



## ACT OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

Small Nonprofits Achieving Capacity Together

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### **NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT LAUNCHES ACT NWA Launches Prototype for Collaborative Capacity Building Within the Nonprofit Sector**

Lowell, AR - The United Way of Northwest Arkansas, through a partnership with Walmart, kicked off the Achieving Capacity Together in Northwest Arkansas (ACTNWA) program at a celebration at the Jones Center in Springdale. The ACT NWA team is comprised of a collection of “capacity building coaches” from the likes of the Arkansas Nonprofit Alliance, Hark at the Center for Collaborative Care, Fayetteville Public Library, Jones Trust, Soderquist Leadership, the University of Arkansas, and United Way of Northwest Arkansas.

The initial work of ACT NWA will be to support small to medium-sized nonprofits seeking to accelerate the development of their capacity to serve the community. This group of nonprofits includes: Arkansas Crisis Center, Boys & Girls Club of Western Benton County, Compassion House, Dress for Success, Good Samaritan Clinic, Trike Theatre, NWA Center for Sexual Assault, Seeds that Feed, NWA Young Life, Souls Harbor and the Teen Action Support Center.

*“Teen Action and Support Center is honored to be a part of the first ACT NWA Development Cohort. We applied because we believe that this is an opportunity for us to go to the next level as an organization in a cost effective way. We are looking forward to collaborating with all the other organizations involved while learning from experienced capacity builders in NWA. At TASC, our main goal is always what is best for our teens, and what is best for them is that we are a sustainable, effective, healthy organization so we can be around to serve them for years to come, just like we have the last 12 years. We are grateful to United Way, Walmart Foundation and all the other partners for making this unique opportunity available to small nonprofits in NWA.” - Madi Hutson, Executive Director, Teen Action & Support Center*

Through nine monthly training sessions (September 2017- May 2018) lasting between four and six hours a session with the capacity building coaches, nonprofit organizations will have the opportunity to strengthen their ability to create a more robust and relevant organization in an environment of continual change. Working with their coaches and peers, they will learn new tools that can be applied to the opportunities and challenges in the workplace, and they will build mutually beneficial relationships with other nonprofit leaders, while developing their own capacity building plans

**About ACTNWA**

*ACTNWA is a consortium of nonprofit capacity building providers. Founding organizations include: Arkansas Nonprofit Alliance, Hark at the Center for Collaborative Care, Fayetteville Public Library, Jones Trust, Soderquist Leadership, the University of Arkansas, and United Way of Northwest Arkansas. [actnwa.org](http://actnwa.org).*

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