Our volunteers and board have been resourceful at finding and quickly implementing alternative strategies for meeting our mission and for using our resources to help our communities during this crisis, even if it means working outside of our typical box. I think many other nonprofits are doing the same -- helping is in our DNA -- and I believe we must be as creative as possible to continue serving, while responding to growing needs in a rapidly changing and very challenging environment.

We need to be all talking and working together. How can we support each other through this?

Board members of their own nonprofits are excellent resources who can step in to help where their staff cannot.
A pool of diversified funding and/or supporters and emergency, disaster and/or strategic plan training/resources. Particularly as hurricane season is less than 60-days away.

While we all scramble to meet the needs of our clients, it is important that we practice self care and support the well being of our staff members. Organizations must take care of their people as well as their clients.

I suggest TechSoup for discounted tech products for non-profits. Also I have found it useful to participate in digital advocacy trainings since likely it will be a long time (if ever) we will back to business as usual. It could be helpful for the Community Foundation to offer trainings to increase the capacity of our local organizations to operate virtually.

Lean on each other; share experiences and new best practices

Work with your bank to get your application in the queue in the case more money is allocated for another round of funding. We are energized by the partnerships we are forging during COVID-19 and are confident that they will increase our business once we reopen.
The stress of feeling powerless to do anything to protect ourselves from disease and financial devastation is really difficult to cope with. Making masks is really helping all of us feel less anxious. We are saving lives one mask at a time.

We have found that using Zoom for staff meetings and offering virtual gymnastics classes for some of our athletes has been helpful. We are also using various social media platforms to keep our recreational & adaptive gymnastics families updated on the status of our closure, virtual activities & payment scheduling, etc.

We have a lot of resources on working with students virtually, including thinking through safety and security.

To keep the faith and be creative in how business is conducted. The time has come for everyone to be innovative to continue to serve the community.

We have moved our exhibitions online. If other organizations are able to get creative and do different things online, it helps to show the community you are still here and finding different ways of pursuing your mission.
We have tried to “think out of the box” on methods to streamline our operations (much like a family would tighten its own budget) and also ways that will increase the impact of our regular fundraising. We are using social media to continue to thank our supporters and share our program needs.

Continue communication with existing donors so that they know how your organization is working through the crisis and continuing to serve constituents. Contact current grant funders to ask if they have any emergency grant funding available for the COVID-19 crisis. Try to take in person fundraising events and do a version virtually or online. Continue to share positive stories about the impact your non-profit continues to have for the community.

Take advantage of all government and local programs aimed at helping small business/non-profits, don't forget your mission.

Reduce expenses as much as you can and try to help as many people as you can.

Our Resource Center staff are ready and willing to share information and act as a hub for nonprofits who are looking to provide their services/resources to the community. At this unprecedented time, it is more important than ever to collaborate in order to meet the needs of our local community, and that is what our Resource Center staff do best!
Good luck to you all.

Continue to keep informed of changes through CFNCF, City and County of Gainesville, United Way. Utilize technology (zoom, Skype), Facebook to stay informed AND to let community know nonprofit status (needs).

Telecommuting has kept our staff working, and good record keeping of their time--accountability--is essential. Daily updates from our Executive Director to stay in touch with us are also important, and are done by email--this is a time to keep staff working remotely engaged.

Not sure, but I love seeing the creativity of so many people!

Designate a volunteer coordinator and develop a volunteer application to post on social media.
Being over-communicative with staff members and to existing/potential donors; increasing transparency of operations at this time and the real needs an organization is facing.

Partnerships are getting us through this difficult time.

Lean on each other. Borrow staff, resources, partnerships and collaborate as much as possible! We will get through this together.

Looking into the CARES Act if they have not done so yet.

Revise your budgets in light of projected income interruptions to ensure that you know exactly what level of service you can reasonably provide.
Stay nimble. Keep in mind that your organization is going to look different when this is all over. Don't get caught up in trying to get everything back to the way it was before.

Continue to work together and share NEW Models of providing services that you currently don't do in BLUE SKIES.

Keep in constant communication with your participants, volunteers as well as donors.

Keep your membership connected

adjust service hours and keep the communication to the public/your customers current on social media
Don't panic. Keep your Board informed and your staff informed and connected. Keep pivoting!

WHO website and CDC website

try to apply for every resource out there.

We've found some luck by looking at our costs and reaching out to subscription services for a potential break in upcoming bills due to COVID impacts.

Keep in contact with your staff and work projects that you always wanted to work on to then implement when it is over
Hang in there, don't give up.

Watch what similar organizations are doing as businesses begin to reopen.

Keep in contact with your staff and patrons. We are hold rehearsals as scheduled via Zoom. Not ideal for a choral organization, but it keeps us singing and connected! We always end with everyone talking about a "silver lining" they have found for the week.

Be open to innovative solutions. Get on the virtual train because technology is all we have right now. If your services/programs are not conducive to the virtual environment, can you tweak them to make them conducive? If not, this might be the perfect time to start a new program or service that can be teledelivered. Ask your staff and persons served for ideas about what they would like to see and/or what they need.

Be flexible and have faith that together we will get through this!
Take advantage of the state and federal loans that are being offered and try to maintain their current workforce because at some point this will go away and we need experienced staff to come back to work.

Flexibility and dedication are a must in these time. Taking the time to move everything online (files, banking, administration, HR, etc) is critical in these times. While it is not fun to do these things, taking the time to accomplish it will make operations much easier now.

Develop work plans remembering that parents attempting to work from home with young children are not able to work at full capacity.

Ask grant funders to cover PTO/Hazard pay - ours were very flexible with this. Use the pause in service rates to accomplish other tasks that never get completed. Work with staff to get online training and other professional development training done while on down time at home. Purchase online meeting access to provide for virtual case management and meetings for clients to stay connected.

Working together to keep local community aware of needs for local nonprofits
Stay positive. We will weather this pandemic and economic meltdown regardless of whether our organizations and businesses are able to do the same. We have to endure.

Plan for this to continue longer than 30 days

Assess the most critical function for their organization and put that on the top of the list moving forward. We had no thought of our mission changing like this.

Work together

To reach out to other agencies for advice and resource sharing
Investigate the CARES Act with a fine tooth comb and determine what you may be able to take advantage of within the Act.

Stay positive and hopeful. Remember your mission and what drives you.