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## FANO Conference Celebrates 20 Years of Meeting "Now-Needs" as Florida's Nonprofit Voice

**Who:** The Florida Association of Nonprofit Organizations (FANO) is an organization who for 21 years has been serving the capacity building needs of the nonprofit community in Florida.

**What:** FANO's 20th Annual Conference entitled "SUCCESS, 20 Years: Meeting 'Now-Needs' as Florida's Nonprofit Voice".

**When:** August 10-11, 2011. Pre-conference on August 9-10, 2011. The graduation of Certified Nonprofit Leaders is Aug. 12.

**Where:** Marriott Suites Clearwater Beach on Sand Key, 1201 Gulf Boulevard (ZIP 33767). The conference is co-hosted by Pinellas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**Why:** To provide a venue to learn best practices and now-needs, showcase cost-saving programs, honor Florida nonprofit heroes, develop financial and human resources, network with funders and enable attendees to become certified with a Certificate in Nonprofit Management. This conference will also:

**Provide a Venue to Learn Best Practices and Now-**

**Needs:** FANO has adopted 10 principles and over 100 practices to help attendees discover shortcuts to help their organization reach (and possibly exceed) its goals.

**Showcase Cost-Saving Programs and Network with Funders and Financial Assistance Agencies:** Florida's expanded benefits of services and goods will be showcased at the Resources Within Reach Expo, open to the public at no charge Wednesday, August 10 from 3-5pm. Back by popular demand, the Grants Café features *One on One with Funders*, an opportunity for fund-seekers and funders to meet face-to-face over coffee and dessert. This collaboration between fundraising professionals and private or public funding sources aims to foster mutual understanding and grantwriting efficacy. Showcase hours are 3-9, Wed. 8/10 and 8-5 Thurs. 8/11.

**Honor Florida Nonprofit Heroes:** Following an opening reception with entertainment and refreshments, the Lawton's Heart Humanitarian Award ceremony will honor

the esteemed Leader (see special press release) on August 10 from 5-8pm.

**Develop Financial and Human Resources:** These professionally led workshops will offer a variety of Break-Out sessions on timely topics including: *International Re-Telligence, Coming out of the Dark, Shape-Shifters: Is your Passion your Peace? Public-Private Relationships, Low Profit/Nonprofit Collaboration, Philanthropists, Project Management, and Strategies that Address the Game Changes.* August 11 from 10am-12noon

**Offer Certification:** From August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am until 11:30am on August 12, FANO will offer an intensive series of classes in Certificate in Nonprofit Management (CNM), in coordination with Nova Southeastern University and Broward College. CEU's are available. Subjects include: Grantwriting, Major Gifts, Planning, Information Technology, Board Development and more. Separate registration is required for the graduation ceremony on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, and seating is limited.

**Conference Leaders include Partners, Sponsors and Exhibitors:** 1st Nonprofit Insurance Company, 1st Nonprofit Companies featuring the Nonprofit Unemployment Savings Program, Greater Miami Host Committee, Broward College\*, Marriott Suites Clearwater Beach on Sand Key, CVB of Pinellas County, Brown & Brown Insurance Company\*, FHMA-Workers Compensation\*, Federal Combined Campaign, Nonprofit Housing Roundtable, Nova Southeastern University\*, Volunteer Florida, and more.

**To register,** click to our [Black Tie](#) portal. For more information, contact Cathy at 305.557.1764 or visit [www.fano.org](#). For organizations with financial need, limited scholarships are available.

**Sponsor or exhibitor** opportunities are also available.

FANO assists Florida's 54,000 nonprofits, in strengthening their leadership, management, financial and public policy capacity to reach their missions. We invite participation by anyone interested in the future of Florida's private, nonprofit sector. FANO, a 501(c)(3) statewide nonprofit is a member of the Independent Sector, Washington, D.C. Contributions to FANO are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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