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Message from Executive Director Christie Brown

One top finding in our recent nonprofit needs survey indicated a demand for discounted office supply products. With that in mind, we are working with Thrive, a group purchasing organization dedicated to serving nonprofits, to get discounts for our local nonprofits. See article below for how to sign up through Thrive to get discounted Staples products. Purchases can then be made online through the Staples Advantage site, or once signed up, you can register your credit card(s) to have discounts applied automatically at in-store checkout. Over 800 of their most popular products are discounted!

Also new this month, please take a moment to answer our [Question of the Month](#), below, and send me your suggestions for future questions. Responses will be shared in the following month's newsletter.

We continue to look at how we can support our members in new ways. If you have suggestions or ideas, please feel free to [email me](#) or give me a call to discuss!

Thank you for your partnership,

Christie Brown

Question of the Month

Data ... Information ... Helpful Tips Looking at how we can share more information that might be

helpful to our nonprofit work, we will have a monthly Question/Survey. All responses will be anonymous, so in case of sensitivity of some questions, responses will not be tracked in any way, and results will be shared in aggregate the following month's newsletter.

This month's question:

Does your agency do drug screening as part of the hiring process?

Click on the question to answer via [Survey Monkey](#).

Do you have a suggestion for a future question? Email suggestions to [Christie Brown](#).

Taking Your Team From Good to Great on May 11

This workshop is designed to help you develop and improve your management team so they can lead your organization from Good To Great. The organizational research 'best practices' for team building towards highest level productivity will be explored and discussed in this interactive training utilizing the Jim Collins "Good To Great" framework and high currency emotional intelligence training to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of your agency.

Thomas Monaco, PhD, will be the presenter of this informative workshop. Tom is known by many in the nonprofit community for his work through Executive Service Corps of Cincinnati and the Nonprofit Leadership Institute in partnership with Talbert House.

[May Building Blocks Registration Form](#)

Building Blocks for Nonprofits Seminars: Upcoming Schedule

Date	Presenter	Topic
April 6	John Bohley	High-Performing Accountable Boards - Still time to Register!
May 11	Tom Monaco	Taking Your Team from Good to Great
June 8	Elliot Grossman	Marketing for Nonprofits on a Shoestring
July 13	Erin Childs, Patrick Frambes, Wayne Owens	Foundational Basics: Best Practices for Legal, Accounting and HR
August 10	Susan Ingmire and Jim Yunker	Grants + More
September 14	TBD	Social Media Quickstarter
October 12	Diane Jordan-Grizzard	Coaching for Best Performance
November 9	Jane Page-Steiner	Organizational & Strategic Planning with

The "Building Blocks" seminar series is made possible in part by **Interact for Health** and **U.S. Bank**.



Thrive

GPO **Spend Less. Do More.**

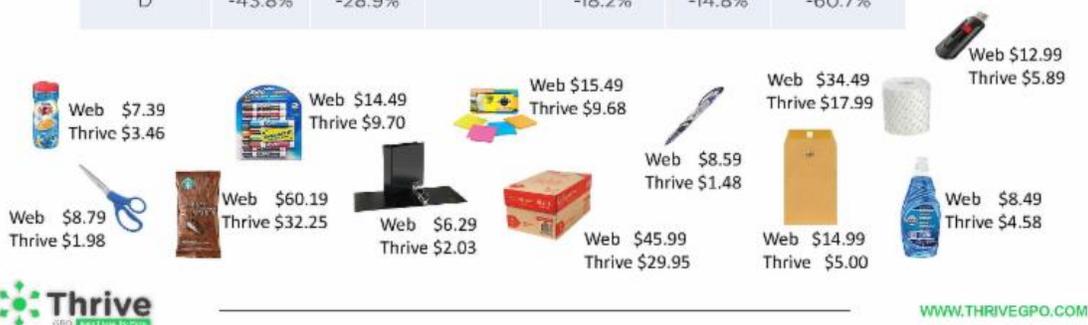
Thrive GPO: Staples Advantage Discounts and more

Thrive GPO is a group purchasing organization dedicated to serving nonprofits. They have negotiated competitive pricing on products from Staples, Grainger, Sprint and others.

Staples Advantage is a companion site to Staples.com where everything on the website is discounted for Thrive members. Around 800 of the most commonly purchased items are 20-80% off the everyday web price.

Demonstrated Savings

Member Organization	Office Products	Paper	Toner	Breakroom Items	Janitorial Supplies	Technology Products
A	-43.0%	-33.6%	-5.3%	-9.0%	-24.0%	-30.0%
B	-18.5%		-6.5%			
C	-29.8%					
D	-43.8%	-28.9%		-18.2%	-14.8%	-60.7%



 Web \$7.39 Thrive \$3.46	 Web \$14.49 Thrive \$9.70	 Web \$15.49 Thrive \$9.68	 Web \$8.59 Thrive \$1.48	 Web \$34.49 Thrive \$17.99	 Web \$12.99 Thrive \$5.89
 Web \$8.79 Thrive \$1.98	 Web \$60.19 Thrive \$32.25	 Web \$6.29 Thrive \$2.03	 Web \$45.99 Thrive \$29.95	 Web \$14.99 Thrive \$5.00	 Web \$8.49 Thrive \$4.58

 WWW.THRIVEGPO.COM

Joining Thrive is simple and open to all nonprofits. Sign up at ThriveGPO.

Approval into the Thrive marketplace will occur almost immediately. Members can access the full marketplace including the Thrive Procurement Desk, Sprint, Expedia and all of their educational materials. Credentials for "account based" suppliers such as Staples and Grainger will take anywhere from 3-10 business days.

Once set up with Staples, you can register your credit card(s) under the Thrive membership and automatically get any discounts applied at checkout. But it is helpful to check online to see which products have negotiated discounts to ensure you take advantage of the best deals.

Another unique service Thrive offers is their Procurement Desk, which allows you to get competitive quotes for large purchases. Some of the items they have helped members to purchase include appliances, lighting fixtures, and exercise equipment - just to name a few. They can get competitive quotes on just about anything (>\$2000) in a marketplace of over 60,000 qualified suppliers. They do all the work to get competitive bids, and report back to you with no obligation.

Learn about: Cincinnati Toolbank



The heart of the **ToolBank** is the tool lending program. Not-for-profit organizations have year-round access to the ToolBank's inventory of tools and equipment for a nominal fee.

Besides having lots of traditional tools available to rent, they also have ice chests, water coolers, high-top, round and 6' long folding tables, projector, microphone and stand and many other items for your events or presentations. Typical handling fee is 3% of the retail value and items can be borrowed from 1-8 weeks. A grant from PNC Bank gives nonprofits and charitable organizations **FREE access for the entire month of April!** Learn more and/or become a member at [Cincinnati Toolbank](#).

Fundraising Opportunity

The Voice of Your Customer is a local minority marketing firm that provides focus group research for their clients. They are often in need of focus group participants. There are two types of opportunities:

1. group fundraising where agencies sign up to host and recruit for a focus group with participants knowing compensation goes to the hosting agency, and/or
2. opportunities for individuals within your organization to participate and be paid individually.

To receive email notifications of these opportunities, you can [sign-up](#) directly with Voice of Your Customer. Or to learn more, visit [The Voice of Your Customer website](#).

Membership Benefits

ReSource membership offers many great benefits. If you are not a current ReSource member, consider joining today! (Membership Application [here](#).)

Current benefits include:

- Access to warehouse of donated furniture
 - Access to donations from retail partners like Walmart and Costco
 - Event decór loans (fee to nonmembers)
 - Grant research with grantstation.com
 - Discounts on Building Blocks for Nonprofits seminars
 - Good360 product discounts
 - ThriveGPO discounts at Staples Advantage and more
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Saturday Hours Discontinued

After our 3-month trial of Saturday morning hours, unfortunately we have found there was not enough demand to warrant continuing. We will continue our regular hours of Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with last checkout at 4:15.

Thank you for your understanding of our need to balance schedules and staffing with demand as we work to serve our members as productively as possible.

BakeMeHome Co-founders Named 2015 Women of the Year

For the 48th year, the Enquirer is recognizing women for their contributions to local communities through their Women of the Year program. Emma and Amy Bushman, freshmen at Anderson High School and co-founders of BakeMeHome, are the recipients of the new Emerging Young Woman Award.

BakeMeHome was founded in 2008 and currently serves 18 agencies in Southwest Ohio and troops overseas. It is a charitable organization dedicated to promoting volunteerism and encouraging shared family experiences for those in crisis.

Congratulations, Emma and Amy!

