



IGPD **“Welcome to the world of Persistent Resilience!”**

Dear Chicago Area Chapter GPA Members,

Happy International Grant Professionals Day!

Thank you for your passionate dedication to creating a more resilient and equitable world.

Today, as we celebrate the second Friday in March, we take a moment to recognize the invaluable contributions of grant professionals like you. Whether you're a grant writer, administrator, consultant, manager, grant-maker, or proposal developer, your dedication, expertise, and hard work make an incredible impact on communities, organizations, and individuals around the world. I can not imagine, nor would I choose to reside in a world without creative artistic expression, theatres, museums, music, zoos, places of learning and education, hospitals of healing and research, and houses of faith.

Every day, you play a vital role in addressing pressing societal issues—empowering youth, supporting the elderly, protecting the environment, fostering the arts, advancing education, improving healthcare, advocating for justice, community and economic development, rescuing victims of natural disasters, protecting the environment and natural resources, and so much more. Often working behind the scenes, you embody the highest standards of [ethics](#), thoughtful project implementation, and wise stewardship. Your efforts create lasting change and sustainable solutions for countless communities, small businesses and overlooked individuals.

This year, as part of our celebration, we encourage you to take pride in your profession and reflect on the incredible value you bring to the field of nonprofit and philanthropic endeavours. Now, more than ever, the world needs resilient, persistent advocates, crafting life-changing programs, and pursuing funding to ensure a just world for all. We hope you will share gratitude with your fellow grant professionals, or simply take a moment to appreciate all you've accomplished and the power you possess. **BREATHE**.

We'd love to hear how you celebrated International Grant Professionals Day! Whether it's a personal reflection, a group activity with colleagues, or an outreach event to raise awareness, please share your stories and photos with us at chicagochapter@grantprofessionals.org, or post on [LinkedIn](#). Your stories will inspire and strengthen our community of professionals.

Thank you for everything you do to advance with integrity the field of grantmaking and to serve the common good. Together, we continue to elevate and honor the grant profession.

Wishing you a wonderful International Grant Professionals Day!

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