Things are busy at the Nonprofit Center and we’re excited to share with you our plans for 2018. But first, take a look back at some of the ways we served Berkshire nonprofits in 2017.

A LOOK BACK...

We think it’s important for every nonprofit to list their accomplishments at the end of each year, for taking stock internally but also to share with donors and grant makers. We all move so fast, it’s important to take a step back and congratulate yourself on the things you’ve accomplished. Here are the NPC’s Top Twelve:

1. Provided 11 workshops on topics ranging from Social Media Hacks to Donor Management Systems
2. Published Berkshire Nonprofit CONNECTIONS, the first ever magazine for the nonprofit sector
3. Published the 2nd annual “Giving Back” Guide and distributed 5,000 free copies to help connect nonprofits to people who want to volunteer or donate
4. In collaboration with Nash Insights, implemented a county-wide survey on Nonprofit Benefits
5. Partnered with Erin Sullivan to conduct a study on Sharing Resources
6. Established satellite office hours in North Adams in collaboration with MCLA
7. Met with over 60 nonprofits
8. Launched a ListServe to facilitate nonprofit communication countywide
9. Assisted Pnug in launching their online giving marketplace
10. Presented a networking event for nonprofit Executive Directors at The Mount with inspirational speaker Maria Sirois
11. Became the official Berkshire County Representative on MA Nonprofit Network’s Board of Directors and hosted their Berkshires Region meeting at Saint James Place
12. Contributed two articles to Berkshire Magazine mentioning 34 different nonprofits and offering tips on volunteering and ways to give during the holidays
AND A LOOK FORWARD...

Here’s what’s new for 2018:

We’re offering a “Nonprofit Boot Camp” for emerging nonprofits. This one day intensive seminar focuses on governance and includes a practical 100-page reference binder.

Save the date for the first ever Berkshire Nonprofit Awards Breakfast! May 22, 2018 at Pittsfield Country Club.

We’re publishing a comprehensive Nonprofit Resource Guide to every type of service and product used by nonprofits. Let us save you time searching and researching so you can spend more time on your mission.

Networking Events with a Purpose. Nonprofit leaders have expressed need for more face-to-face networking but with an educational bent or some other practical advantage such as inspirational speakers, moderated roundtables etc.

Develop a philanthropy curriculum for local schools incorporating the Giving Back guide as a tool.

We’ll also be forming a nonprofit advisory board

Our workshop series continues with a twist. We’re partnering with Berkshire Community College South County Center to offer a series of 5 workshops at their Main Street, Great Barrington location. A series of workshops will also be offered in North Adams.

Join us on March 20th at the Red Lion Inn for the MA Nonprofit Network Berkshire Regional Meeting: Federal Tax Reform - Where do we go from here?