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**Your New AFP: Doing More Together**

The past two years have been challenging, to say the least. As we have adapted to the obstacles thrown at us, collaboration has become more important than ever. We have learned to lean on each other.

That is why your AFP Greater Cincinnati Chapter is tackling several major new initiatives and we will need the help of our members, like you, and our community. We can do more together!

I am humbled to guide our chapter as we work to become a leader within the global AFP network, a leader in our community, and a leader in service to you – our member.

As a part of reaching those goals, our chapter has committed to elevating and interweaving the principles of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) into everything we do. Already this year, we've created a new position on the board's executive committee - IDEA Officer (formerly Director of IDEA) - and passed a board resolution re-affirming our commitment to our community to be a thought-leader, resource, and inclusive space for philanthropy professionals and non-profit organizations within the greater Cincinnati community and beyond.

As we continue working towards the three pillars of our strategic plan, we need our members—like you—to step forward and volunteer.

I know you have interest in community, philanthropy, and/or AFP. That is why I'm asking you today to help us do more together. Please check [AFP Greater Cincinnati's website](#) to learn more.

This year – 2022 - will be a year of new beginnings. A year of new and newly returned members. A year of a new AFP. And this most certainly includes YOU!

Best,

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# GET INVOLVED

## Why Get Involved?

Meet new friends and contacts and enhance your fundraising knowledge while you make a difference for the Chapter – get involved on an AFP committee! Whether you are a novice or experienced in your career, join us to make an impact and make a great chapter even greater.

- Network with others who do what you do
- Use and enhance your fundraising experience and knowledge
- Volunteer opportunities that match your interest and schedule
- Open to new and experienced fundraisers
- Volunteers are the heart of our AFP Chapter

Visit our website <https://www.afpcincinnati.org/get-involved/> to sign-up.

Questions may be directed to Elise Hyder, Engagement Coordinator – [ehyder@beechacres.org](mailto:ehyder@beechacres.org)

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### Save these Dates!

**February 2, 9:00-10:30:** Virtual Networking & Knowledge - **Religious and Cultural Philanthropy: How do various traditions approach giving differently?** with speakers: Rachel Rothstein, Faryal Khatri, and Rev Damon Lynch III

**February 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m.:** **Young Professionals Virtual Trivia**

**March 2, 9:00-10:30 a.m.:** Virtual Networking & Knowledge - **Topic TBD**

**March 11:** **Scholarship Deadline** – Fundamentals of Fundraising, Presidential, and YP

Visit for [afpcincinnati.org/events/list/](https://www.afpcincinnati.org/events/list/) to learn more and register!



**Mary Alexander**, Lindner Center of HOPE  
**Jake Bajwa**, Cincinnati Arts Association  
**Olivia Bunton**, Bethesda Foundation  
**John Clancy**, Gateway Community and Technical College  
**Tanya Cornejo**, Benefactor Group  
**Monica Defosse**, Cincinnati Right to Life  
**Gina Goings**, Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio

**Patrice Graziani**  
**Jay Janszen**, Next Generation Fundraising  
**Alexandria Morton-Green**, Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio  
**Tess Renusch**  
**John Sugawara**, Freestore Foodbank

**Congratulations to AFP Cincinnati's newest CFRE**

Jana Widmeyer, Bethesda Foundation

**New Faces of Fundraising is Back!!!**

Are you a diverse individual interested in a career in fundraising? The Greater Cincinnati Chapter has an experience for you! We are now accepting applications for Class IX of the New Faces of Fundraising program.

New Faces of Fundraising (<https://www.afpcincinnati.org/new-faces-of-fundraising/>) is a professional development program designed to introduce diverse participants to the field of non-profit fundraising. As a participant, New Faces receive the following:

- An in-depth introduction to the fundamentals of Fundraising
- Guidance from a mentor within the field
- A 200-hour paid internship with a local non-profit
- An Association of Fundraising Professionals membership
- Networking opportunities with content experts, speakers, New Faces alumni, and members of the AFP Greater Cincinnati Chapter

**[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION](#)**

**The application deadline is Friday, February 25, 2022.** For questions regarding the program and/or application, please contact the committee by e-mail at [newfacesafp@gmail.com](mailto:newfacesafp@gmail.com)

**Cincinnati AFP Resolution on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Access**

The mission of the AFP Greater Cincinnati Chapter, an association of professionals, advances philanthropy by enabling its members and nonprofit organizations to practice ethical and effective fundraising that changes our community for the better.

The vision of the AFP Greater Cincinnati Chapter is to be the recognized leader on fundraising and philanthropy in our area working to promote understanding of our profession and philanthropy in general. We, the AFP Greater Cincinnati Chapter, will be inclusive and welcoming, while providing our members with the best educational offerings and professional development opportunities.

We recognize philanthropy requires a continuous renewal of ideas, perspectives, and practices that reflect the evolving needs and diversity of the communities in which its embedded through equitable participation of its members.

We strive to diligently understand our members' needs and provide excellent service to members while creating and sustaining an efficient and effective operational structure that maximizes human and financial resources.

We will lead as an example in embracing and interweaving the principles of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) in alignment with AFP Global and is committed to:

- Fostering attitudes, behaviors, and procedures that facilitate equitable access and inclusion - allowing individuals to maximize their contribution to the chapter, and communities we serve; and,

- Applying an Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access lens in the selection process and criteria for all-volunteer positions, board appointments, committees, awards & scholarships; and,
- Providing innovative and relevant professional and leadership development training programs that address the need to increase the participation of diverse populations within the non-profit profession.

**[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)**

**AFP ICON 2022: Register by Jan. 28 to Save Up to \$400!**



The Early Bird Rate for the world's No. 1 fundraising conference ends this week! Register today and join us in Las Vegas, May 2-4, for three incredible days of learning and connecting with fellow fundraising professionals. 100+ education sessions, countless networking opportunities and amazing keynote speakers like Allyson Felix await.

**Register Now >> <https://afpicon.com>**

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