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GFF Quick Facts

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Founders : Mark Potts, Ryder Chaffee,
Blakelund Moroney

501 (c)(3) Organization? Yes 11/20/2020

Guidestar: Bronze Level

Program go live : 1/1/2021

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2020 – a year filled with adversity, fear, disconnect between family, friends, and neighbors which has a lot of us wondering, where is the light at the end of the tunnel? Even through hard times human beings are resilient, we realize how important relationships with loved ones truly are. If this year has taught us anything it is that taking life’s journey on our own is a fool’s errand because what are hard times without the people you love.

That’s a lesson I learned the hard way a few years before COVID 19 decided to rear its ugly head. I, like so many young professionals, bright eyed and ambitious, was ready to take on the world in the pursuit of grown-up paychecks. We often spend 12-16 years in classrooms in preparation to get a job. That’s it. It’s that simple, yes school adds value measured in friendships, extracurricular activities, and personal growth but that is all a means to an end, or beginning?

Now what? I'm here, those years of school are completed, the resumes are sent, and the interviews are accomplished. I have what loved ones, parents, teachers, coaches all say is important. a job. What next?

That question is the source of inspiration for the Go Further Foundation. We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization making an impact on young adults as they transition into their careers. That "What next"? question is often met with crisis. "My dream job turns out is not my dream job (I landed here)," "these grown-up paychecks don't bring happiness like I thought they would (also here)," "I can't find a job," "I lost my job". the list of scenarios is endless as young people embark on this journey. If an identity crisis isn't enough, there's social media there to remind you how alone you truly are in answering these questions while friends are posting highlight reels of how good their life, job, and relationship is. What we fail to realize is that everyone has their own hardships they are trying to overcome.



We also tell ourselves about the figuring "stuff" out stage. Where once we hit a certain milestone, 25, 30, once we're married, once we have kids, we'll have it "figured out". However, figuring stuff out is a perpetual task that needs to be embraced. The beautiful thing about it is that you don't have to do it alone.

GFF exists to be a constant reminder that nobody is on their journey alone. We are a community of young professionals committed to personal and professional growth. Our programs give support and structure to young adults as they navigate life. Mentors, coaches, opportunities to get involved in the community, group outings, and more to let people know "We've got your back." Alongside Co-Founders Ryder Chaffee and Blakelund Moroney GFF has the vision to take these communities across the nation helping realize potential and ignite opportunities for the young adults we serve.

GFF is also a mental health organization. Mental health is now a growing problem in young adults, In June the CDC conducted a survey of young adults age 18-24 who had considered suicide 30 days before the survey. That number was 25.5%. 1 in 4 young adults



who considered leaving this life because of mental health. Enough is enough, we are taking a stand. Our programs take a proactive approach to combatting a different kind of invisible enemy. Through these programs we are going to be raising awareness, offering education in mental health, and eradicating any notion that mental health can't be talked about with the support of countless professionals.

Based on the quote – “If you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far go together.” The Go Further Foundation can only pursue our mission to create communities of structure for young professionals with your support. We are excited to take this journey with you and thank you in advance for having our backs. Thanks to you we're going live with our programs in January with 10 mentors and 10 mentees. I'm excited to grow this community and report back monthly the impact GFF is having on it's members and beyond.

2021 - Let's Go Further Together,

Mark Potts

President/Co-Founder - Go Further Foundation

