

Staten Island Foundation helping navigate recession

Monthly breakfast meeting will assist non-profit organizations

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The Staten Island Foundation will hold monthly breakfast meetings to help non-profit organizations navigate the recession.

The first of the Contingency Planning and Community Building for Staten Island Not-for-Profit Organizations workshops was held yesterday and focused on "Deciding What's Core to Your Mission."

The series, presented by the Community Resource Ex-

change (CRE), offers four workshops for non-profit managers, staff and board members. The remaining dates are: April 21, "Collaboration"; May 22, "Developing Budget Scenarios & Sharing Strategies for Cost-Cutting," and June 19, "Preserving the Talent: Human Resource Issues During Tough Times".

In addition to content designed to address critical issues, the format will allow sufficient time to discuss areas of mutual concern. Participant response and input will guide the next steps.

The series was developed from the feedback and suggestions of a January town hall meeting attended by 55 Island organizations. Contin-

uing to meet, network and have dialogue during these difficult times emerged as a priority.

Betsy Dubovsky, executive director of The Staten Island Foundation, emphasized ongoing efforts through its grants to provide managers, staff and board members of nonprofit organizations with training and professional development.

Since its founding in 1997, The Staten Island Foundation has granted \$38 million to local organizations to benefit the Island in areas of education, health and human services and the arts. For applications, guidelines or information about workshops, call 718-697-2831.