BUILDING A NETWORK

Recommendations for Redefining Capacity Building in Southeast Michigan

NONPROFITS HELP CREATE BETTER COMMUNITIES.

Nonprofits board up vacant, dangerous buildings.

Nonprofits plant community gardens.

Nonprofits teach entrepreneurs the skills to succeed.

BUT NONPROFITS FACE BARRIERS.

Nonprofits do not have access to the dollars, information, or professional services they need to maximize their impact.
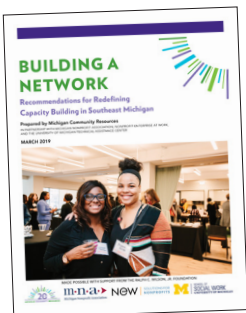
Institutional racism impacts how funders, nonprofits, and service providers engage with one another and with the communities they serve.

Nonprofit boards and leadership are disproportionately white, while the communities they serve tend to be disproportionately black and brown. This gap leads to a skewed perspective on community needs and priorities, and on strategies for solving problems.

The number of nonprofits continues to increase, but we don't see better health, housing, jobs, or incomes in underserved communities.

THE BARRIERS FACED BY NONPROFITS ARE TOO BIG AND TOO COMPLEX FOR A SINGLE ORGANIZATION TO TACKLE ALONE.

Removing barriers to nonprofits' success requires leveraging the resources, strengths, and knowledge of **a broad network** of organizations.

TO CREATE BETTER NONPROFITS AND BETTER COMMUNITIES, WE MUST BUILD A NETWORK.

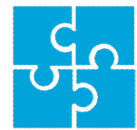This network must include organizations from **all sectors** that impact nonprofits and communities:

Nonprofits will have relationships with funders that allow them to be transparent about their needs and challenges.

Corporations will partner with nonprofits to invest their time, talent, and resources in communities in ways that are impactful.

Funders and nonprofits will view one another as partners in creating better communities.

Service providers will work collaboratively and respectfully with nonprofits to help them reach their goals.

LEARN MORE IN "BUILDING A NETWORK: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDEFINING CAPACITY BUILDING IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN"

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