

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why did the Nonprofit Network Southwest Washington (NNSW) decide to become part of the Greater Vancouver Chamber's Nonprofit POD (Pathways to Opportunity and Development)?**

The Nonprofit Network Southwest Washington decided to become part of the Greater Vancouver Chamber's Nonprofit POD to combine, strengthen, and expand the resources to support and advocate for local nonprofit organizations in the region.

### **What can I expect from this change?**

The Chamber dedicated team members are available and ready to assist in your nonprofit organization needs. You can expect more membership options, increased visibility through cooperative marketing opportunities, networking, ongoing events, and more in the years to come. As these changes occur, the Chamber will be working to keep you informed.

### **Is The Greater Vancouver Chamber's Nonprofit POD (Pathways to Opportunity and Development) taking over the Nonprofit Network Southwest Washington? What is the Nonprofit POD?**

Yes. The Chamber created the Nonprofit POD Program to aid and assist non-profit Staff, Executive Directors, CEOs, and Development Professionals, as well as nonprofit Board members, through workshops, expert assistance, and curated cohorts that discuss relevant topics. The program will provide access to a network of experienced experts and will bring advocacy, training, and civic engagement to our region's nonprofits.

### **What will the mission be? Will it change?**

Both organizations have had a long-standing shared mission to support local nonprofit organizations through education, relationship building, and advocacy, and that will continue after the transition. The Greater Vancouver Chamber will continue with its mission of serving and connecting the nonprofit organizations of the Southwest Washington region with corporate partners and private donors to build supportive networks while decreasing duplication of efforts.

## **What changes are coming and when?**

Effective April 14th, 2023, the Nonprofit Network Southwest Washington's members will become part of the Greater Vancouver Chamber's Nonprofit POD. This will be a thoughtful transition, and the Chamber will carefully assess the best way to coordinate the delivery of services. As the transition plan progresses, we will keep everyone updated.

## **Will the Nonprofit POD host events?**

Yes, the Chamber will continue to host events. The Greater Vancouver Chamber hosts the largest networking events in the region monthly, well attended by members of the nonprofit community. Check the Chamber's Events Calendar for more information about upcoming events and programming: <https://business.vancouverusa.com/events>.

## **Will my member benefits change?**

The value of merging the two organizations is the ability to provide more benefits to all members. It increases opportunity through networking, education, and marketing opportunities. For more information, contact the Chamber at [YourChamber@VancouverUSA.com](mailto:YourChamber@VancouverUSA.com).

## **What if I am a member of both organizations?**

The Chamber's system is now tracking this information, and going forward only one invoice will be issued by the Greater Vancouver Chamber on an annual basis. We appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your satisfaction and expectations of your Chamber.

## **Not a Chamber member?**

The GVC's Nonprofit POD was built for members and nonmembers alike, with added resources, advocacy and networking available to Chamber members. If you are not a Chamber member, but are interested in joining us to enjoy all the benefits your local Chamber has to offer, contact us at [Partnerships@VancouverUSA.com](mailto:Partnerships@VancouverUSA.com). Find more information at <https://business.vancouverusa.com/member/newmemberapp>.

## Why join the Greater Vancouver Chamber?

The Greater Vancouver Chamber's mission for serving nonprofits is to be an ally for ongoing fund development, connect corporate, private sector with charitable organizations, and to support networking and partnership opportunities across the region. Chamber membership has and will continue to amplify the work of nonprofit organizations. Being a member of the Chamber remains a valuable resource for business networking, marketing, advertising, collaboration, education, legislative representation, and more.

## How can I become more involved?

Your involvement allows the Chamber to continue their work in all areas including workforce development, economic development, and community vitality. Want to be more involved? Learn more about the Chamber's events and programs at:  
<https://www.vancouverusa.com/calendar/sponsor-an-event/>

## How can I upload my community events in the Chamber's Events Calendar?

Nonprofits can submit their own fundraisers and community events open to the entire public to our Nonprofit POD Events Calendar. Your event may be promoted by the GVC on social media and in eNewsletters. To submit your event, visit:  
<https://yourchamber.typeform.com/to/ooTRgQA5?typeform-source=statics.teams.cdn.office.net>

## How can I stay informed?

Follow the Greater Vancouver Chamber in social media using the handle @greatervancouverchamber. Haven't subscribed to our weekly newsletter? Sign up at:  
<https://loom.ly/tULTljA>.

## Who do I talk to for more information?

Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact the Greater Vancouver Chamber directly at (360) 694-2588 or @YourChamber@VancouverUSA.com. We would be happy to discuss any questions you may have. For further consultation, schedule a one-on-one with one of our dedicated team members.