



## “Mining our Strengths”

In 2011 the Great Lake Award Initiative focuses on maximizing organizational strengths and identifying extra capacity in these areas that can support improvement in other areas of the organization.

Participating Organizations have the opportunity to:

- Complete an organizational self-assessment
- Select from a menu of seven training events
- Work with Non-profit leaders as peer mentors
- Be awarded “Make It Happen” Grant dollars (up to \$1,000)
- Qualify to compete for a 2013 Great Lake Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management

In addition, participating nonprofit organizations will receive workbooks and resource materials for all participants.

In 2011, up to 20 teams will have an exceptional opportunity to build their organization’s capacity through training and technical assistance. An organization’s team must include the Executive Director, a board member and a staff member. **Important to note:** This year, not all team members are required to attend all trainings selected by the organization. If your organization has minimal or no staff, you may include an additional board member or a seasoned volunteer. In addition, your organization must include with it’s Application/Statement of Commitment; 1) A list of the Board of Directors and Officers including professional affiliations and individual addresses, 2) A copy of the most current fiscal year financial statements of the organization, and 3) A copy of the IRS Determination Letter designating federal tax exempt status. See our website, [www.legacyfoundationlakeco.org](http://www.legacyfoundationlakeco.org) for the application form. Application deadline is Friday, March 11. The first 20 organizations with applications that meet all requirements will be selected for program participation. Applications with original signatures may be faxed or e-mailed as long as originals are in the Legacy Office by 5p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2011.

2010 Great Lake Award Initiative participants had these comments about the program. . . .

“Although our organization ended up attending nearly every workshop; having a ‘menu’ of workshops to select from was great!”

“The relationship we have with our mentor has become deeper and richer over the course of our participation in the Initiative. We look forward to serving in that role. ”

