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Southside Community Partners Offers Introduction to Nonprofit Board Service

Hopewell -- Southside Community Partners, the nonprofit program working to strengthen the Tri-cities and Southside community by strengthening nonprofit organizations, announces it is collaborating with Richmond-based, Partnership for Nonprofit Excellence and HandsOn Greater Richmond on an initiative to increase community involvement in nonprofit governance and leadership through the web-based matching service, BoardLink. BoardLink opens doors to community leadership opportunities by training and recruiting volunteers and introducing them to nonprofit board or board committee opportunities.

Southside Community Partners will offer the BoardLink workshop, ***Building Blocks: Introduction to Nonprofit Board Service***. This workshop is for new board members or those thinking of serving who would appreciate an introduction to the fundamentals of effective governance including basic roles, responsibilities, legal obligations and structure. Participants will leave with an understanding of the characteristics of a successful board and basic expectations of service.

All nonprofit organizations are required to have a Board of Directors that is a governing board and has the responsibility of monitoring, overseeing and providing direction in pursuit of the mission of the organization.

Serving on a nonprofit board can be a profoundly rewarding experience that provides personal as well as community-wide benefits. As volunteer leaders, board members play an important role in the success of community-based organizations. Boards have significant legal and ethical responsibilities to their constituents, staff and communities.

The Building Blocks workshop will take place on Wednesday, April 27 from 9:30am – 12:30pm at the Appomattox Regional Library in Hopewell. A fee of \$25 includes light refreshments and workshop reference material. *Special Bonus!* - Receive a coupon for a FREE training (\$25 value) when you attend the Building Blocks workshop!

For more information and to register please go to <http://bit.ly/dHjjuw> or contact Rebecca Eisenman at 804-458-6329 x2013 or reisenman@scpartners.org.

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About Southside Community Partners: Southside Community Partners invests in the people and systems that work to solve the complex social issues of our community. By delivering high impact resources and services we help build the capacity of nonprofit organizations so they more effectively deliver programs and activities that improve the quality of life for residents in the Southside Virginia region. Our three focus areas include human resource development through *Learning & Leadership* professional training programs, organizational/institutional strengthening through pathways to funding and management resources in the *Nonprofit Resource Center* and community engagement through *ConnectSouthside.org*. Southside Community Partners is a program of the Appomattox Regional Library System. Support for Southside Community Partners is provided by The Cameron Foundation and the John Randolph Foundation. Learn more at www.ConnectSouthside.org.