

Wyoming

# Nonprofit News

Wyoming Association of Nonprofit Organizations

## Nonprofit Day at the Legislature features Nonprofit Congress Town Hall

On March 1, 2006, as part of its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Wyoming Nonprofit Day at the Legislature," the Wyoming Association of Nonprofit Organizations ("Wyoming Nonprofits") held a Nonprofit Congress Town Hall in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Wyoming is the first state to hold a nonprofit congress with more than 70 people participating in the Town Hall. This report summarizes the results of the Town Hall so the voices of Wyoming's nonprofits may be heard nationally. Our results are posted along with input from other states at [www.nonprofitcongress.org](http://www.nonprofitcongress.org).

### Question 1. What do all nonprofits have in common?

- Fill voids in society not being met by the business or government sector
- Have passion
- Share a common goal of improving society
- Operate with insufficient funds

### Question 2. What is your ideal vision for the nonprofit sector in your state?

- A unified network to project one voice and share best practices
- Nonprofits would have recognition
- Nonprofits would have sufficient resources

### Question 3. What are the obstacles common to all nonprofits - regardless of mission - that prevent us from reaching this vision

- Lack of funding
- Lack of time
- Lack of access to personnel and training
- Too much competition for limited resources
- Lack of a common voice
- Lack of understanding

### Question 4. What key *short-term* steps can nonprofit organizations take to eliminate these obstacles?

- Unite, collaborate, and share
- Promote education about the sector

### Question 5. What key *long-term* steps can nonprofit organizations take to eliminate these obstacles?

- Develop a strong Wyoming nonprofit group
- Promote funding
- Promote knowledge about the sector

For the full report, contact Lisa Johnson, Wyoming Nonprofits Coordinator at 307-834-2293 or [lisa@compasswy.net](mailto:lisa@compasswy.net) or visit the website at [www.wynonprofit.org](http://www.wynonprofit.org).

### SCORE CARD: Nonprofit Day at the Legislature

If you haven't already completed the online survey, please evaluate the conference:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=591441906663>

WELCOME ABOARD!



### Welcome to the following new members of Wyoming Nonprofits!

Beautiful Zion Church • Brain Injury Association of Wyoming  
 CASA of Natrona County • CAUSE Ministry • Centrum for Disability Services  
 Cheyenne Community Clinic • Evanston Housing Authority  
 Hopes & Dreams Therapeutic Riding Center  
 Laramie County Community College Foundation  
 Laramie Main Street Program • Make-A-Wish Foundation  
 National Historic Trails Center • NEEDS, Inc.  
 Samaritan Outreach Ministries • Sheridan Affordable Housing Action Committee  
 TaTanKaSha, Inc. • Teen Center of Jackson  
 United Way of Natrona County • Yellowstone Behavioral Health Center  
 Mary Ellbogen Garland • Deborah French • Chris Stearns • Beth Worthen

## FACES OF FAMILY FILM SERIES STARTS MARCH 28



Wyomingites can enjoy a free dinner with Denzel Washington, Kathy Bates and Michelle Pfeiffer while exploring what family means to their

communities.

These stars all appear onscreen in “Faces of Family,” a film discussion series presented by the Wyoming Council for the Humanities in partnership with the Department of Family Services. The series runs from late March through May at public libraries in Casper, Cheyenne, Jackson, Laramie, Rock Springs and Sheridan.

Our Families Our Future is cosponsoring the program, which received major funding from the “We the People” initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

At each event, audience members will enjoy a free meal before the film screening. When the lights come back on, viewers are invited to stay and talk about how the movies reflect issues challenging real-life Wyoming families today. Each film puts a “face” on families overcoming challenges such as low wage jobs, single parenting and grandparents raising grandchildren.

“Faces of Family” starts off with a fast-paced 2001 drama starring Denzel Washington as John Q. Archibald, a father fighting the health care system to save his son’s life. His determination ultimately gives hope to other working families without health insurance.

Next in the series is a 1993 classic with Kathy Bates playing a single mother who builds her children a home of their own in Idaho. Determined to make it without help, she comes to appreciate the value of neighbors and community.

The third movie is a 2002 adaptation of Janet Fitch’s popular novel *White Oleander*. Alison Lohman stars as a teen who journeys through foster homes to independence after her mother (Michelle Pfeiffer) goes to prison.

Wrapping up the series is the heart-warming story of an orphan who finds a home with his grandfather (James Cromwell of *Babe*) and Cherokee grandmother (Tantoo Cardinal). The 1997 film is based on the book *The Education of Little Tree*.

Each film in the “Faces of Family” series is rated PG or PG-13. Activities will be provided at the libraries for children while adults and teens watch the movies. Childcare for ages three and under will be available by request in Casper, Cheyenne and Laramie.

“We hope the series provides an enjoyable evening and brings together community members from different backgrounds and family experiences,” said Victoria Foth Sherry, program coordinator for the Wyoming Council for the Humanities.

“By talking about our responses to these onscreen families, we have a chance to get to know each other and share ideas for making our communities a more caring place for

families of all kinds.”

In the fall, “Faces of Family” will be offered in Lusk as a joint program of the Niobrara County Public Library and the Wyoming Women’s Center.

Dates for the spring “Faces of Family” series appear below. For more information, contact the library coordinators.

- White Mountain Library, Rock Springs: 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, April 11 and 25, and May 9. Contact: Vicki Roth, (307) 872-3202.
- Albany County Public Library, Laramie: 6 p.m., Friday, March 31, April 7, 21 and 28. Contact: Kathy Marquis, (307) 721-2580 extension 5438.
- Sheridan County Fullmer Public Library, Sheridan: 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Contact: Kyan Rios, (307) 674-8585 x29.
- Teton County Public Library, Jackson: 6 p.m., Monday, April 10, 17 and 24 and May 1. Contact: Oona Doherty, (307) 733-2164, extension 135.
- Laramie County Public Library, Cheyenne: 6 p.m., Monday, May 1, 8, 15 and 22. Contact: Troy Rumpf, (307) 634-3561, extension 123.
- Natrona County Public Library, Casper: 6 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 11 and 25, and Wednesday May 17. Contact: Nicholle Gerharter, (307) 237-4935, extension 125.

The Wyoming Council for the Humanities is a nonprofit organization supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and by private contributions. The council provides grants and programs that promote public understanding and appreciation of the humanities. For more information, call (307) 721-9243.

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### — Save The Date —

William U. Hill, Chief Justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court  
Jim McBride, Superintendent of Public Instruction, join  
Governor and First Lady Freudenthal in inviting you to the

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor’s Roundtable on Children and Families

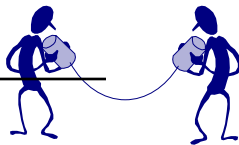
Improving Foster Care:  
*Through the Eyes of a Child*

June 27, 28, 29, 2006  
Cheyenne, WY

*Little America will serve as the conference hotel  
307-775-8400*

*A limited block of rooms have been reserved at the state rate*

## Discussion Board:



There is another common question which may be useful for your group to address. It deals with providing charitable receipts at art sales. Of course a charity cannot provide a charitable receipt if the donor gets something in return. There is the exception if the person pays more than the "fair market value". The problem is with art, where every piece is unique, how do you determine its fair market value? (I know if the donation is over \$5,000, an independent appraisal is needed, but most art sales have pieces under this amount.)

The non-profit that I work for is opening up a new office.

I went through the IRS regulation today and found that: "A contribution of the right to use property is a contribution of less than your entire interest in that property and is **not** deductible. The IRS booklet includes an example of someone donating one of their floors in an office building for non-profit use as an example of an expense that is not deductible.

Do you know of a way office space can be donated according to IRS standards where the owner would be entitled to a tax deduction? I assume this is a common question. I imagine we could pay the rent for the office and the landowner could make a cash contribution at the end of the year if they so decide.

***Do you have an answer, an example to share, or a resource? If so, please e-mail [lisa@compasswy.net](mailto:lisa@compasswy.net) with the subject line: nonprofit office space.***

Some groups that do art sales where a portion is going to a charity will not provide charitable receipt. Others sell the art through a competitive bid process. If the highest bid is larger than the minimum sales price a receipt can be issued. Some groups ask the artist to value the piece and then add on their own portion which is considered a charitable contribution to the non-profit.

I have talked to a number of attorneys on the subject, but have never gotten a satisfactory answer on the best way for charities to handle this issue. What makes it even more complex is whole sale versus retail. Some art galleries have a 50% commission. If the charity hosts and advertises the art show and this commission goes to the non-profit instead of the gallery, is this really a donation?

I know art shows are fairly common fundraisers for non-profits and many groups may benefit from guidance on this question.

Thank you for your time.  
Glenn

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**We will be happy to post any answers we receive or any other common questions. Just drop us a line!**



### Tools & Tidbits

Released this month by [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org) the 2005 cost of a volunteer hour is \$18.04.  
[From Pam Jelaca, Hospice of Sweetwater County, Rock Springs]

Median Salary by state for executive directors of nonprofits....[www.payscale.com/salary-survey](http://www.payscale.com/salary-survey)  
[From Bill Mitchell, Central Wyoming Rescue Mission, Casper]

Do you have something useful that you'd like to share with your peers? Please e-mail [lisa@compasswy.net](mailto:lisa@compasswy.net) to have it included in the next newsletter or e-mail bulletin.

### Job Openings

Internal Operations Manager for a growing not-for-profit. General responsibilities: quality control, human resources, managing complex internal business and program processes. Reports directly to the CEO.

Qualifications: BA in business or related field and three years experience. Excellent oral and written communications skills. Competitive salary.

Send resume to:

Wyoming Children's Access Network  
51 Coffeen Avenue, Ste 002  
Sheridan, WY 82801

## Assessment Program Provides New Service to Members

One of the services offered to members is the Organizational Assessment Program. Professionals with experience in various aspects of nonprofit management will meet with representatives of a nonprofit organization and develop recommendations to address the specific needs or issues identified, including identifying resources for follow-up support.

Prior to the site visit, the nonprofit will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire and submit supporting documents for the team to review. The components of the site visit include a tour of the community and nonprofit operation, and interviews with the executive director, board members, staff, and

### Benefits

- Addresses the critical issues of the nonprofit organization
- Cost-effective
- Objective, credible, peer review
- Offers short-term analysis and long-term support

community members. At the conclusion of the site visit, the resource team will share a preview of their recommendations with the nonprofit director and board chair and/or full board of directors. Approximately 2-3 weeks following the resource team visit, WANO will present a written report, with recommendations and resources to address issues identified.

Interested members of *Wyoming Nonprofits* will be asked to submit an application to the coordinator. Two organizations will be selected to participate in this pilot program. To request an application, please call Lisa Johnson at 307-834-2293.

## Legislative Report



At the Wyoming Nonprofit Day at the Legislature on March 2, participants heard about three legislative issues impacting the nonprofit sector in Wyoming. Here is a brief update on the status of these bills upon adjournment of the legislature on March 11.

### Energy Impacted Communities

Energy-related impact grants are \$105 million (includes housing among the list of issues available for impact grant funding). Non-impact grants are \$66.8 million with \$4.4 million available immediately for State Lands and Investment Board (SLIB) previously approved, but unfunded grants. Matches may be waived. \$10 million set aside for matched projects. FY 06 distribution was moved from June 30 to May 1 to allow use this year during construction period. The **SLIB** has started the process of developing grant rules for the \$172 million appropriated for local governments by the legislature.

### Children and Families Initiative

House Bill 92, which creates a statewide quality child care system, was signed into law by the Governor. This legislation starts the process toward a statewide quality child care system that would include a quality rating system for licensed child care facilities, incentive payments for higher levels of quality care, scholarships for professional development, technical assistance and quality support and parental support and education. This bill was related to one of the recommendations from the Children and Families Initiative. Among the other recommendations for strengthening Wyoming families included goals for prevention, community-based system of services, problem-solving courts, homeownership and rental assistance, roles of schools, support for the aging population, and self-sufficient wages.

### Challenge Grant for Nonprofits

SF 108, the Wyoming Challenge Program for Social Services, was designed to create a challenge program for grants to nonprofits that provide services to address human health, human nutrition, child care, senior citizen needs, mental health and family services. The original bill would have appropriated \$5 million from the general fund, and the program would have been matched by private sector donations. The proposed legislation was well-received in both houses, but was lost in General File. Senator Larson is considering re-introducing the bill next year, and Wyoming Nonprofits will ask for your support at the appropriate time.

### MEMBERS of Wyoming Nonprofits

Albany County Crime Victim/Witness Program • Albany County Resource Center • Alzheimer's Affiliation of Wyoming • Association Resources of Wyoming Inc. • BE WELL • CASA of Laramie County • Central Wyoming Rescue Mission • Cheyenne Interfaith Hospitality Network • Child Development Services of Wyoming • Compass Communications • Elder Care Advocates • Equality State Policy Center • Faith Initiatives of Wyoming • Fremont County Good Samaritan Center • Girl Scouts Council of Wyoming • Gottsche Rehabilitation Center • Hospice of Laramie • Interfaith of Natrona County • Laramie Child Development Corporation • Lincoln Self Reliance, Inc. • The Nicolaysen Art Museum & Discovery Center • Platte River Parkway Trust • Rehabilitation Enterprises of North Eastern Wyoming • Sheridan County YMCA • The Science Zone • Serve Wyoming • Special Olympics Wyoming • United Way of Laramie County • Western States Learning Corporation • Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Wyoming • Wyoming Children's Access Network • Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence • Wyoming Community Action Partnership • Wyoming Community Foundation • Wyoming Council for the Humanities • Wyoming Drug Courts Association • Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies • Wyoming Housing Network, Inc. • Wyoming Independent Living Rehabilitation Inc. • Wyoming Services for Independent Living • Wyoming State Bar Foundation • Debra Beck • Pamela Jelaca • John Lumley • Susie Ponce • Barb Rea

## Spirit of Service Awards

*Do you know someone who has made a big difference in his or her community?*



Serve Wyoming created the Spirit of Service Awards to pay tribute to the most outstanding participants in national service programs - Senior Corps and AmeriCorps - as well as an outstanding corporate or foundation partner, and a nonprofit organization. The awards will be presented

to the winners during a special dinner ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the 2006 Wyoming Philanthropy Days/Service and Volunteerism Conference being held in Evanston, WY, June 14-16, 2006.

Nominations of individuals and/or organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions to their communities are currently being sought. Nominees must exemplify the spirit of national service, demonstrate exceptional service or leadership, and serve as role models for others in their community.

For more information, please call (307) 234-3428 or 866-737-8304. **The nomination deadline is Friday, April 28, 2006.**

- ◆ **Senior Corps** - Nominate an RSVP volunteer, Foster Grandparent, or Senior Companion.
- ◆ **AmeriCorps** - Nominate a member from AmeriCorps\*State and National, AmeriCorps\*NCCC, AmeriCorps\*VISTA, or an AmeriCorps Alumni. AmeriCorps\*State Program Staff and/or AmeriCorps\*VISTA Supervisors may also be nominated in this category.
- ◆ **Corporate or Foundation** - Nominate an outstanding corporate or foundation partner. People, companies, or organizations are eligible, so long as they have a relationship with a program funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, or Learn and Serve America).
- ◆ **Nonprofit Organization** - Nominate an organization that exemplifies service and volunteerism efforts

## Wyoming Philanthropy Days

The 5th Biennial Wyoming Philanthropy Days Conference will be held June 14-16, 2006 in Evanston, Wyoming. This conference provides valuable education and networking opportunities for non-profit board and staff members, community leaders, volunteers, private foundations and corporate foundations.

### June 14th - Pre-conference Sessions

The Wyoming Community Foundation has teamed up with Serve Wyoming and Faith Initiatives of Wyoming to bring pre-conference sessions to Wyoming Philanthropy Days. Serve Wyoming will be organizing a session on volunteerism, and Faith Initiatives will be bringing in a speaker to present a workshop on fundraising.

**Plan to attend the reception hosted by Wyoming Nonprofits, on June 14th, from 5:45-7 pm!**

### June 15th -

Finance 101 and Grant-writing workshops will be held in the morning.

Wyoming Philanthropy Days will officially kick-off with a plenary luncheon followed by track sessions. The evening will provide an opportunity to network with your peers as well as funding agencies.

### June 16th -

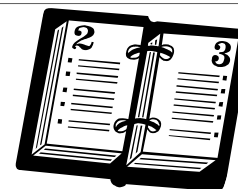
There will be a morning plenary session followed by track sessions. As in the past, the conference will close with a plenary luncheon.

Special sessions geared to private foundation staff and board members are being planned as well.

The Conference Schedule and registration information will be posted on the website of the Wyoming Community Foundation, [www.wycf.org](http://www.wycf.org).

Mark these dates!

## 2006 CALENDAR



- April 6** ..... **Community Networking your Ministry or Service**  
 This workshop will offer an opportunity for people to meet each other, discuss the community's most pressing needs, develop a roster of service providers and develop a working plan on how to partner with each other in providing needed community services. The goal is to provide an informal setting for faith and community based organizations to discuss their area's most pressing needs and how to work together to bring about positive results.  
**Presenter:** Warren Murphy, Executive Director Wyoming Association of Churches  
**Time:** 10 am to 3:30 pm with lunch provided  
**Location:** Wheatland, First Christian Church, 95 19th Street  
**Sponsors:** Wyoming Association of Churches and Faith Initiatives of Wyoming  
*To register please email [info@fiwy.org](mailto:info@fiwy.org) or call 307-634-7878 ext. 20*
- May 3**..... **Wyoming Nonprofits Board of Directors Meeting and Member Reception, Sheridan**  
**Time:** 1:30—3:30 pm, Board of Directors Meeting; 4:00—5:30 pm, Wine & Cheese Reception  
**Location:** the office of Wyoming Children's Access Network, 51 Coffeen Avenue, Suite 002 in Sheridan
- June 14 - 16** ..... **PHILANTHROPY DAYS, Evanston**  
 June 14 ..... *Wyoming Nonprofits Reception, 5:45 - 7:00 pm*  
 June 15 ..... *Pre-conference Workshop on Fundraising*  
 June 16 ..... *Pre-Conference Workshop on Budgeting and Financial Management*
- June 27 - 29** ..... **4th Annual Governor's Roundtable of Children and Families, Cheyenne**
- August 6 - 8** ..... **Snowy Range Nonprofit Institute**  
*"The Greater Good: Being a Value-Driven Nonprofit" - <http://outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/srni/>*

### Wyoming Nonprofits | services of the association...

- ◆ **Training and conferences**
- ◆ **Networking events**
- ◆ **Supplemental health insurance & wellness program**
- ◆ **Local, state and national news impacting the nonprofit sector**
- ◆ **Organizational assessment program**
- ◆ **Advocacy**

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**We're on the web!**

