Major Gifts Officer

Mission & Vision
Our mission at The Priority Center is to deliver life-changing programs to assist people in crisis by giving them the tools and support necessary to end the generational cycle of trauma— including prevention of child abuse and neglect, through early intervention and mental health services and advocacy. We value every individual’s right to grow up and live in a safe and nurturing environment.

How We Help
The Priority Center’s 9 different life-changing programs are designed to work with each family’s or individual’s unique needs to directly serve those in need, reach those we can engage in our work, and teach those whom we cannot directly serve.

Job Summary:
As our Major Gifts Officer, you will design, develop and implement our major gifts program. You will be responsible for managing and cultivating relationships with existing major gift prospects, as well as identifying new prospects. Demonstrated ability to empathize with donors and clearly communicate our organization’s mission is key. You will be expected to energize team members, persuade prospects and persevere to the end.

**The Priority Center also offers a 9/80 work week schedule which allows for one day off every two weeks (equivalent to having an additional 26 days off per year!)**

Goals:
- Help our donors accomplish their philanthropic goals and ambitions through a relationship with our organization.
- Secure major gifts at the $10,000 to $1,000,000 level with the goal of raising $500,000 - $1,000,000 annually.
- Manage systems and Salesforce to track and cultivate donors and prospects, including our donor database and wealth screening tools.
- Manage existing portfolio of donors and prospects.
- Work in partnership with the development department and CEO to align efforts.
- Create and implement Moves management plans and strategies.
- Make direct, face-to-face solicitations, and assist the board and other staff with their solicitations (e.g., provide portfolio development support, strategic counsel, and help with donor communications).
- Acknowledge major donors through public and private recognition.
- Track and report progress using specific metrics.
- Coordinate major gift events.
**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Manage a variety of interactions, must be comfortable and excel in the full breadth of activities from drafting direct mail letters to giving solicitation presentations.
- Make donors feel valued and demonstrate sensitivity to their needs.
- Conduct outreach to the philanthropic community to host major gift fundraising events.
- Manage and maintain database of major gift donors and potential donors, network and build database regularly.

**Position Qualifications:**

- Minimum Bachelor’s degree in a related field or equivalent combination of education and work experience
- Six years of major gifts/fundraising experience in non-profit and/or higher education environment required, including prospect solicitation and management
- Six years of non-profit funds development experience
- Proficient computer skills to include Microsoft Office Suite, CRM, donor databases, Salesforce.

**Preferred Education Experience:**

- Master’s degree preferred

**Specialized Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:**

- Knowledge of the Orange County philanthropic community is an asset.
- Familiarity with “moves management”.
- Successful at executing acquisitions of high dollar (50k and higher level) gifts from individuals and families.
- Excellent relationship building skills.
- Exceptional interpersonal and leadership skills
- Demonstrated strength in analytical and design thinking/creative problem solving.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Proactive, flexible, and team player.
- Attention to detail and accuracy.
- Empathy, creativity, thoughtfulness and energy.

**Compensation:**

This is a full-time, exempt position with annual salary compensation ranging from $140,000 - $150,000 commensurate with experience.

**How to Apply:**

Please submit current resume to HR@theprioritycenter.org

**The Priority Center Website:**

https://theprioritycenter.org/