



Groundworks New Mexico Inaugural Annual Conference

**Awakening Our Social Sector:
Courageous Organizations, Powerful Communities**

**Wednesday, November 16 – Friday, November 18, 2022
Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque**

Conference Agenda

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Time	Agenda Item
3:00 - 3:30pm	Registration and Check-In
3:30 – 4:00pm	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
4:00 – 5:30pm	Start Bragging: A Conversation with Local Podcast Hosts <i>Local podcast celebrities and The Start Bragging Founders, Emily Howard, and Annemarie Ciepiela Henton, will kick off our inaugural conference with an ode to the Land of Enchantment and shine a light on the importance of our social sector.</i>
5:30 – 6:00pm	Break
6:00 – 6:15pm	Meet in Lobby for Shuttles
6:30pm	Shuttles Depart
6:45 - 9:00pm	Dinner in the Old Town and Sawmill Area

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Time	Agenda Item
7:30am	Guided meditation by Keshet Dance & Center for the Arts
8:00 - :30am	Registration and Check-In
8:30am	Plenary
8:30 – 9:15am	<p>Welcome and Plated Breakfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome from the Groundworks Board President Sara Keller</i> • <i>Groundworks New Mexico Annual Member Meeting</i>
9:15 - 9:30am	Break
9:30 – 10:30am	<p>“Where We have Been and How to Move Forward Together – Panel of New Mexico Thought Leaders”</p> <p>Thought leaders from across New Mexico’s social sector will share their observations of the challenges and triumphs of the last few years and share their insight into the social sector’s bright future.</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <p><i>JoAnn Melchor, President & CEO, New Mexico Foundation</i> <i>José Viramontes, CEO, Media Desk</i> <i>Johanna Nelson, New Mexico Economic Development Department</i></p>
10:35 – 11:15am	Structured Networking Break
11:15 – 11:30am	Movement Break lead by Keshet Dance & Center for the Arts
11:30 – 12:45pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Keynote Lunch</u></p> <p>“Staying the Course: Principles and Practices for Advancing Racial Equity”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Oronde Miller</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Director of Equity and Inclusion, The Annie E. Casey Foundation</i></p>
12:45 – 1:00pm	Networking & Keshet Movement Break
1:00 – 2:00pm	<p>“Collaboration Across the Full Ecosystem: Featuring the Native American Recovery Fund Zone Grant”</p> <p>This engaging session will explore the unique structure and lessons learned for breaking down obstacles, building relationships, and collaborating across our social sector in New Mexico.</p>

	<p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <p><i>Olivia Roanhorse, Roanhorse Consulting</i> <i>JoAnn Melchor, President & CEO, New Mexico Foundation</i> <i>Laura Harris, Americans for Indian Opportunity</i></p>
2:00 – 2:20pm	<p>Afternoon Wellness Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Movement break lead by Keshet Dance & Center for the Arts</i> ● <i>Healthy and fun snacks</i>
	Breakout Sessions
2:20 – 3:35pm	Breakout Session 1
	<p>Track 1: “Grant Reporting and Equitable Evaluation”</p> <p>Dr. Shelly Valdez and Rita Y. Martinez will guide attendees of this session through lessons, ideas, and new ways of thinking as we explore evaluation through an Indigenous lens. We hope you will join this breakout session that will engage the senses and offer opportunities for attendee participation.</p> <p><i>Speaker: Dr. Shelly Valdez, President, Native Pathways</i></p> <p><i>Speaker: Rita Martinez, Vice President, American Indian Development Associates</i></p>
	<p>Track 2: “Trust-Based Philanthropy: Building Trust-based Partnerships in the New Mexico Social Sector”</p> <p><i>Moderator: Shaady Salehi, Executive Director, Trust-Based Philanthropy Project</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <p><i>Khia Griffis, Community Impact Director, Albuquerque Community Foundation (ACF)</i></p> <p><i>Henry Rael, Director of Strategy and Initiatives, McCune Charitable Foundation</i></p> <p><i>Adrien Lawyer, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Transgender Resource Center and ACF Grantee</i></p> <p><i>Tony Monfiletto, Executive Director, Future Focused Education</i></p>
3:35 - 3:40pm	Break
3:40 – 4:55PM	Breakout Session 2
	Session 1: “Reimagining Good Governance for Boards and Leadership”

	<p>Nonprofits tend to inherit the models that came before, and accept conventional wisdom as doctrine we must follow. But what if we embrace the nonprofit sector as a place of growth, change, and imagination? Nonprofit boards have conventionally been seen as the managing class of nonprofits, and have often felt compelled to set policies that go far outside of what they are actually required to do by law. There are lots of ways boards can help nonprofits thrive, and many ways they can unintentionally impede the prosperity of the organization they're trying to help.</p> <p><i>Speaker: Brooke Hunter, Senior Advisor, TechCongress; Senior Advisor, Aspen Tech Policy Hub; and Founder, Ethical Leadership Services</i></p>
	<p>Session 2: "Workplace Wellness in Our Social Sector"</p> <p>The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted both our physical and mental health. Employees' needs and priorities have changed helping cause "The Great Resignation." This interactive session, aimed at both employees and employers, will help you bring wellness into your workplace.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p><i>Celia Yapita, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, United Way</i></p> <p><i>Sarah Ghiorse, Executive Director, New Mexico Women .org</i></p> <p><i>Christopher Ramirez, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Together for Brothers</i></p>
5:00 - 6:00pm	<p>Reception Happy Hour</p> <p><i>Join us for a fun evening of networking over hors d'oeuvres and drinks. One complimentary mocktail, beer, wine, or cocktail.</i></p>

Friday, November 18, 2022

7:30 - 8:00am	Guided meditation by Keshet Dance & Center for the Arts
8:00 - 9:15am	<p>Continental breakfast buffet</p> <p>"New Mexico's Social Sector Resiliency in the Face of Climate Change"</p> <p>Despite the widespread destruction to our lands and communities caused by the historic wildfires in Northern New Mexico earlier this year, people and organizations rallied to provide support to their neighbors. During this panel, we will hear from several leaders in Northern New Mexico that embody the resilience of our social sector and how we can come together to address environmental emergencies both now and in the future.</p>

	<p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>Diane Hamamoto, Director of Grants & Community Impact, Santa Fe Community Foundation</i></p> <p><i>Joseph Griego, Board Member of Mora Mainstreet and Director of Mora Head Start</i></p> <p><i>Wendy Pierard, Board of Directors, Hermits Peak Watershed Alliance</i></p>
9:15 – 10:15 am	<p>“Seizing the Moment for New Mexico: Federal Funding Opportunities for the Social Sector”</p> <p>Senator Martin Heinrich will kick off a conversation on how federal funding can improve the economic, environmental, health, and social well-being of New Mexicans, and the partnership between government and nonprofit sectors that is critical to ensuring vulnerable communities benefit. He will specifically outline upcoming funding opportunities arising from recent federal legislation.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p><i>Senator Martin Heinrich, U.S. Senator for New Mexico</i> <i>Rita O’Connell, Northern New Mexico Field Representative</i> <i>Sylvia Ulloa, Southern New Mexico Field Representative</i> <i>Aurora Valdez, Central New Mexico Field Representative</i></p>
10:15 – 10:30	Break
	Plenary Session
10:30 – 11:30am	<p>“Center for Nonprofit Excellence: An Interactive Discussion for Funders and Nonprofits”</p> <p><i>Discussion Co-Hosts:</i></p> <p><i>Angelo Gonzales, Interim Deputy Secretary, New Mexico Public Education Department</i></p> <p><i>Kristi Dorr, Executive Director, Groundworks New Mexico</i></p>
11:30am	Conference Adjourns