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TIME & LOCATION

9:30 – 10:00 **Registration & Networking**
Lobby

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome** – *Deanna Cada, DCNP Steering Committee, Chair*
Anthony **DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership Update** – *Ben Bingle, DCNP Director*

10:15 – 11:15 **KEYNOTE SESSION**
Anthony **Values-Driven Leadership**
Reverend Doctor Joe Mitchell, Senior Pastor, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
In today's fast-changing world, successful leaders rely on clear core values to guide decisions, overcome challenges, and build sustainable organizations that last. Values aren't just words, they're the strategy.

11:15 – 12:00 **Lunch, Networking & Give DeKalb County Group Photo**

12:00 – 12:30 **MID-DAY SESSION**
Anthony **Clear, Consistent, Compelling Communications**
Jeanine Holcomb, Marketing & Communications Director, Egyptian Theatre
Effective communication can make or break your mission. In this fast-paced session, explore how to cut through the noise, connect with your audience, and share your story with impact—because how you communicate matters just as much as what you say.

12:30 – 12:45 **Break & Networking**

12:45 – 1:45 **BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK A**
Anthony **Polishing Your Public-Speaking Presence**
Judy Santacaterina, Director – Bachelor of General Studies Baccalaureate Degree Program & Forensics, Northern Illinois University
Whether it's a board meeting, fundraising pitch, or community event: how you speak shapes how you're heard. In this engaging session, discover tips to boost confidence, sharpen your message, and command the room with authenticity and clarity.

Antoinette **Putting Values to Work: Prioritizing What Matters Most**
Asheli Mann-Lofthouse, President & CEO, Cultural Outreach & Racial Equity Collective
This session helps leaders apply a values-based approach to program planning and prioritization. Learn how to make mission-aligned decisions with clarity and confidence so your time, energy, and resources go where they matter most.

1:45 – 2:00 **Break & Networking**

2:00 – 3:00 **BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK B**

Anthony **Kind but Clear: Communicating Boundaries with Confidence**
Danita Sims, Executive Director, Passion Pursuit
Boundaries help everyone do their best work, but they can be tough to talk about. This session offers practical tips for communicating limits clearly and respectfully, so you can protect your time and energy without burning bridges.

Antoinette **Leading with Purpose: Reclaim Your Why**
Barb White, Founder, Good Story Coaching
It's time to refocus. This reflective session invites you to reconnect with your purpose—both personal and organizational—and rediscover what sustains you as a leader. Walk away with a renewed sense of direction to lead with intent.

3:00 – 3:15 **Break & Networking**

3:15 – 4:15 **BREAKOUT SESSION BLOCK C**

Anthony **Perspectives & Possibilities: Panel Insights from the Nonprofit AI Jam**
Kerina Evenson, Events & Marketing Manager, Tails Humane Society • Noah Nordbrock, Marketing Director, DeKalb County Community Foundation • Lynette Spencer, Executive Director, Adventure Works • Emma Warner, Grants & Marketing Manager, CASA DeKalb County, Inc.
Hear from local leaders who attended the OpenAI Nonprofit Jam in Chicago as they share key takeaways and lessons learned. This panel-style session offers real-world reflections and practical ways to explore AI's potential in your workplace.

Antoinette **Bridging the Gap: Leading Teams Across Generations**
Barb White, Founder, Good Story Coaching
Lead with purpose across generations to build stronger, more connected teams. This session helps you recognize the unique strengths each generation brings, address communication gaps, and leverage diversity to spark innovation—all grounded in shared values that unite your mission.

4:15 – 5:00 **Networking Reception**
Lobby *Cash bar and networking.*