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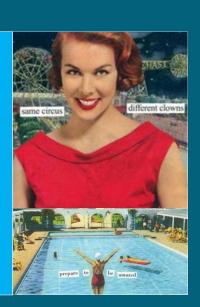








2016 Annual Alliance Summit Summary



2016 Annual Alliance Summit Featuring Vu Le Not Your Mother's Nonprofit

On Wednesday afternoon the 2016 Annual Alliance Summit kicked off with a presentation by Vu Le, Executive Director or Rainer Valley Corps, and the author of the wildly popular blog, "Nonprofit with Balls." Vu began his presentation by discussing the crucial importance of the perception of the Nonprofit world, and steps we must take as a sector to change it. "Society's perception [of the nonprofit sector] plays into our challenges, such as the overhead and sustainability myths." - Vu Le

















What People Are Saying:

Very entertaining and thought provoking. I walked away feeling like I had some great concepts to share with my management team. I enjoyed the balance of presentation and group discussion. The content was delivered in a fashion that made it feel as if it was part of a conversation...it set the stage for self-exploration and disclosure in a safe welcoming environment."

I think that is was awesome to have Vu as a speaker - kind of like meeting a rock star! Super funny and engaging. We need more comic relief in our field! He is a breath of fresh air."

I greatly appreciate Vu's style of presenting significant and meaningful topics in an approachable and humorous style. The discussion of equity and race was nicely done for a short session, as was myth breaking discussions around scrappy/martyr barriers we face in how we perceive and other's perceive our sector."

It was a fun informative session that kept me engaged. He has a refreshing outlook on things that have been helpful in looking at the bigger picture."

2016 Annual Alliance Summit Funder Relations, and Facilitated Discussion with Funder Panel

On Thursday Morning, Vu Le continued his session with a discussion regarding the importance of making time for Diversity and Inclusion, as well as delving further into funder relations. In the afternoon we were joined by our funder panelists and led through a discussion facilitated by Concordia University's Chief Vision Officer, Johnnie Dressner. "Racism and Poverty are two different obstacles that are intertwined. It's hard for people to be innovative when they're only thinking about survival." - Vu Le



















What People Are Saying:

It's like an overnight success, 30 years in the making" - Suk Rhee, NWHF Grant Maker (speaking on the practice of collaborative grants)

Vu is an amazing speaker. You couldn't have chosen a better speaker! I came to the Summit not knowing much about nonprofits, but left with a greater understanding as well as the passion to ensure that our agency who funds other programs is aware of the issues that nonprofits are facing daily."

This was the most engaging part of the conference"

I thought it was interesting to hear the funder's perspectives of nonprofits, even if it wasn't all positive!"

Great information to consider when writing grants this upcoming year."



If your funding decision takes longer than it does to conceive and birth a baby, that's a problem!" - Vu Le

2016 Annual Alliance Summit Applause Banquet Featuring Diamond Award



It was our privilege to honor Francis Maher with this year's Diamond Award. The Diamond Award is given to an individual that has demonstrated consistent and outstanding leadership to Oregon's children and families, and to the membership of the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs. Francis Maher is highly regarded by his colleagues in and out of the nonprofit sector as being just that - an innovative leader.

Thank you Francis for continuing to inspire!

2016 Applause Banquet Highlights

Top Far Right: Chris Krenk and Janet Arenz embrace in celebration of Chris' dedication to the Alliance, having served as a long term Board Member with two terms as President! Chris will be retiring in June of 2016.

Top Right: Janet Arenz and Judy Littebury share a hug in celebration of Judy's dedication to both the Alliance and Jasper Mountain, having served as Director of Operations for 30 years.

Middle: Serving as Emcee for the evening were our fearless Janets! Janet Arenz (left) will be celebrating 20 years with the Alliance in November; and we are thrilled to have Janet Hamada (right) continuing as President in 2017.

Bottom: Jarvez Hall delighted the crowed with his personal story of triumph and excellence. Overcoming the devastating loss of his mother at a young age, Jarvez went on to complete his BA at Oregon State University and his MBA at Willamette University. Jarvez also assisted Alliance staff in raffling off both OSU Beaver and U of O Duck football tickets! Congratulations to Craig Opperman and Pari Mazhar on your respective wins!









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