



## COVESTRO CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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### CCCE CONNECTS CORPORATE SOCIAL PURPOSE AND NONPROFITS' MISSIONS FOR LONG-TERM IMPACT.

CCCE programs – *BoardsWork!*, SkillShare and the Executive Service Corps – provide nonprofits with a range of professional services they may otherwise be unable to afford.

Through our programs, we provide trained, service-minded corporate volunteers to nonprofits – whether it's new board directors, or teams of employees charged with solving a specific operational issue you need help with, or seasoned management consultants who can provide one-on-one advice and expertise.

We work to strengthen governance, operations improvements, and lasting connections with corporations and their employees.

Nonprofits can get connected by contacting Jennifer Pease at 412-397-6013 or [pease@rmu.edu](mailto:pease@rmu.edu).

## TRANSFORMING PULSE, TRANSFORMING PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience, PULSE, cultivates a community of young servant leaders to transform Pittsburgh. In 2018 alone, 43 fellows served, lived, and grew together with 40 nonprofit organizations. As that agent for change, PULSE looked internally to determine where they as an organization could strengthen their operations and board governance to better serve their partners and fellows. PULSE reached out for assistance through *BoardsWork!* and our SkillShare program.

### IMPROVING BOARD GOVERNANCE

Kristian Penn, Sustainability Project Manager at FedEx Ground, was matched to PULSE after attending our *BoardsWork!* training in April 2018. Her desire to serve young adults and college students was a great fit, and she had professional experience in program management, sustainability, and student affairs. She says:



I'm very passionate about volunteering. I wanted to learn more about how nonprofits operated. I decided that it was time to expand my public service from volunteering on the front lines to being an integral part of the decision-making and strategic planning of a nonprofit. Board service affords me the opportunity to be a change agent at both inception and conclusion.

PULSE is an amazing organization comprised of passionate staffers, fellows, and board members. I currently serve on the Governance Personnel committee.

I've learned [through *BoardsWork!*] that showing up is not enough – You have to engage and be involved. *BoardsWork!* matched me based on my survey responses, and it's been a great fit!

As the newest board member who is still finding my footing, I seek guidance from other board members who have served longer than I have. These members have helped to shape the organization and lay the ground work for future successes. Our professional backgrounds and life experiences are diverse, but the commonality amongst us is our shared willingness to serve others. Do *BoardsWork!* Leading with purpose is so fulfilling and rewarding. The positive impacts to self and community are limitless.

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