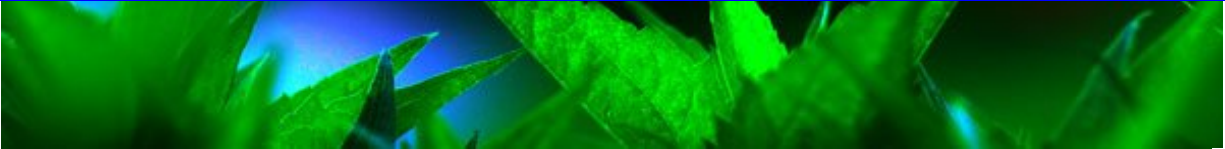


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HALF OF WEALTHY AMERICANS SAY TAXES DON'T AFFECT THEIR GIVING

A majority of affluent Americans say their charitable giving would be unaffected by the elimination of federal tax provisions designed, in part, to encourage philanthropy, according to a new study by Bank of America and Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.

Nearly 52 percent of wealthy donors said their giving would remain the same if they no longer received any income-tax deduction for their donations, while 54 percent said their level of philanthropy would remain unchanged if the estate tax were repealed.

That said, a significant minority (47 percent) of people in the survey reported that they would give less if they could no longer claim a deduction for their charitable gifts. Of those respondents, 37 percent said their contributions would "somewhat decrease," while 10 percent said their gifts would "dramatically decrease."

With respect to the estate tax, 10 percent said they would donate less money if that provision were eliminated, while 37 percent said they would give more.

"There are so many considerations that go into not only why you give, but also how and where you give," said Claire Costello, a Bank of America executive who works with wealthy donors. Tax incentives are "one among many."

The study was based on responses from 700 households that earned at least \$200,000 a year or had liquid assets of \$1-million or more. The findings regarding donors' opinions on tax provisions were similar to those in a 2006 survey, also commissioned by Bank of America and conducted by researchers with the Center on Philanthropy.

The recent study took place in July and August of last year, and asked donors about gifts they made in 2007, before the recession.

[Chronicle of Philanthropy 03-03-09](#)
[Caroline Preston](#)



FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, in Washington, has started a \$500,000 program designed to help struggling arts groups by providing them with free consulting and emergency planning advice.

The Arts in Crisis Program will provide confidential counseling in how to raise money, build more effective boards, and improve budgeting and marketing during a troubled economy.

Any nonprofit performing arts group may apply for aid online. Click [here](#) for more information.

Manganos Restaurant in Lacey, Washington, has a generous offer for nonprofit organizations who want to raise some money in a short period of time and have some fun doing it. Monday night is "Pizza Night" at Manganos. Your organization could earn up to 25% of the proceeds from meals sold, plus tips!

Manganos Restaurant is located at 9323 Martin Way in Lacey, WA. For more information, contact Cathy at the restaurant at 360.456.2212 or Lenny at 360.888.5321.



WORKSHOPS, EVENTS, SEMINARS AND MORE!

United Way Thurston County asks you to HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THURSTON COUNTY

What are our community's strengths? Our challenges? Where should we focus our resources?

United Way of Thurston County invites you to participate in an ON-LINE SURVEY March 1st - 7th to share your views about our current economic, educational, environmental and social conditions.

Go to unitedway-thurston.org and click on the Community Member Survey link.

Survey results will be included in United Way's 2009 Community Assessment Report published in May.

Help us LIVE UNITED in Thurston County. 2009 Community Assessment generously sponsored by:
Heritage Bank & The Olympian

NonProfit Insurance Program 2009 Conference Building a Foundation of Success

NPIP is excited to invite you to join together with nonprofits from across the Northwest to attend the 2009 Conference: Building a Foundation for Success. Spend a day learning valuable

information that will make your job easier, as well as the opportunity to collaborate with other nonprofit leaders.

Conference topics include:

Risk Management, Volunteer Screening, Managing Governance Risks, Fundraising in a Tight Market, Managing Staff Layoffs, and Crisis Communications

WHEN: March 16, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bell Harbor International Conference Center, 2211 Alaskan Way, Pier 66, Seattle, WA 98121

COST: \$45 - NPIP member, \$95 - non members

To register go to www.npip.net and click on 2009 Conference. ***Please register by March 6, 2009.***

**Thurston Economic Development Council, OBEE Credit Union and United Way
Thurston County present the**

2009 Asset Building Coalition Summit

WHEN: March 24, 2009, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Saint Martin's Worthington Center, 5300 Pacific Ave. SE, Lacey, WA

COST: \$17 per person

Register with an email to info@thurstonedc.com or phone 360.754.6320.

Bank of America Community Gathering

Bank of America is committed to supporting the communities in which they do business, and about creating opportunity for their customers and partners.

Join them to learn important information about their charitable giving programs, community development efforts in your area and how to access related resources at Bank of America.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 31, 2009, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Boys and Girls Club, Gary and Carol Milgard Family Hope Center, 10402 Kline St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

Please RSVP by Friday, March 20, 2009 to Dena McComb at 253.305.3355 or dena.k.mccomb@bankofamerica.com

Light refreshments will be provided.

Sustaining High Performance Community Collaboration

Increasingly, collaborative community relationships are forming to address complex societal needs, especially in support of children and youth. Leaders of these efforts recognize that in order to sustain the collaborative, there is a need to align the efforts of member organizations through joint planning and implementation. Many in Thurston County see it as a community where all children

and youth, ages 0 to 21, of all cultures are healthy, safe, valued and successful. If you serve youth in this county in any capacity and are ready to collaborate with others in the county to convert this vision into reality, come join your colleagues at the table.

Conferees will have the opportunity to understand key components of a systems thinking model, participate in the development of a strategic plan for the Thurston County collaborative and identify key leadership roles needed to support the plan.

WHEN: Thursday, April 2 9am-4:30pm, Friday, April 3 9am-3:30pm

WHERE: Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Ave. SE, Lacey, WA 98503

QUESTIONS AND REGISTRATION: Call Ellen Nelson 360.493.2230 X24

Lunch Provided

Free Parking

This program is funded by a grant to TOGETHER! from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services.

Economic Survival Fair

In tough economic times you never know what resources or services are available to ease the increasing burdens of every day life. If you've just been laid off, your hours cut, struggling to pay bills, or just need information, The Economic Survival Fair is the place to start.

WHEN: April 4th, 2009, 9:0 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Olympia High School

There will be dozens of free on-site services offered.

For more information go to the [Volunteer Center](#) website or call Mary at 360.741.2613.

This event is sponsored by The Volunteer Center, 94.5 ROXY, OBEE Credit Union, MIXX96, United Way Thurston County and 96.9 Real Country KGY.



OPEN POSITIONS IN THE SOUTH PUGET SOUND AREA

Auction Coordinator

The Family Support Center, Olympia, WA

Position Title: Auction/Special Event Coordinator (Contract position)

Position Type: Temporary, Contract

Duration: 6 months, April-September 2009

Hours: Variable, 20-40hrs/week based on contract agreement and statement of work

Compensation: \$12,900-\$15,600 for the entire contract period, DOQ

Location: Thurston County, WA (flexibility to work out of home office), some travel required within a 50 mile radius of Thurston County.

Open: March 2, 2009

Closes: Open until filled

Position Summary: The Auction/Special Event Coordinator is responsible for the successful planning and coordination of the 18th Annual Family Support Center "Reach for the Stars" Gala

Auction to be held on September 12th, 2009. This long-time community tradition benefits multiple nonprofit organizations and member agencies of the Family Support Center, raising funds for family and child services in Thurston County. Typically, 300+ attendees attend this gala event with proceeds exceeding the \$100,000 range. The Auction Coordinator will oversee, coordinate, plan, and manage all aspects of the Auction from pre-planning to post-event.

For the complete position description or to apply, contact Schelli Slaughter, Executive Director, PO Box 784, Olympia, WA, 98507, or send an email to executivedirector@familysupportctr.org.

Call 754-9297 ext. 211 with questions regarding this position.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling.
Margaret Lee Runbeck



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