contact Joseph Roadarmel, AFP Manager of Membership Services, at mbrship@afpnet.org or (800) 666-3863 for details.

Government Relations Update

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The "Fiscal Cliff:" The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, signed into law January 2, applies in the section relevant to most nonprofits (101c) a federal estate tax of 40 percent to estates in excess of \$5 million (\$5, 120,000 in 2013, adjusted for inflation) for individuals and in excess of %10 million for couples. Representatives of nonprofit associations had come to Washington to advocate for maintaining estate tax levels as well as charitable deduction allowances...[read more](#).

STATE

New Laws Effective January 1, 2013: This year, 150 different provisions went into effect in Illinois on New Year's Day, covering a variety of subject areas. Among those included is the "Skin" tax, an annual surcharge of \$3 per person admitted to a "live adult entertainment facility" that serves or permits the consumption of alcohol on its premises, which can be collected from customers on admission...[read more](#).

AFP CHICAGO JOB BANK

Making a Career Change? Take a Look at the Positions Available on the AFP Chicago Online Job Source

Are you a member planning a career change? Visit the AFP Chicago Online Job Source and review job postings from Chicago area not-for-profit organizations looking for skilled development professionals. Posting includes a full description of the organization, the position and expectations; salary range; benefits; and contact information. Take a look today - [click here](#) for more information.

Members will need to log in using their user name (email address) and passwords to see job postings on the website.

Looking for Skilled Development Professionals for your Open Position? List your Jobs in the AFP Chicago Online Job Source

Have an open position within your organization? Consider listing it in the AFP Chicago Online Job Source. The Job Source connects Chicago area not-for-profit organizations with skilled development professionals. This cost-effective listing reaches the right people in the philanthropic community. Your posting includes a full description of your organization, the position and expectations; salary range; benefits; and contact information, and the online format allows you to reach your targeted audience quickly. For more information, [click here](#).

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

Community Current Events and Announcements

- **A Force for Good Mentoring Program Seeks Mentors for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) – – Application Deadline Extended through June 30, 2013.**
The Chicago Police Department and its partner agencies have developed this program to provide 35 Chicago CBOs with skill-building classes, technical assistance and mentorship to increase their capacity to identify, obtain and manage grants and other funding. For more access the application, please [click here](#)
- **Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management Awards – March 1**
*The Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management at North Park University is requesting applications for **the Excellent Emerging Organization Award** (due March 1, 2013). This award is given annually to a smaller, grassroots organization that demonstrates the potential to become a major contributor to Chicago's robust nonprofit community. This award comes with a \$2,500 cash grant and approximately \$50,000 in capacity-building services. For more information on this award [click here](#). Please find the application [here](#). Awards will be presented at the Axelson Center Symposium on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.*
- **Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Chicago (YNPN Chicago)**
YNPN Chicago serves local nonprofit professionals (generally in their 20s and 30s) who make up a substantial segment of the Chicago area's nonprofit workforce. Interested in learning more about YNPN? [Click here](#) for information and a list of their upcoming activities.
- **North Park University Offers AFP Members 40% Tuition Scholarship**
To learn more about this great opportunity, [click here](#).