



## News Release

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### ***Advancing Macomb Launches Nonprofit Building Blocks*** *New three-part workshop series provides practical tools for nonprofit leaders*

**Mount Clemens, Mich. (March 15, 2026)** – Advancing Macomb, a 501c3 that convenes resources to solve community challenges and enrich the lives of Macomb County residents, is launching Nonprofit Building Blocks, a new three-part workshop series designed to equip nonprofit leaders and board members with practical tools to strengthen their organizations.

Originally developed through Advancing Macomb’s Nonprofit Accelerator, the interactive sessions are now being offered to the broader nonprofit community. An industry expert will lead each workshop and will focus on real-world implementation, providing participants with toolkits, templates and actionable strategies they can immediately apply within their organizations.

“Many nonprofit leaders are balancing greater demands with limited resources,” said Phil Gilchrist, executive director of Advancing Macomb. “Nonprofit Building Blocks is designed to provide practical guidance and hands-on tools that help organizations strengthen their operations and increase their impact in the communities they serve.”

The three workshops will be held in person at the Velocity Innovation Center in Sterling Heights and are open to nonprofit leaders from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

#### **Workshop Schedule:**

- **Finance & Accounting Best Practices**  
Facilitator: Shaniece Bennett, Accutrak Consulting  
*Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.*
- **Board Brilliance: Strategic Governance in Action**  
Facilitator: Abbey Davis, Nonprofit Enterprise at Work  
*Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.*
- **Grant Seeking & Grant Writing: Strategy, Structure & Success**  
Facilitator: Phil Gilchrist, Advancing Macomb  
*Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

Participants may attend individual workshops or enroll in the full series. The cost is \$65 per workshop or \$175 for a discounted series pass. Food and beverages will be provided.



“These workshops are designed to meet nonprofit leaders where they are,” said Meghan Rutigliano, program manager for Advancing Macomb. “Participants will leave with tools they can implement right away, whether that’s improving financial systems, strengthening board engagement or developing stronger grant proposals.”

Registration is now open. To learn more or reserve a spot, visit [advancingmacomb.com](http://advancingmacomb.com). Questions related to the workshop series can be sent to Meghan Rutigliano at [meghan@advancingmacomb.com](mailto:meghan@advancingmacomb.com).

**About Advancing Macomb**

Advancing Macomb is a 501c3 that convenes resources to solve community challenges and enrich the lives of Macomb County residents. The organization provides the philanthropic model and leadership needed to cement partnerships between the nonprofit, public, and private sectors, identify and attract resources to fund major projects and programs, and increase Macomb County's visibility. For more information about Advancing Macomb, visit [advancingmacomb.com](http://advancingmacomb.com).

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