



A resource for nonprofits. A partner for philanthropy.

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Dear Executive Service Corps Member,

It's been a great year! Thank you for being a valued member of the 501 Commons Executive Service Corps (ESC). Because of your commitment, Washington nonprofits are able to achieve greater levels of effectiveness in serving the individuals, families, and communities that depend upon them.

Service Corps members are "doing well by doing good." We hear from members that they believe they are receiving more personal and professional value than they are giving in service to our neighbors and fellow citizens. The strength and impact of the service corps is demonstrated in our [2014 report](#).

ESC members drive our client's success in the Catalyst, Springboard, Plan IT, and Volunteer Impact Partnership cohort programs, as well as in delivering customized solutions to nonprofits through management consulting services. You and your fellow service corps members are learning new things, honing strengths, developing new skills, and challenging your intellect in service to our communities.

"This is the second time Blue Mountain Action Council has participated in a 501 Commons cohort, the first being last year's technology program. Both experiences have been invaluable. Thank you for sharing your expertise and enthusiasm with us." ~ BMAC's CEO

Qualifying to be on the Executive Service Corps roster demonstrates expertise, generosity, servant leadership, and the ability to be committed to something bigger than oneself. Numbering nearly 500, The Executive Service Corps devotes its collective know-how, time, and devotion to benefitting 501 Commons and its nonprofit clients. **So far, during 2015, ESC members have...**

- ★ Invested 1,760 hours of management consulting services toward increasing the capacity of 63 Washington nonprofit organizations
- ★ Led seven cohort programs that provided transformational guidance to 72 nonprofits
- ★ Donated services to nonprofit organizations valued at over \$967,000

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Service Corps member leadership and achievements were celebrated during the **501 Commons Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** that was held on November 5th, in the Panoramic Center of Pacific Tower. 501 Commons staff, board members, and clients expressed their admiration and gratitude for the commitment and partnership to ESC members. You can view pictures and see the names of award recipients in our [blog](#).

Together, in partnership, you and 501 Commons have enabled transformative change in nonprofit organizations throughout Washington. **As a partner, you appreciate more than anyone else** how essential 501 Commons' quality consulting, foundational back office services, educational programming, as well as our information and referral services are to the viability and success of nonprofits.

As a nonprofit organization, **501 Commons depends upon the altruism and philanthropic support of its partner-volunteers** to help underwrite the...

- ★ Organizational capacity to meet the growing needs of Washington's nonprofit sector
- ★ Volunteer recruitment and support, such as Learn to Serve and 501 Connects
- ★ Free guidance and support offered by our Information and Referral Services staff
- ★ Educational services offered, such as 501 Talks Tech and our three newsletters
- ★ Maintenance and growth of the [Statewide Nonprofit Resource Directory](#)
- ★ Enhancement of our Web-based resources to better serve nonprofits and volunteers
- ★ [ZaptheGap](#) campaign striving to eliminate the IT gap between for-profits and nonprofits

501 Commons needs your thoughtful support...

Please join me, staff, board members, community leaders, and your fellow Executive Service Corps members in making a meaningful, tax-deductible financial contribution to sustain 501 Commons' continuing success.

Please mail your philanthropic commitment to 501 Commons, or donate using your credit or debit card via our [website](#).

Thank you for your generosity and partnership with 501 Commons in boosting the capacity of nonprofit organizations to thrive over the long term and effectively serve the community.

Yours in service,



Nancy E. Long
Executive Director