



Whatcom Community Foundation

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Local *Igniting Philanthropy* Luncheon Speaker Series

Local members of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) along with the Whatcom Community Foundation and United Way of Whatcom County are providing educational and professional development opportunities for organizations serving the community through *Igniting Philanthropy*, a luncheon speaker series.

AFP Washington is part of the National Association of Fundraising Professionals, the largest organization of professional fundraisers in the world. Members adhere to a code of ethics that guide their work. AFP exists to foster professional development and growth; promote high ethical standards that build donor trust; and preserve and enhance philanthropy and volunteerism.

According to Mauri Ingram, President and CEO of the Whatcom Community Foundation and AFP Board Member, "Our local organizations work tirelessly to serve our community and make this a better place for all of us. They provide health care, education, children's services, museums and arts organizations, food banks and emergency services, and much more. All these services and activities help build stronger communities throughout Whatcom County. We are bringing expertise from around the region to Bellingham in response to requests from organizations for more *local* professional development opportunities. We are all committed to working smarter and more efficiently, particularly in this tough economy. We've made the series affordable to even the smallest organizations."

All Programs: Earn 1.5 Continuing Education credits while expanding network and skill building.

Bellingham's *Igniting Philanthropy* Luncheon Speaker Series

All events held at Windows on the Bay | 11:30am to 1:30pm

Registration: early bird AFP members \$25/early bird nonmembers \$35/day-of-program \$50 (includes lunch)

Register online at <http://www.afp washington.org/>

Breathing New Life into Your Annual Campaign

Scott Garrepy, Chief Development Officer, SightLife, Seattle, WA

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Building a Board of Champions: Raising More Money by Leaps and Bounds

Ray Li, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Neighborhood House, Seattle, WA

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012

Major Gifts: Making "Asks" That Change Lives

Sonya Champion, Champion Foundation

Thursday, March 15, 2012

Planned Giving: Helping Donors Make Their Mark

Betty Krejci, Director of Development, LifeWorks NW, Portland, OR

Thursday, May 17, 2012



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2012 at a Glance**

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