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December 30, 2014

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
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Melbourne, Florida**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.
JANUARY 19TH**

**What are you doing for
others?
It's National Service
Day**

**The MLK Day of
Service is a part of
United We Serve, the
President's national
call to service
initiative. It calls for
Americans from all
walks of life to work
together to provide
solutions to our most
pressing national
problems and to
prompt communities
to come together and
service one another.
Join the hundreds of
thousands of people
who serve on MLK Day
and throughout the
year.
You can share your
story on Serve.gov, on
our Facebook page, or
by sending and email
to MLKDay@cns.gov**

**FIRST FRIDAY
NONPROFIT STARTUP
February 6, 2015
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FANO HEADS WEST

Conference goers to the Independent Sector Conference 2014 in Seattle, Washington were able to benefit from seeing firsthand the exciting technology at Microsoft Visitor's Center. Attendees got to see how Microsoft technology opens exciting opportunities for nonprofits to better achieve their missions and accelerate their impact.

The participants attended a thought-provoking series of sessions relating to Microsoft's "Technology for Good" program. Through a short video and Powerpoint session, participants learned about Microsoft's software donation program, carried out in partnership with TechSoup Global. Microsoft donates software to eligible nonprofit organizations and public libraries to help them use technology to further their missions. Offered in 41 countries worldwide, donated software includes Online Office applications, e-mail, calendar, HD video conferencing, and more.

Next was a presentation on exciting technologies for Internet and online safety. The presentation included efforts employed worldwide to combat hacking, privacy compromises, and viruses. In this way, Microsoft can target security efforts, and people around the world can make better-informed decisions on how to protect their privacy.

Lastly, a series of short video "snippets" were shown on Using Skype in the Classroom. Educators can take students on "virtual field trips," inspiring them to make a difference by connecting U.S. classrooms with students and educators. Skype is live learning; it expands the walls of the classroom, giving students the opportunity to see and hear viewpoints not otherwise accessible to them, creating veritable "global citizens" of our young people.

Overall the event was well received and informative. Participants agreed that having attended the presentations they will be able to use technology to save cost, foster collaboration, and increase effectiveness of the independent sector.

Barbara Vega is currently the Public and Gov't. Relations Director for FANO. She's also International Grants Manager at a large international relief and development nonprofit in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She also currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Grants Professionals Foundation and on the Mayor's Educational Advisory Task Force for the City of Sunrise, FL.

2015 Webinar Series

Wondering how to obtain information quickly and conveniently?

Florida Nonprofits (FANO) will offer a series of webinars on Tuesday and Wednesday during lunch hour.

Topics include: Advocacy, Employment Benefits, Health Insurance, Banking, Unemployment Savings, Accounting, Grants, Fundraising, to name a few. Please tell us your topic of interest so we can add it to the schedule.

RSVP www.fano.org

Join us from 12-12:45 on Tue Jan 20 for our Strategic Planning Lunch & Learn

The Red Success, FANO's Annual Holiday Gala

It was a sea of red when over 75 guests filled the room at the annual FANO holiday party held at the Argentinean Restaurant, **Novecento Aventura**. Guests enjoyed outstanding appetizers, beverages, silent auction and prize drawing. Also featured, the introduction of a new community nonprofit, **Happy Youth** — an organization committed to aiding at-risk youths find their potential.

A talented DJ set the mood with jazz melodies as guests chose from a table full of silent auction items from Worldofwatches.com; Russian collectibles; a vacation to Disney, gift baskets and holiday items. Also included, a live raffle with prizes that included a Quantum View Windows Tablet; chocolate assortment; and collectible books.

Speakers included Happy Youth Founder and FANO nonprofit graduate, **Julia Motchalova** who introduced attendees to the programs offered by Happy Youth for substance abuse rehabilitation; anger management; violence prevention; and juvenile offenders rehabilitation. **Joe Gibbons** then spoke on how our community can come together and make an impact on crucial laws.

As the night came to a close, an exchange of business cards, meaningful hugs, and genuine smiles took place. At the end of the night, the Red Event provided a great start to the holiday season of giving.

JOIN US

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Meet & Greet at Blue Martini

6000 Glades Rd #C-1380, Boca Raton

6 pm to 8 pm

\$10 with prior registration

\$15 at the door

Members complimentary

Includes 1 drink, ticket and appetizers

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