OU to host networking reception to promote collaboration in nonprofit sector

Oakland University and the <u>Michigan Nonprofit Association</u> (MNA), in partnership with <u>Main</u> <u>Street Oakland County</u>, will host a networking reception from 8-9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26 in the Oakland Room at the Oakland Center.

"This free event will bring nonprofit leaders together with some regional institutions for a morning of networking and relationship building," said Diane Baldwin, community partnership coordinator at Oakland University. "The goal is to learn more about the resources each organization provides to nonprofits."

According to Joan Bowman, external affairs officer for the MNA, the networking event at Oakland University is the latest in a series of events that the MNA hosts around the state in an effort to promote collaboration and networking in the nonprofit sector.

The event, MNA officials said, provides an opportunity for nonprofits to learn from each other and make contacts that build their reputation as knowledgeable, reliable and supportive organizations.

"The most successful nonprofit leaders are also incredible at collaboration and building relationships," said Donna Murray-Brown, president and CEO of the Michigan Nonprofit Association. "MNA provides the introductions and open environment and we let the magic happen."

Murray-Brown will serve as a guest speaker during the reception, which will also include remarks by David Stone, Ph.D., chief research officer at Oakland University; John Bry, principal planner and coordinator of the Main Street Oakland County program; and Kevin Corcoran, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Oakland University.

Registration for the event is limited to 100 attendees. Coffee and breakfast items will be provided.

To register, visit the Michigan Nonprofit Association website, mnaonline.org.



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