

# NORTHWEST HEALTH FOUNDATION

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## Press Release

### **Northwest Health Foundation to Partner with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Center for Creative Leadership to Enhance Pipeline of Nonprofit Leaders**

Portland region is one of eight communities selected to prepare next generation of nonprofit leaders

Portland, Ore. – September 8, 2009 – Northwest Health Foundation has been selected to collaborate with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL) to implement a national fellowship program in the Portland area that will help train the next generation of community health leaders. The RWJF *Ladder to Leadership* program aims to boost the skills and capabilities of early- to mid-level professionals working in health and health-related nonprofit organizations so they will be positioned to lead organizations as many nonprofit leaders retire.

Over the next several months the national advisory committee of the *Ladder to Leadership* program will select 30 fellows who work in Portland to take part in the 16-month leadership curriculum. Fellows will participate in face-to-face training sessions, individualized executive coaching, and team project work.

The local application process kicks off with information sessions held at Northwest Health Foundation (221 NW Second Avenue, Portland, OR 97209) where potential candidates can learn more about the obligations and benefits of the program. Sessions are scheduled for the following times:

Wednesday, September 23 from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Anyone interested in attending one of these sessions should RSVP to Chris DeMars:

[cdemars@nwhf.org](mailto:cdemars@nwhf.org) or 971-230-1292

To become a fellow, applicants must demonstrate a record of accomplishment within the nonprofit sector, potential for leadership in the nonprofit health or health care field, and a proven commitment to serving at-risk groups.

To learn more about the program, you can visit the Ladder to Leadership website:

<http://www.laddertoleadership.org/>

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