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	Events	Activities
<p>MARCH</p> 	<p>Teams apply through Friday, March 11</p> <p>2011 GLAI LAUNCH</p> <p>Who Are We? REALLY? Tuesday, March 29 4 -8 p.m. Location: Merrillville High School Freshman Cafeteria Entrance J or I</p>	<p><i>Presented by:</i> Ryan Strode; Analyst, Arabella Philanthropic Investment Advisors</p> <p>First, a fascinating overview of the economic, social and cultural role the nonprofit sector and a fresh look at our organizations for <i>current</i> strengths!</p> <p>IMPORTANT! During this time period, organizations will be paired with Peer Mentors and are expected to complete their assessment. Organizations are also expected to identify 1- 3 goals they plan to achieve during participation in the 2011 GLAI.</p>
<p>APRIL</p> 	<p>Workshop II</p> <p>Board Leadership, Board Development and Legal Responsibilities for Board Members</p> <p>Tuesday, April 26 4- 8 p.m.</p> <p>Location: Merrillville High School Freshman Cafeteria Entrance J or I</p>	<p><i>Presented by:</i> Daniel Nisbet; Regional Vice President, CCS Fund Raising Development Consultants</p> <p>This workshop focuses on using self assessment to identify strengths in board leadership and leveraging those strengths to insure that organization is fiscally, programmatically and legally sound <i>and</i> prepared to achieve 1-3 goals set for this initiative.</p>
<p>MAY</p>	<p>Workshop III</p> <p>Creating and Maintaining the Case File – Having Everything at Your Fingertips to Successfully Submit A Proposal With a Short Deadline</p> <p>Wednesday, May 25 8:30 - Noon Location: Geminus Corporation Lower Level</p>	<p><i>Presented by:</i> Cara Spicer; Program Officer, Legacy Foundation</p> <p>An organization who has an up to date Case File will always have the competitive edge in responding to funding opportunities. Learn the “must have” documents to have on hand both electronically and in hard copy as well as strategies to ensure these documents remain “up to the minute” and proposal ready. See how a professional, well presented proposal can be pulled together in just hours.</p>


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<p>June</p>	<p>Workshop IV</p> <p>Fundraising: Strategy <i>and</i> “Talking the Talk”</p> <p>Wednesday, June 8 8:30 - Noon Location: Geminus Lower Level</p> <p>Workshop V</p> <p>“Telling Our Story” 2011 Time for a Marketing and Organizational Image Audit?</p> <p>Wednesday, June 22 8:30 - Noon Location: Geminus Lower Level</p>	<p>Presented by: Harry Vande Velde; President and CEO Legacy Foundation and Rob Cummings; Regional Director of Philanthropy, Sisters of St. Francis Health Services; Northern Indiana Region</p> <p>Join these two fund-raising professionals in a lively session designed to fine tune your annual fund raising strategies and give you a “safe space” to practice building relationships with donors.</p> <p>Presented by: Kris Falzone; President, Communicato Strategic Consulting Ltd.</p> <p>This workshop presents an opportunity to take a closer look at the “Public Communications & Alliances” section of your organization’s self assessment. Teams can utilize insight gained from self assessment to audit current communication tools and strategies and prioritize those pieces that <i>must</i> be in place to effectively promote your mission.</p>
<p>July</p>	<p>NO Workshops this Month! BUT, Mid Initiative Progress Reports on Goals are due. These should be shared with your Peer Mentor and copy submitted to cspicer@legacyfoundationlakeco.org</p>	<p>Mid Initiative Progress Report Forms (one page) will be available to teams in June.</p>
<p>August</p> 	<p>Workshop VI</p> <p>“10 Minute Topics!” Based on Participant request, a variety of experts will be available for one on one discussion with your organization</p> <p>Wednesday, August 10 8:30 – 12 Noon Location: Geminus, Lower Level</p>	<p>A variety of experts in nonprofit management lead table discussions on topics/questions generated by participating teams. Facilitated by Harry Vande Velde and Cara Spicer of Legacy foundation.</p>

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<p>September</p> 	<p>Workshop VII</p> <p>Accounting Transparency – Your Financials at Your Fingertips</p> <p>Tuesday, September 13 5 – 8p.m.</p> <p>Location: Merrillville High School Freshman Cafeteria Entrance J or I</p>	<p><i>Presented by:</i> Janine Van Stelle-Haded; Staff Accountant, Whitaker and Co, PLLC</p> <p>This presentation shows how to maximize QuickBooks to achieve financial reporting that is transparent <i>and</i> invaluable for informing decisions that impact programming, sustainability, and donor relationships.</p>
<p>October</p>	<p>“Make It Happen” Grant Opportunity</p> <p>Submission Deadline: Monday, October 3</p>	<p>Participating Teams who have attended a minimum of three workshops including one with board members in attendance are eligible to submit “Make it Happen” proposal (MIH)</p>
<p>November</p>	<p>2011 Great Lake Award Initiative Teams Recognized at Annual Event!</p>	