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Dear President/CEO:

We are pleased to announce the Grants Managers Network Fifth Annual Conference, "Streamlining Grantmaking: Charting a Course for Change," to be held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, March 15-17, 2010. We encourage you to send your staff to this unique educational event. This is the only national conference focused on grant making operations, a critical component of successful grantmaking.

The conference will provide your staff with resources that they can use to improve grantmaking operations at your organization as well as ideas, advice, and problem-solving support to enhance job performance long after the conference ends. The conference will have learning tracks on:

- Streamlining Grantmaking Practices: Ways to streamline proposal and grant processes to maximize efficiency and the use of your organization's valuable resources.
- Grants Management: Basics and Beyond: Exploring the basic aspects of grantmaking as well as the complex and constantly evolving financial, legal, and IRS issues impacting grants management.
- Professional Development: Helping participants hone their professional and personal skills.
- Technology: Helping participants understand the technology component of their jobs so that they can optimize their existing programs and make informed choices when considering new technology and products.
- Emerging Issues/Special Topics: Discussing the external forces on our organizations and how grants managers can lead the charge to effect positive change.
- Exhibitor Sessions: Showcasing how new and existing technology can help meet your organization's needs.

Last year's conference attracted more than 300 participants who represented the breadth of the philanthropic community including small family foundations, prominent national foundations, grantmaking public charities, community foundations, and socially responsible corporations.

Registration opened December 8, 2009 on our website at www.gmnetwork.org. The early bird registration rate is \$495 (December 8 - February 27, 2010). After February 27, the regular registration rate of \$595 applies. There are a limited number of registration scholarships available. If you would like more information about the scholarships or have any questions, please call Catherine Downs at (504) 834-9656 or visit our website at www.gmnetwork.org.

We look forward to seeing your organization represented at the conference!

Sincerely,

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