# SOUTHERN MINNESOTA Nonprofit Summit

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The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits is pleased to host our fourth annual conference for nonprofits in Greater Minnesota, this year in Rochester. This day-long event is designed to bring together staff, board members, and volunteers from around the region to learn, network, and strategize. The Summit is especially designed for small to mid-size organizations and those located in or serving Southeast and Southern Minnesota.

**Come to Learn.** Enjoy workshops covering top trends, opportunities and challenges facing our sector—like fundraising, board governance, advocacy and volunteers.

Build Your Network. Connect with nonprofit peers in your region, as well as select resource exhibitors providing products and services designed to help you move your mission forward.

**Celebrate Southern Minnesota.** Find inspiration in the remarkable work of nonprofits in the region and learn about MCN's hopes for our increased presence in the Rochester area in 2014 and beyond.

# **Conference Highlights**

#### **Opening Plenary**

During this jam-packed, fast-paced opening session, a panel of sector experts will provide a broad overview and update on nonprofit capacity-building activities on a local, regional and state level. Attendees will hear the latest regional nonprofit economic numbers, get the inside scoop on how the MCN is partnering with regional nonprofit supporters to increase training and networking opportunities in the region, and have an opportunity to share feedback on what you're hoping to see happen in order to help you strengthen your organization.

## **Lunch Panel - Regional Funders**

During this lunch panel, you'll hear from a mix of funders, all who give in Southeast and Southern Minnesota. Among the topics discussed: what funders are really looking for, how to meet funder goals while staying true to your own mission, how to build successful relationships, tips for successful proposals, outcomes, and views on the current and future land-scape of giving in the region. There will be time for questions during this session.

## **A Dozen Interactive Breakout Sessions**

The Summit brings together experts from across the state to share wisdom and experience on the topics most important to your work. This year's breakout offerings touch on nearly every aspect of nonprofit work—from fundraising and communications to advocacy, volunteer engagement and board recruitment.

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