

BTCF's Center for Nonprofit Excellence 2016 Programs

SHEFFIELD, Mass. — Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation announced its slate of 2016 programming for nonprofit leaders through its Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNE). The foundation also welcomes two new members to the CNE advisory board: Nancy Heaton, executive director of the Foundation for Community Health in Sharon, Conn., and Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, director of the NorthEast-Millerton Library in Millerton.

Since 1998, the Center for Nonprofit Excellence has helped hundreds of organizations — and more than 1,500 individuals — build more secure futures for themselves and their communities through intensive trainings with leading consultants, world-class scholarships and a popular annual seminar series.

Nonprofit Leadership Institute

Executive directors throughout the region have been selected to participate in this year's Nonprofit Leadership Institute, a collaborative peer-learning program to help build leadership and management skills.

Participants include Bethany St. Dennis, Family Resource Center; Rosalie Girard, Berkshire Nursing Families; Jenny Hansell, North East Community Center; Erica Joncyk, David M. Hunt Library; Nick Pohl, Housatonic Youth Service Bureau; Ananda Timpane, Railroad Street Youth Project; Carolyn Valli, Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity; and Gwendolyn VanSant, Multicultural Bridge.

Professional Development at Harvard Business School

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence will once again offer scholarships to two world-class professional development programs focused on nonprofit management at Harvard Business School.

Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management is an intensive six-day program that draws together nonprofit CEOs, presidents and executives who are shaping the direction of nonprofits around the world. Applications

for two available scholarships, valued at \$5,500 each, are due Tuesday, March 1, for the July program. Learn more at www.berkshiretaconic.org/karvard-spm.

• Taught by world-class faculty with experience in board leadership and nonprofit management, Governing for Nonprofit Excellence is a four-day course to enhance leadership and governance skills of nonprofit board chairs or vice chairs. One scholarship, valued at \$4,500, is available. Applications are due Monday, Aug. 8, for the October program. Go to www.berkshiretaconic.org/harvardgne.

Seminar series with national experts

Nonprofit executives and board leaders throughout the region are encouraged to participate in Berkshire Taconic's annual Seminars in Nonprofit Excellence series, which provides training and professional development to staff and board from nonprofits of all sizes. The 2016 schedule will be released in July.

Free resources at Berkshire Taconic

Berkshire Taconic offers nonprofits use of its three conference rooms for board meetings and retreats at no cost. In its dedicated CNE room, staff and board members can access several national grant databases and a library of current and classic reference materials. To book a conference room, call 413-229-0370.

About Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

For more than 28 years, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation has built stronger communities and helped donors make a difference through charitable giving in northwest Litchfield County, Conn; Berkshire County, Mass; and Columbia County and northeastern Dutchess County. Each year, the foundation distributes more than \$8 million through grants and scholarships to nonprofits and individuals in the arts and education, health and human services and environmental protection. Berkshire Taconic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity