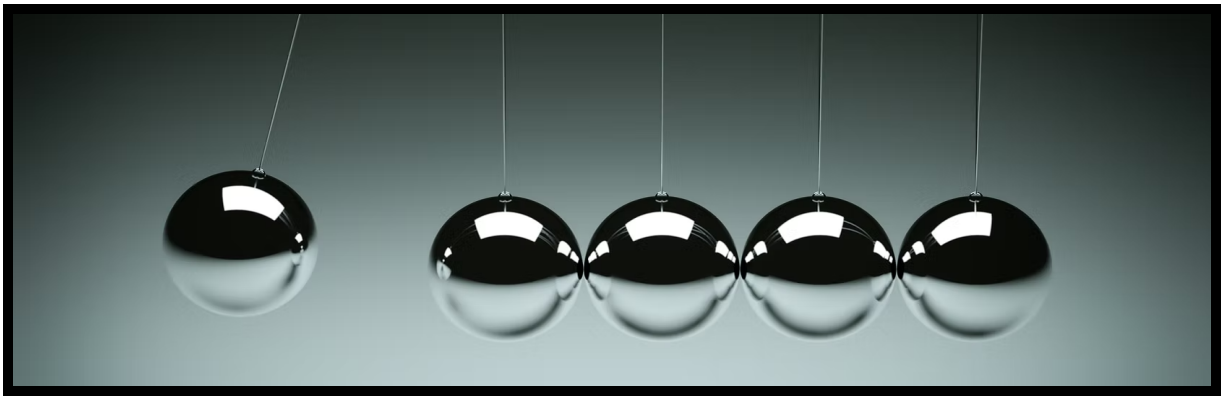




Mission to Momentum: Building Nonprofit Resilience & Vitality

PREVIEW EDITION

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Context & Welcome

Why This Book. Why Now.

You carry work that matters. Work that shapes lives, communities, and futures. And yet — too often — the organizations doing the most meaningful work are asked to operate without the resources, stability, or support they deserve.

Mission to Momentum is a roadmap for breaking that cycle. It offers a practical, grounded way to strengthen organizational resilience from the inside out — across revenue, systems, culture, leadership, and impact.

This preview introduces the core framing of the book and one of its foundational tools:
The Funding Fragility Scorecard.

The Problem: The Survival Cycle

Most nonprofits are encouraged to do more with less, faster, and without rest — which results in staff burnout, strategic reactivity, fundraising churn, and initiatives that cannot hold. This isn't a failure of leadership. It's a failure of **structure**.

Organizations don't need more urgency or pressure. They need **strengthened internal systems that can actually carry the mission**.

If this feels familiar, you are not the problem — and you are not alone.

This book helps leaders build **capacity before growth**, so progress is not achieved at the cost of well-being or sustainability.

The Shift: From Mission → Momentum

Mission gives meaning. Momentum makes mission move.

Resilient organizations share three core attributes:

Attribute	What It Means
Clarity	We know what matters most — and what we can release.
Stability	Our revenue, systems, and leadership practices can hold our work.
Adaptability	We learn and adjust without losing our center.

When these are in place, organizations stop reacting and start **building strategically**.

When momentum becomes intentional, progress stops depending on exhaustion — and starts depending on design.

Tool Preview: The Funding Fragility Scorecard

Financial fragility is rarely about money alone.

It's about **how money flows, under what conditions, and with what constraints**.

This scorecard is not a test. It is a mirror. Its purpose is not to judge — but to reveal where stability can be strengthened. This scorecard helps leadership teams get honest about where stability is strong — and where pressure is quietly accumulating.

Score each statement from 1 to 5:
(1 = Not true | 5 = Consistently true)

Indicator	Score (1–5)	Notes
We have a mix of funding sources, not dependence on one.	☐	
We have enough unrestricted funding to support core operations.	☐	
We can reasonably forecast next year's revenue.	☐	
Fundraising is sustainable and not reliant on overextension.	☐	

Interpretation:

- **4–10:** High Fragility → Begin strengthening flexibility + diversification
- **11–15:** Moderate → Focus on multi-year stability
- **16–20:** Strong → Build reserves and scale recurring revenue

This is one of **16** resilience indicators explored in the full book.

Reflection for Leadership Teams

Change begins in conversation. Before determining solutions, ask:

1. Where is our organization steady?
2. Where are we stretched or strained?
3. What structural factors — not personal effort — are driving that strain?
4. What conversation have we avoided that now needs to occur?

If This Resonates

The full version of ***Mission to Momentum*** includes:

- The full Resilience Framework
- 16 organizational strength indicators
- Tools for board alignment, staff wellbeing, and revenue strategy
- Templates, scripts, and implementation worksheets
- Case reflections from real organizations navigating change

This book is for leaders who want to build organizations that last.

Invitation

If you'd like support applying these tools in your context, I offer:

- **Team Strategy Workshops**
- **Leadership Coaching**
- **Organizational Resilience Planning**

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