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. Since launching in 2014, the Spokes program has helped nonprofits exceed their fundraising goals.

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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...

Knowledge 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

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