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Southside Community Partners Approved as a CFRE Continuing Education Provider

Hopewell -- Southside Community Partners, the nonprofit program working to strengthen the Southside community by strengthening nonprofit organizations, announces it is now an approved provider for CFRE Continuing Education. Beginning immediately, for all future workshops and retroactively for past spring sessions Learning & Leadership workshops offered by Southside Community Partners will give attendees the opportunity to gain CFRE Continuing Education Points.

“Learning & Leadership workshops have been invaluable in providing knowledge and practical, actionable ideas that help nonprofit professionals in the Southside region deliver programs effectively and efficiently,” said Wendy Austin, Director of Southside Community Partners. “Offering CFRE continuing education credits will serve to further increase the value of the workshop curriculum and will ultimately serve to strengthen the development operations of participating nonprofits.”

Founded in 2001, CFRE International is an independent 501(c)6 organization offering the only internationally-recognized baseline professional credential for philanthropic fundraising executives. According to the CFRE, based on valid practice-based standards, the Certified Fund Raising Executive designation is a personal and professional achievement in philanthropy. To achieve CFRE certification, candidates must meet extensive knowledge and competencies criteria as well as pass a rigorous exam. Certification must be renewed every three years. Part of the renewal process requires continuing education.



“This is a very exciting enhancement for Southside Community Partners Learning & Leadership workshops,” said Rebecca Eisenman, Program Coordinator. “The CFRE approved provider status delivers a clear measure of assurance of the high quality of our workshops and programs. Whether you are just beginning your career or a seasoned nonprofit professional, Learning & Leadership workshops are convenient, affordable and effective for learning and networking.”

To learn more about Southside Community Partners Learning & Leadership schedule and registration visit www.ConnectSouthside.org/nptrainings.

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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.