



Dear Nonprofit Colleague:

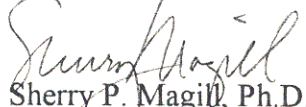
For nearly a decade, the Jessie Ball duPont Fund has endeavored to help Northeast Florida's nonprofit sector develop an infrastructure so that the sector could find its advocacy voice and be more valued by the community. We all realized that Northeast Florida needed a local organization whose sole mission is to wake up every morning thinking and strategizing about how to enable a thriving nonprofit community. **The Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida is the only organization in our community with that mission.**

Today, the Nonprofit Center, though still in its infancy, has proven its importance in strengthening our local nonprofit sector. The Nonprofit Center was the driving force behind legislation that reformed workers' compensation laws for nonprofits. The Nonprofit Center's *Uplifting (Nonprofit) Leadership Series* has become a model for seminars among leading national philanthropic organizations. The Nonprofit Center's presence has also drawn national experts and speakers to the region. And I can assure you that in many behind-the-scenes ways, the Nonprofit Center is hard at work making connections that will pay dividends for the nonprofit sector for many years to come.

It is my hope that you will now embrace the Nonprofit Center by becoming a member. For the nonprofit community to be strong and remain vital, individual nonprofit organizations must invest in themselves and our local nonprofit sector. The most efficient and important way to do this is by joining the Center.

I have no doubt that the Nonprofit Center will become as influential for the nonprofit sector as Chambers of Commerce have historically been for the private sector. With your help, it will.

Best wishes,



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