FOOD FOR THOUGHT: RETHINKING VOLUNTEERISM



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Fundraising feasibility studies

Fundraising campaign management

Resource development program assessment

Annual campaigns

Major gift development

Board development

Strategic planning

Partnership/collaboration exploration

COVID recovery & restore

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Leadership

Governance

Strategic planning

Fundraising

Marketing & promotion

Collaborations & partnerships

COVID recovery & restore

AGENDA OVERVIEW

☐ Survey of ChesCo Nonprofits

→ Restore ChesCo: Nonprofit Innovation & Resiliency Fund



■ Volunteer Planning

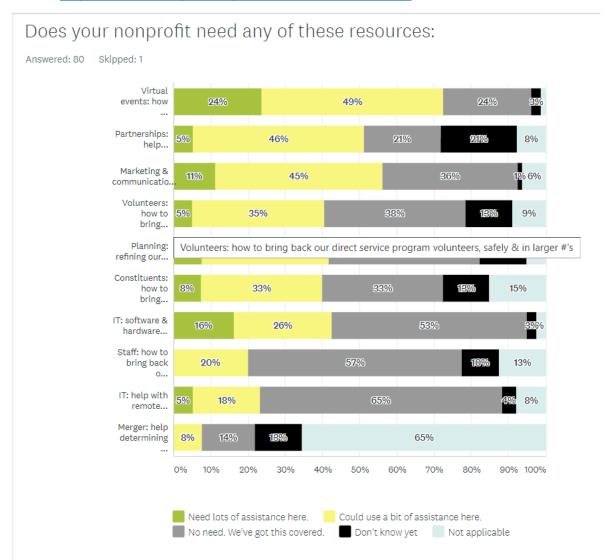
Scenario Planning Remote Volunteers

On-Site Volunteers

□ Panel Discussion: Learnings from the Field
 Chester County Food Bank – Good Neighbors - Orion

CHESCO COVID RECOVERY SURVEY RESPONSES

SURVEY = https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChesCoNPOCOVID
RESPONSE SUMMARY = https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-LJZSV62Y/



RESTORE CHESCO: Nonprofit Innovation & Resiliency Fund



https://chescocf.org/covidgrant/

Priorities

- Nonprofits that provide clear evidence of how they aim to/are reshaping their programs, services, administration, marketing and fundraising, to safely provide services and thrive in light of COVID impacts
- Nonprofits with substantial costs to comply with COVID public health requirements
- Nonprofits that serve a diverse constituency, and are governed and managed by diverse leadership

VOLUNTEER CONSIDERATIONS: PANDEMIC RESPONSE & RECOVERY

Charting the path to a 'new normal' as increasing # of volunteers re-engage

Risk management & scenario planning

• We can't go backward, but we certainly can go forward.

No one was prepared for this worldwide pandemic.

Now we must be prepared.

This includes the mysterious part of figuring out what to do & risk mitigation

Constrained by what we think are the right choices

- Make sure our nonprofit & its people remain healthy
- Don't create a community problem by returning onsite prematurely
- Each nonprofit must make its own decisions about volunteer modifications



❖ ON-SITE VOLUNTEERS



REMOTE VOLUNTEERS: ADMINISTRATIVE & DIRECT SERVICE

WWW.VOLUNTEERMATCH.ORG/SEARCH/INDEX.JSP

Administrative Volunteers

Marketing/Communications/Social Media

- -Analytics summary & recommendations
- -Brand Development & Messaging
- -Copy Writing / Copy Editing
- -Email promotion assist
- -Graphic Design
- -Marketing Strategy & Planning
- -Newsletter writing/editing assist
- -Public Relations
- -Sales Marketing
- -Social media campaign assist: design, post
- -Website blogging
- -Website updates

Fundraising

- -Prospect research online
- -Stewardship & thank you courtesy calls to existing donors
- -Thank you note writing
- -Write personal notes on appeal letters
- -Hold virtual cultivation events



Computers & IT

- -mentoring tech-challenged staff, volunteers, constituents
- -database cleanup
- -database data entry
- -analytics
- -internet research

Bookkeeping

- -data entry
- -report generation

Direct Service Volunteers

-endless possibilities

On-Site Volunteers

*** ON-SITE VOLUNTEERS**

On-Site: incremental

Refine the plan to provide for increased # of volunteers to come back to the worksite safely

- Not returning to "business as usual" but rather to new business models, policies & practices
- Health & safety are at the forefront of return-to-worksite decisions
- Returning to worksite can only happen when a worksite IS safe + widely PERCEIVED as safe

As increased # of volunteers return to worksite, nonprofits must have protocols in place

- Public health safety signage; 6' markers
- Temps, masks, gloves/sanitizer, plexiglass
- Alternate days or weeks
- Very small groups w/social distancing While socializ-ing



CONSIDERATIONS

Uncertainty will remain for some time...into 2021

- This is a process that is going to happen very slowly over the course of several months.
- There will be restrictions on how we run our nonprofits, how many people can be inside, how our employees interact with consumers. COVID has altered large aspects of how we operate.

Considerations

- What permanent changes to volunteer practices are you considering as a result of pandemic lessons learned?
- Has the pandemic prompted your nonprofit to consider new business models or accelerate business model changes that were already in the works?
- What opportunities have you discovered as a result of the crisis?



VOLUNTEERS IN THE AGE OF COVID PANEL DISCUSSION









CHESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK		PHOENIXVILLE SENIOR CENTER	VOLUNTEER ENGLISH PROGRAM
Lauren Van Dyk	Kris Keller	Julie Gaudan	Terri Potrako
Volunteer Coordinator	Executive Director	Executive Director	Executive Director

- 1. How are you using volunteers now? What are you considering for the near future?
- 2. What are lessons learned & tips to maximize REMOTE use of volunteers?
- 3. What are lessons learned & tips to grow ON-SITE use of volunteers? How do you ensure volunteer health & safety on-site?
- 4. How are you recruiting volunteers? How are you finding each other?
- 5. What are some things you've learned during COVID about volunteerism at your nonprofit?

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What VOLUNTEER REFINEMENTS has your nonprofit discovered amidst the pandemic crisis?

Make sure you sign up for the next session on Dec. 8th



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