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## **Community Foundation’s Board Seminar Shares “Secrets of Successful Board Members” on Tuesday, April 20, 2010**

Marina, CA. Participation on a nonprofit board of directors is an honor and a way to give back to the community. Board members have important responsibilities that use their existing skills and experience, but also require new skills. The Community Foundation for Monterey County’s Management Assistance Program offers quarterly evening Board Seminars to provide nonprofit board members with timely, professional knowledge and networking opportunities with other board members.

On Tuesday, April 20th, the Foundation’s Management Assistance Program will offer “Secrets of Successful Board Members” to support both new and prospective board members. The workshop covers how nonprofit boards work, how to strengthen skills, best practices for successful boards, and where to obtain help in matching one’s skills and interests with the right board. This seminar is also part of LeaderLink, a partnership between the Community Foundation for Monterey County, Leadership Monterey Peninsula, Leadership Salinas Valley, and the Volunteer Center of United Way Monterey County designed to help community individuals and nonprofit boards connect. The presenter is Grace Hammond, who brings over twenty years experience as a consultant and trainer to nonprofit organizations. Her specialty is working with nonprofit organizations in the area of Board Governance, Fund Development, Organizational Development, and Strategic Planning.

**“Board Seminar: Secrets of Successful Board Members” will be held on Tuesday, April 20th from 5:30 – 8:30 PM at Shoreline Conference Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Imjin Parkway, Marina. The workshop fee is \$40 for the first participant and \$30 for each additional participant from the same organization. A light supper is included. Pre-registration is required.** For more information regarding this training and other Foundation services, please visit <http://www.cfmco.org/map> or call (831) 375-9712.

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