



**STRONG NONPROFITS HELP
BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES**

**McLennan County
Nonprofit Resources**

News & Announcements

Waco Foundation's Online Grant Application

Waco Foundation has moved to an online grant application system that will help streamline the process for nonprofits. This easy to use online system allows you to complete an application and directly send it in. Grantees can now apply online via the [grantmaking page](#) of Waco Foundation's website. To see a preview version of our new application system, click [here](#).

Tech Corner in July

Nonprofit Technology Policy Workbook via IdealWare

Staff members often don't know when they're taking risks. Good technology

The Road to Better Fundraising: Fundraising Training Assistance Grant



Waco Foundation is partnering with Network for Good to bring a Fundraising Training Assistance Grant to five local nonprofits. This 12-month grant offers fundraising training and assistance to small nonprofits that serve the Waco-McLennan County area. This grant opportunity includes:

- professional consultation,
- material development,
- access to a modern donor management tool and
- much more to assist with all things fundraising.

Through this grant, Waco Foundation hopes to assist local nonprofits as they devise plans to increase revenue and improve their acquisition and maintenance of donors.

[Click here](#) for details about eligibility and the application process.

[Click here](#) for more information about specific program's parameters.

To express interest in this grant, please contact Nicole Wynter at nwynter@wacofoundation.org or 254-754-3404.

Applications are due no later than July 25, 2017.

**LeadershipPLENTY® Institute-Waco is Now
Accepting Applications!**

policies protect your organization's data and reputation by providing clear guidance on what's acceptable and how to manage risky situations.

In this [downloadable workbook](#) provided by IdealWare.org, they share prompts to help you create and document policies for the acceptable use of technology and networks, personal devices for work, how to provide IT guidance to "accidental techies," how to respond to an IT incident, and how to recover your technology after a major disaster.

Website Emergency Kit via Smart Cause Digital

It's not a matter of **if**, but **when**.

When something goes wrong with your website, will you be ready? Do you know where the backup files are? Would you know how to log in to your domain registrar?

If you're not sure how to answer these questions, don't worry. Most nonprofits are facing the same dilemma, and Smart Cause Digital can help!

To download their emergency kit template and learn more, [click here](#).

Looking for a Place



The LeadershipPLENTY® Institute (LPI) is a leadership training program sponsored by Today's Action Tomorrow's Leaders and **specifically targets individuals with a passion and interest in the continued development of our community.**

LPI-Waco utilizes a nationally recognized curriculum designed to enable individuals of varying backgrounds, occupations, and experiences to confidently identify problems in their communities and implement a plan of action to address these problems. **The program provides practical tools for developing and strengthening civic leadership skills, as well as enhancing other qualities of leadership.**

To learn more about the program, check out the [attached flyer](#) or contact Catherine Bauer, Director of Leadership and Engagement at Waco Foundation at cbauer@wacofoundation.org.

Charity Champions

Each fall, *TFNB Your Bank for Life* selects 6 nonprofits as Charity Champions in Bell, Coryell and McLennan Counties from nominations made on their website. Charity Champions are nonprofit organizations working to make a positive impact in the community. Anyone can submit a nomination, and the nominations are carried forward each year.

Winners benefit in several ways:

- They're presented with a plaque during Baylor home football and basketball games,
- They're featured in several TV and radio ads, and
- [360 Solutions](#) provides free leadership and organizational development classes in Waco.

Find out more about the program and nominate your favorite nonprofit [here](#).

to Host your Next Meeting or Event?

Check out mclennannonprofits.org for information on local venues and meeting spaces [here](#).

Meetings & Trainings

Waco Social Media Breakfast



Organized and maintained by Caryn Brown, these events are a great resource for anyone looking to improve their social media skills. Click [here](#) or visit their Facebook page [here](#) to learn more or find next meeting dates.

Next meeting:

Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: The Egg and I, 4600 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76710

Cost: Free

To register, [click here](#).

The Seventh Annual Texas Tribune Festival is Returning this September

The Texas Tribune Festival is an innovative and engaging three-day event for people who are passionate about the issues that affect all Texans. This year's event will feature more than 60 sessions and 250



Central Texas Association of Fundraising Professionals

The Central Texas Association of Fundraising Professionals meets the fourth Thursday of every month. To learn more about the association and its plans for July 27, 2017 and beyond, click [here](#).

Nonprofit Network

To learn more about the next Nonprofit Network meeting, click [here](#).

To learn more about Nonprofit Network and Cooper Foundation, click [here](#).

The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation, Cooper Foundation and Waco Foundation Have Teamed Up to Bring Local Nonprofits Board Governance Training!

Session 1 *Laying the Foundation*

Session 1 will be available on August 25, 2017 from 8:30-10:00 am. [Click here to register](#).

Session 2 *Building Better Boards with Chuck Loring*

Available November 2, 2017.

Seating is limited, so do not delay! [Click here](#), to register.

Because Strong Nonprofits Help Build Strong Communities

The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation, Cooper Foundation and Waco Foundation are committed to strengthening nonprofits here in the state so as local organizations can make the greatest impact in our community. This means strong board governance is a necessity.

Many McLennan County nonprofits have attended board governance training hosted by Waco Foundation in the past. This year, the foundations are ramping up efforts and encouraging nonprofit board members and staff to attend spring sessions that will provide attendees with the tools and resources they need to build high performing boards.

We think having a strong board is a great reason to attend, but if you need any more incentive, the nonprofits will be selected to win up to \$1,000 for professional development activities that meet all the needs for their organizations - conference fees and travel costs will be waived. Don't delay signing up!

Building High Performing Boards
Two Opportunities

1. **"Laying the Foundation"** is available January 27th, April 26th or August 22nd from 8:30 - 10:00 am. This 1.5 hour training with Cooper Foundation Executive Director, Felicia Goodson, will provide an overview of the elements of strong board governance. This training is ideal for new board members, board members with experience who have not attended board governance training and continuity members interested in joining a board.

JANUARY REGISTRATION: <http://bit.ly/2p3u6KA>
APRIL REGISTRATION: <http://bit.ly/2m0w0d2>
AUGUST REGISTRATION: <http://bit.ly/2p3u6KA>
COST: Free

2. **"Building Better Boards"** will be held November 2, 2017. This day long training with renowned consultant, Chuck Loring, will provide tangible resources to help local nonprofit boards realize their strengths and address their weaknesses to become stronger and more effective.

REGISTRATION: <http://bit.ly/29UDn>
COST: \$10

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRIZE
Up to \$1,000 for professional development for the nonprofits. Conference fees and board costs are waived.

To Be Eligible:

- Nonprofits must provide the name of board members who attended the training, when they attended and who the speaker was.
- 100% of the board must attend one of the trainings.
- At least 50% of the board must have attended a Chuck Loring Training during the last five years. The organization with the highest percentage of Chuck Loring attendance will receive greater consideration.

MORE INFORMATION ↓
Call Waco Foundation at 254.754.4314 or Cooper Foundation at 254.754.0315.

Mission Capital is Hosting another Executive Leadership Academy this Fall!

speakers in lively discussions on education, climate change, President Trump, the role of media in 2017, and much more. For more information, [click here](#).

Date: September 22 - 24, 2017

Location: University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Cost: \$50-\$2,500, [click here](#) to register.

Ideal for anyone with a nonprofit organization who is new to the Executive Director or CEO role, this 4-day training will ensure attendees develop a solid understanding of all major aspects of nonprofit management. Some of the topics to be addressed include:

- The Role of the Executive Director/CEO
- Financial Management and Fiscal Planning
- Nonprofit Strategy and Organization Life Cycles

For more information or to register for this event, [click here](#).

Dates: October 19-20 & 26-27, 2017

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Location: Mission Capital Offices, 8303 N MoPac Expwy, Ste A201, Austin, TX 78759

Cost: \$750 Members | \$900 Non-Members

Tuition assistance may be available to eligible nonprofits via Waco Foundation's Capacity Building Mini-Grant Program. To learn more about mini-grants, [click here](#).

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