

## Milestones/Highlights

January 23, 2012 is the day Greg Hind of the Hind Foundation first introduced Spokes to the San Luis Obispo community. **8 nonprofits** became members that week. **140 nonprofits** are members **five years later**.

**66** nationally-recognized **best practices** for nonprofit management were defined **as the foundation for our curriculum** in 2013.

**\$11,600 in grants** have been distributed through the Medal of Merit program since it launched in 2014 as a partnership with The Shanbrom Family Foundation. This program rewards nonprofits that successfully implement the best practices we teach.

Board engagement, strategic plan implementation, and human resource management continue have consistently been identified as the greatest challenges Spokes members face since we launched our first annual membership survey in 2015.

More than **760 hours of consultation services** were delivered to Spokes members through its staff and contractors in 2016.

In the last 5 years **1,826 nonprofit leaders** have attended **229 Spokes classes**.

3 staff + 7 board members + a cadre of talented interns + a generous community of local experts and consultants who lend their expertise to aid our nonprofit clients = all this great work!

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## Why our members and donors love Spokes.

More than 6,000 nonprofit board members and staff work every day to provide vital services for our community. Unfortunately, these nonprofit leaders don't always have all the knowledge or skills they need to successfully do their important work. They count on Spokes for help.

**Spokes is the only organization on the Central Coast with a mission to guide nonprofit organizations in achieving their goals with support and expert resources.** We envision a united and effective nonprofit sector powered by proficient leaders. Toward that end, we provide consulting services, virtual resources, databases for grant seeking, peer-to-peer support, and a myriad of nonprofit management workshops. Every tool, resource and training we offer is tied to nationally-recognized best practices for nonprofit management and we are continuously developing new support solutions to meet the evolving needs of local nonprofits.



I have loved attending the Spokes workshops. They have given me the opportunity to rub shoulders with people like me, who are trying to do our best in the nonprofit sector in San Luis Obispo County. **It's really a blessing to have an organization we can go to for training and insights on how to function wholly as an organization.**

Eric Gobler, El Camino Homeless Organization

I really can't get enough of Spokes' workshops...I would be there every week if they were offered that frequently. The nonprofit best practices workshop has been my favorite thus far. That workshop has helped open my eyes to everything that needs to get done - it has helped our organization get to the next level... **Knowing that I can call Spokes, or walk into the office and have several knowledgeable people to talk to, gives me confidence in doing my job.**

Rhys Jansen, Son Care Foundation

## Spokes' Members

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Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center  
Central Coast Chapter Green Building Council  
Central Coast Children's Choir  
Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition  
Central Coast Dragon Boat Association  
Central Coast Grown  
Central Coast Link  
Central Coast State Parks Association  
Child Development Resource Center of the Central Coast  
Civic Ballet of San Luis Obispo  
Clark Center Association  
Coastal Performing Arts Foundation  
Community Action Partnership SLO  
Community Foundation of Estero Bay  
Community Counseling Center of SLO County  
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El Camino Homeless Organization  
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Foundation for SLO County Public Libraries  
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Friends of Atascadero Lake  
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