



Empowering Central Oregon's Nonprofits to Strengthen Our Communities
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Dear Community Member,

Leadership Bend, a nine-month program of the Bend Chamber, is empowering Central Oregon's nonprofits to strengthen our communities in the region.

The members of this group, comprised of 25 regional leaders with diverse backgrounds, share a common commitment to a better future for our community. We believe real change and solutions to problems in our community can be obtained through strategic philanthropy. To help foster that idea, the Leadership Bend class of 2016 presents to you, the second annual Central Oregon Impact Summit.

While all nonprofit organizations contribute to the vitality of our region, many of our smaller nonprofit organizations could benefit from a strategic business planning process. Through workshops focusing on marketing, board governance and pitch creation, 10 selected nonprofits will have access to expert coaches and trainers.

On May 10, five nonprofits will take the stage and show off the culmination of how they have become well-equipped to better position themselves as organizations during a Pitch Night at The Riverhouse Convention Center at 5:30 p.m.

At this community event, each nonprofit pitch will be evaluated, both by a panel of community leaders and by the event audience. A sponsor-supported cash prize will be awarded to one nonprofit and an "audience choice" award will be granted to another.

The second annual COIS is an exciting endeavor for Central Oregon, with enthusiasm reaching across the private and public sectors. We anticipate an audience of more than 100 and direct participation by many of Central Oregon's iconic businesses.

We invite you to be a part of the legacy, cultivating and strengthening the fabric our communities by supporting the Central Oregon Impact Summit by holding the date of the event and considering making a tax-deductible donation as a program sponsor. Sponsors will have many opportunities to promote their businesses while providing a valuable and appreciated service to our community.

Please contact us with any questions at sponsorship@coimpactsummit.com. Thank you for being a part of our remarkable Central Oregon community.

Sincerely,

Leadership Bend Class of 2016