

# Membership Matters

Quarterly News from The 501 Alliance

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*December 2011*

## **Taxable Wage Base Increased to \$9,500 in 2012**

The Governor recently signed legislation that increased the Taxable Wage Base (TWB) from \$9,000 to \$9,500 starting January 1, 2012. The TWB is the maximum dollar amount of wages that are subject to unemployment contribution payments during the calendar year. The TWB for members will also increase to \$9,500 starting next year based on this new legislation. Please inform your Finance Department or payroll company of this important change.

## **Seeking Nominations for the Board of Directors**

We currently have a vacancy on our board and we are seeking nominations from interested candidates. To qualify, the individual must be employed by one of our members or be a director on their board. This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to meet and work with his or her peers in the nonprofit community.

As a director, you will be able to provide input and use your expertise in decisions that impact our members. The board meets four times a year in Lansing in the months of February, May, August and November. Each director also participates on at least one committee that provides recommendations to the entire board. The committees include Finance, Marketing, Membership, Nominating, Rate and Scholarship. These committees typically meet from one to four times a year via conference call.

Attached is a nomination form that can be completed or distributed to interested candidates. This form needs to be returned to us by Friday, January 20, 2012, with the candidate's resume. The Nominating Committee will review the qualifications of all of the candidates and provide a recommendation to the board at their next meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Administrator at 800-968-9675.

## **Blank Contribution Reports Available on the Web**

Can't find your quarterly contribution report? Well, you can get a copy of a blank report or an amended contribution report through our website. You can also complete either report right from your computer before printing. Simply go to [501alliance.org](http://501alliance.org), click on the words "Contribution Reports" at the top of the page and print the report you need. Of course, you can still always contact us if you would like a copy of either report e-mailed or faxed to you.

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### **Mark Your Calendar for the Next Annual Meeting**

All member agencies are invited to attend the annual meeting of The 501 Alliance to be held from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012. The meeting will be held at the University Club of Michigan State University in Lansing. A complimentary lunch will also be provided immediately following the meeting. Directions to the venue will be included in the annual report that will be mailed in late April.

Topics of discussion and events include financial and claim reports for 2011, results from the annual audit and the election of board members and officers. In addition, the Harry and Shirley Klein Legal Scholarship winner will be announced and introduced to the membership. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the Board of Directors and to network with your peers from across the state.

### **New Members Join The 501 Alliance**

The board approved membership for seven new members at their meeting in November. This will increase our total membership to almost 390 nonprofit agencies across the state.

We would also like to thank those members who took advantage of our Member Referral Program and helped us to recruit new members. As a reminder, this program provides your agency with a \$50 charitable donation for every prospective member you refer who completes and submits an application. An additional \$150 charitable donation is provided to your agency for every prospective member who also qualifies and is approved for membership. That's up to \$200 your agency can receive for each prospective member referred to The 501 Alliance.

The applicant simply needs to include your name and telephone number on the application and we will send you a check. In addition, there is no limit to the number of prospective members you can refer. For example, refer just five prospective members and your agency will receive at least \$250 and up to \$1,000.

You can also contact us at any time to inquire about the status of any nonprofit you have referred. If you have any questions, please contact us at 800-968-9675. You can also visit our web site at [501alliance.org](http://501alliance.org) for complete details.

*Do you have a topic or suggestion for the next newsletter? Please e-mail your ideas to [mpennanen@talx.com](mailto:mpennanen@talx.com)*



**Board of Directors**  
**Nomination Form**

Please provide the requested information below. Once completed, return to The 501 Alliance at the address at the bottom of this form **by Friday, January 20, 2012 (attn: Administrator), with a copy of the nominee's resume.** To qualify, the nominee must be a resident of the state of Michigan, be employed by one of our members or be a director on their board.

Nominee: (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Company Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Company County: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home/Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Director expectations:

1. Attend four meetings per year in Lansing that last approximately two hours each.
2. Participate on at least one committee that reviews information, offers input and provides recommendations to the full board.
3. Participate on committee conference calls once per quarter.
4. Promote The 501 Alliance unemployment program and encourage nonprofit organizations to become members.