



## Department of Youth and Community Development

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**\*\*DYCD Calendar and Events:** NDA concept paper comments due on April 10; 2008 SYEP applications due on May 16.

**\*\*Spotlight News:** NYU CAPSTONE Project focuses on Southeast Queens; DYCD/CUNY Youth Studies Consortium kicks off; Latin community encourages social work as a career path for Latinos; DYCD offers services overview to Liverpool non-profit staff; Joint Youth Services Planning Committee holds quarterly meeting;

**\*\*Program Updates:** Commissioner Mullgrav presents to National Afterschool Association; NYC OST staff consults with Capital Area United Way in Baton Rouge; selected DYCD staff members from In-School Youth, Beacon and OST programs train in Robotics Curriculum; Nike and DYCD host a girls basketball skill-building clinic; Marketing efforts highlight OST summer programs; ICC Middle School Work Group hold first meeting; CEO and DYCD support additional literacy services for disconnected youth

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**\*\*Opportunities for Scholarships and Awards:** Scholarships and awards for those qualified

### DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**\*\* April 10** – Deadline to submit public comment for the Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) concept paper. The concept paper presents the purpose and plan for the upcoming NDA Request for Proposals (RFP). View the NDA concept paper online at <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

**\*\* May 16** – Submission deadline for applications for the 2008 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). Applications are available to complete online or to download as a printable document through the DYCD Web site <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>. SYEP is open to all New York City residents between the ages of 14 and 21. The program will run from July 1 to August 16. Posters have been mailed to all public high schools and secondary schools, public libraries, City Council offices, Borough President offices, Out-of-School Time and Beacon programs and facilities operated by the Administration for Children's Services, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Human Resources Administration. The Department of Education Chancellor, Joel Klein, also included SYEP information in his publication, *Principal's Weekly*. In collaboration with Emmis Communications, Public Service Announcements for SYEP will air on KISS 98.7, The New York Rock Experience 101.9, and HOT 97 in the next 3 to 5 weeks.

### SPOTLIGHT NEWS

#### **\*\*DYCD Commissioner Presents at NYU Capstone Project Event**

On March 11, an event was held at the NYU Wagner School to showcase NYU's graduate student Capstone Project. The project created a profile of the Jamaica and Far Rockaway communities with the cooperation of Safe Spaces, a leading service provider in the Southeast Queens area. Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav presented on DYCD's use of data and evaluation since 2002 to target resources to those specific communities and how those efforts have effectively improved the ways in which DYCD meets the needs of underserved communities. New York City Council Members James Sanders and Leroy Comrie attended the event.

#### **\*\*DYCD/CUNY Youth Studies Consortium Launched**

On March 24, DYCD, the City University of New York's (CUNY) John F. Kennedy, Jr. Institute for Worker Education and the Wallace Foundation met to kick off the creation the DYCD/CUNY Youth Studies Consortium. The goal of the Consortium is to oversee the expansion of a multi-disciplinary curriculum on youth studies and to develop new

courses, certificates and degrees throughout the CUNY system. The Consortium is comprised of representatives of CUNY and other academic institutions as well as technical assistance and community-based organizations.

#### **\*\*Latin Social Worker Task Force Convenes Roundtable Discussion**

On March 27, Commission Jeanne B. Mullgrav participated in the Latino Social Worker Task Force Roundtable Forum, hosted by the Puerto Rican Family Institute, the New York City Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and the Latino Social Worker Task Force. Recognizing that the Latino community is rapidly expanding, the group met to strategize and deliberate the challenge of recruiting more Latino social workers to the field. Gordon Campbell, president of the United Way, and Lillian Rodriguez-Lopez, president of the Hispanic Federation moderated the roundtable discussion.

#### **\*\*DYCD Meets with Liverpool, England Non-profit**

On March 19, DYCD and the Department for the Aging (DFTA) met with staff from the PADA Kinship Careers Program, a Liverpool organization that supports teens in the custodial care of their grandparents due to parental substance abuse. The meeting, which provided an overview of the Department's services, was hosted by Presbyterian Senior Services, which receives funding from both DYCD and DFTA.

#### **\*\*Joint Youth Services Planning Committee Meets**

On March 19, DYCD hosted the quarterly meeting of the Joint Youth Services Planning Committee. DYCD staff presented on the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2009 budget, SYEP, the NDA concept paper, and the status of the Committee's request for the MTA to extend its free transportation program of buses for youth who attend programs not accessible by subway.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

#### **\*\* Afterschool Program News**

On March 13, Commissioner Mullgrav was the featured speaker at the annual National Afterschool Association Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Her presentation focused on the four basic principles of the NYC OST system: collaboration, redefining quality, accountability, and sustainability. Elizabeth Reisner, of Policy Studies Associates, presented the findings of the OST Year 2 evaluation study conducted by her firm.

On March 20, OST staff members met with the Capital Area United Way in Baton Rouge, LA to discuss the legal foundation of the NYC system. Baton Rouge is in the process of establishing an OST certification program and a GPS database of OST programs in their geographic area.

On March 24-25, staff members from eight DYCD In-School Youth, Beacon and Out-of-School Time programs took part in a Robotics Curriculum training hosted by IBM and DYCD. The staff built full-scale robots which they had to program to run an obstacle course. IBM will donate 25 Robotics kits to the programs that participated in the training.

On March 29, a Girls Basketball Skills Building Clinic, hosted by DYCD and Nike, Inc., was held at the Long Island University campus in Brooklyn. The clinic served teams participating in the Beacon Middle School Girls Basketball League. More than 700 players benefited from the 10 skill-building sessions that were conducted by women players from various college teams. Former New York Liberty players, Theresa Witherspoon and Kym Hampton addressed the participants. In addition, Positive Coaching Alliance conducted a training workshop for 85 coaches and assistant coaches.

Beginning April 1, summer OST programs will be promoted in advertisements on subways, telephone kiosks, and storefront posters in five high-needs areas in Brooklyn and the Bronx. The ads will run in English and Spanish. Posters will also be distributed to all OST summer program providers. NYC offers 280 conveniently located Out-of-School Time Summer Day Camps at no cost to families. For a list of OST summer program providers, go the DYCD Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

#### **\*\* ICC Middle School Work Group Kicks Off**

On March 13, the first meeting of the ICC Middle School Work Group, hosted by DYCD, was held with representatives of non-profits, City agencies, and several foundations in attendance. The Group will meet regularly to develop a set of recommendations for supporting New York City's adolescents through their critical middle school years. Lori Bennett, Director of Middle School Initiatives at the Department of Education, will co-chair the group with Richard Fish, Senior Advisor, DYCD, and identify existing resources and encourage collaborations

between non-profits and public middle schools. The final recommendations will be submitted to ICC Director, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, and ICC Chair, Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott.

### **\*\* Literacy Services for Disconnected Youth Expanded**

The Center for Economic Opportunity, in collaboration with DYCD, will fund four new model literacy programs for young adults who are not in school and are not working. The providers will be chosen from the DYCD portfolio of organizations already providing Adult Basic Education and General Educational Development (GED) services. Funded programs will provide GED pre-literacy services to disconnected youth residing in low-income communities.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **\*\*FOR YOUTH\*\***

The *Union Square Awards* makes annual awards to grassroots organizations working in New York City. Established in 2006, the awards recognize arts organizations working with youth and families in low-income communities throughout New York City in ongoing, innovative, and creative ways. All artistic disciplines — dance, theater, music, visual arts, film, media arts, and creative writing — are eligible. The goal is to identify arts projects and organizations making a significant impact and contribution to the lives of participants and their communities. Candidates are identified through a nomination process. Anyone familiar with an organization's work may submit a nomination detailing the reasons why the organization should be considered for an award. Grants will range from \$15,000 to \$30,000 each. Nominations are reviewed in the order received. For award guidelines, nomination forms, and details on the program's awardees, visit the Union Square Awards Web site:

<http://www.unionsquareawards.org/v2/home.asp> .

**Microsoft** is now accepting applications to *Microsoft's DigiGirly High Tech Camps*. This camp was developed to provide girls with a better understanding of what a career in technology is all about. The experience provides opportunities to learn about careers in technology, talk with Microsoft employees about their life experiences, and enjoy hands-on computer and technology workshops. The camp is FREE, and takes place from July 14-16 (3 days) and includes breakfast and lunch for the participants. Camps are held in numerous locations around the country this year; the New York State location is Stony Brook. In addition to providing contact information, the girls will be asked to answer two essay questions. After being selected into the program, they will receive a packet of information with additional forms for completion. They will also be asked to submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor. The documents must be completed and returned in order to be fully registered for the camp. Girls must currently be in 9th -12th grade to be eligible. Applications are due May 30. Acceptances will be announced by June 13. For more information about Microsoft Camps, go online:

<https://www.microsoft.com/about/diversity/programs/camps.mspx>.

**LEGO Systems**, Inc. invites children between the ages of 6 and 13 who consider themselves curious, imaginative, and creative to apply for the second annual *LEGO Creativity Awards*. Designed to encourage lifelong curiosity and creativity, the LEGO Creativity Awards are an opportunity for young people to gain recognition for the imagination that will make them the "builders of tomorrow." Children from across the U.S. and Canada (excluding Quebec) are invited to submit essays showcasing their creativity at home, at school, and in their communities. The essay contest is intended to encourage children to think of creativity as more than practicing art or music; it is also about taking a new approach to everyday challenges. Winners of the First Annual LEGO Creativity Awards in 2007 demonstrated creativity in action such as community engagement, product invention, movie-making, and furniture construction. Some teachers took the program into their classrooms to engage students in an exercise not only in essay writing, but also in the idea of how their individual creativity could make a difference. The five winners will each receive \$5,000 to further their creative projects. The deadline for submissions is May 23. Official rules regarding entry and prizing can be found at the LEGO Creation Nation Web site: <http://www.LEGO.com/> .

**Target Corporation's Local Store Grants** provide funding support to "Target" communities in the areas of arts, reading programs, and family violence prevention. To be eligible, organizations must be located in communities where Target does business. Grants will be awarded to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, schools, libraries, or public agencies for nonprofit programs that impact arts, early childhood reading, or family violence prevention. Arts grants are awarded to programs that bring the arts to schools or make the arts accessible to children and families. Early childhood reading grants support programs that foster a love of reading and encourage children, from birth through age nine, to read together with their families. Family violence prevention grants support programs that strengthen families and communities by keeping them safe. Support will be awarded for projects or programs. The

average grant amount is between \$1,000 and \$3,000. For communities offering unique opportunities outside the scope of the program's focus areas, Target provides each store limited funds for Target Gift Card donations. Gift Card donations are available March through December, as funding permits. Deadline: May 31. Visit the Target Web site for complete program information: <http://www.target.com/> .

The **Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp.** has announced that it will renew its *Community Grant Program*. It subsidizes small projects designed to improve inner-city education in Boston, Hartford, Providence, New York, or Washington, D.C., within the coming year. In keeping with the foundation's 2008 focus, proposals aimed at helping to reduce public school absenteeism and drop-out rates are of particular interest. The applicant must be a "frontline educational worker" who is involved in the education field or a related field in one of the communities eligible for foundation grants. The proposed recipient must be a nonprofit organization or tax-exempt organization (e.g., a public school) that is willing to accept the grant and use it in the required manner. The foundation will generally consider grant applications monthly and award grants in an amount totaling not more than \$2,000 in any given month. There is a rolling deadline. Complete program information and grant application instructions are available at the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Web page: <http://www.brownrudnick.com/> .

The **Women's Sports Foundation's GoGirlGo! National Grant Program** will award grants to organizations seeking to add new or expand participation opportunities for underserved populations of girls between the ages of 8 and 13. The goal of the GoGirlGo! Grant and Education Program is to maximize the use of sport/physical activity as an educational intervention and social asset in order to enhance the wellness of girls as they navigate between childhood and early womanhood. The program is dedicated to the development and funding of girls' sports/physical activity programs that combine athletic instruction and programming with the delivery of educational information by qualified adults aimed at reducing risk behaviors that threaten the health and social advancement of girls. Organizations, agencies, and schools that agree to implement the GoGirlGo! education curriculum become eligible to apply for a GoGirlGo! Grant. Any girl-serving organization (Boys & Girls Clubs, non-profit organizations, park programs, recreation centers, schools, YWCAs, etc.) may apply for a grant. Organizations selected to receive a GoGirlGo! grant must deliver a minimum eight-week sports/physical activity program for girls (ages 8 to 13) and implement the GoGirlGo! curriculum. In 2008, \$430,000 in grants will be available. In 2007, the average grant awarded was \$5,700. Funds may be used for athletic equipment, supplies, facility rental, league/tournament fees, travel, coaching, scholarships, and/or program administration expenses. The submission deadline is May 9. Complete guidelines and an application form are available at the Women's Sports Foundation Web site. <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/> .

The **Captain Planet Foundation** funds hands-on environmental projects involving children and young adults in communities across the United States. All projects must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on involvement, involve children and young adults between the ages of 6 and 18 (elementary through high school), promote interaction and cooperation within the group, help young people develop planning and problem solving skills, include adult supervision, and commit to follow-up communication with the foundation. Generally, grant amounts will range between \$250 and \$2,500. The upcoming deadlines for submitting grant applications are June 30, September 30, and December 31. For complete program information and an online application form, visit the Captain Planet Foundation Web site: <http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/> .

The **National Storytelling Network** invites applications for the fifth annual *Brimstone Award for Applied Storytelling*. The award focuses on the transformational properties of storytelling and aims to increase understanding of the ways storytelling can promote change in individuals and communities. The award provides a grant of \$5,000 for a project that will be completed in calendar year 2009. The grant will support a model storytelling project that is service-oriented, based in a community or organization, and to some extent replicable in other places and situations. Many different sorts of projects can be considered for the award including community, organizational or institutional programs, curricular activities, short residencies, and projects combining complementary art forms. Applicants who are not members of the National Storytelling Network must pay the current membership fee to become an NSN member. The application deadline is May 2 (Preliminary proposals). Program information and an application form are available at the NSN Web site: <http://www.storynet.org/> .

**Youth Venture** is accepting applications for its *Go Overboard Challenge grant*. The grant is designed to highlight youth-created, -led, and managed ideas that will change the world. Eligible applicants must be Youth-led ventures – such as school-based clubs, community organizations, or for profit or non profit businesses that involve youth ages 12 to 20. The application deadline is May 1. For more information, visit: <http://genv.net/en-us/burton/process> .

The **American Honda Foundation** provides grants to various educational institutions: K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and vocational or trade schools for programs that benefit youth and scientific education. Grant awards range from \$40,000 to \$80,000. Non-profit organizations and educational institutions are eligible to apply. The application deadline is May 1. For more information, view their Web site at: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>.

## **\*\*FOR COMMUNITIES\*\***

**ProLiteracy** is entering the thirteenth year of the *National Book Scholarship Fund*, a project that supplies books and materials to local adult basic education and literacy programs. The resources available through NBSF are from New Readers Press, the publishing division of ProLiteracy. Programs providing direct service in the areas of basic literacy, adult basic education, English-as-a-second-language, and family literacy will be considered for support. NBSF grants are made in the form of the New Readers Press materials requested in the grant proposal. Grants typically average \$500 to \$2,000 each but can vary depending on the needs of the applicant organization. Programs awarded a grant must provide a cash contribution to ProLiteracy equal to 20 percent of the grant award. These funds are used to defray the costs of NBSF program administration. Organizational members of ProLiteracy must provide a cash contribution equal to 10 percent of the grant award. The application deadline is April 14. For more information about becoming a ProLiteracy organizational member and for complete grant program guidelines, visit the ProLiteracy Web site: <http://www.proliteracy.org/>.

The **White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives** is sponsoring a *Portraits of Compassion* video story contest. This contest is designed to shine a light on the countless caring Americans who offer help and hope to their neighbors in need as part of President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. The mission of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative is to strengthen both faith-based and other community-based service organizations and to grow government's collaboration with them to aid people in need. The **Portraits of Compassion** video story contest is a chance to honor this vital work and inspire others to service as well. Eligible applicants include any domestic or international non-profit organization that has partnered with a Federally-funded program since 2001 to serve the needy. Applications must include a "video story" of three minutes or less that can be uploaded on a free online video sharing service such as YouTube, Google Video, iTunes, or MySpace. All videos must be submitted as an Internet link by May 1. To learn more, or to submit an application, visit: <http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/portraits/index.html>.

The **Funding Exchange's Paul Robeson Fund for Independent Media** supports media activism and grassroots organizing by funding the pre-production and distribution of social issue film and video projects as well as the production and distribution of radio projects made by local, state, national, or international organizations and individual media producers. The fund invites applications for projects of all genres that address critical social and political issues, combine intellectual clarity with creative use of the medium, and demonstrate understanding of how the production will be used for progressive social justice organizing. The fund makes grants to radio projects in all the production stages and to film and video projects in the pre-production or distribution stages only. The fund does not support production or post-production costs for film and video projects. The fund does not provide support to project budgets or projects of organizations with annual budgets of more than \$500,000. The maximum grant award is \$20,000; most grants range between \$5,000 and \$15,000. The submission deadline is May 15. See the Funding Exchange Web site to download complete program guidelines and an application form: <http://www.fex.org/>

The **Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation** has announced an innovative new program to provide \$9 million in grants to assist caregivers across the United States. The *Family and Informal Caregiver Funding Program* was developed by the Weinberg Foundation to provide the critical resources necessary to support caregivers in innovative ways and facilitate partnerships among agencies and organizations. The primary goal of the program is to increase support for family and informal caregivers who assist older adults living in the community. Eligible grant recipients include nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations; faith- and other community-based organizations; tribal organizations; and units of local government nationwide. The grant program will support from twelve to twenty community-based projects with grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$300,000 each (for a total of \$300,000 to \$900,000 for each grant recipient from March 2009 through February 2012). The application deadline is June 12. Complete application details and additional information are available by contacting the foundation's offices or at the foundation's Web site: <http://www.hjweinbergfoundation.org/>.

Outdoor gear and clothing company **Patagonia** provides funding for environmental work and is most interested in making grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Patagonia supports "small, grassroots activist organizations with

provocative direct-action agendas, working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect the environment." The company funds work that is action-oriented; builds public involvement and support; is strategic; focuses on root causes; and accomplishes specific goals and objectives. The company does not fund organizations without 501(c)(3) status or a comparable fiscal sponsor; general environmental education efforts; land acquisition, land trusts, or conservation easements; research, unless it is in direct support of a developed plan for specific action to alleviate an environmental problem; environmental conferences; endowment funds; or political campaigns. Most grants are in the range of \$3,000 to \$8,000 each. In addition to the company's corporate grant program, each Patagonia retail store administers a grants program. Retail store grant applications are accepted year round. The application deadline is April 30. See the Patagonia Web site for complete program guidelines, eligibility quiz, and application procedures, as well as information on the retail store grant program <http://patagonia.com/>.

The **Caring Institute** is now accepting nominations of individuals of all ages for the *Caring Award*. Nominations should describe, in at least five hundred words, individuals who personify caring and would be a worthy role model to be emulated by others. Letters of recommendation should be included to give testimony to a long-standing commitment to public service. Nominations should give consideration to: length of service; scope and impact of work; degree of difficulty and obstacles encountered; and imagination and innovation. Award recipients are flown to Washington, D.C., and honored at a special ceremony. Young adult recipients receive educational monies for college tuition. Deadline: September 28. Complete award program information and nomination form are available at the Caring Institute Web site: <http://www.caringinstitute.org>.

*Active Living Research* is a national program of the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**. The current Call for Proposals is the first to reflect the Active Living Research program's new focus on supporting research that informs policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents (ages 3 to 18), decreasing their sedentary behaviors, and preventing obesity. The foundation will place special emphasis on strategies with the potential to reach racial/ethnic populations and children living in low-income communities who are at highest risk for obesity. Proposed studies must address one of the following topics: evaluations of policy or environmental interventions and strategies for increasing physical activity and/or reducing sedentary behaviors among youth; studies of the interactive effects of built environment and social/cultural factors on youth physical activity and/or sedentary behaviors in populations at high risk for obesity; studies of the economic determinants and/or impacts of environments and policies that affect youth physical activity and/or sedentary behaviors; and analyses of macro-level policies and environmental-change strategies with the potential to increase physical activity and/or reduce sedentary behaviors among youth. Approximately \$3.3 million will be awarded for research grants exploring the four topics, as well as dissertation grants. Research grants will range from \$50,000 to \$400,000 each, for projects ranging from twelve to thirty-six months. Dissertation awards will provide up to \$25,000 each. The submission deadline is May 14. Preference will be given to applicants that are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories. The complete Call for Proposals is available at the RWJF Web site: <http://www.rwjf.org/>.

With support from **Mary Kay, Inc.**, the *Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation* works to eliminate domestic violence. As part of that effort, the foundation annually donates funds to worthwhile nonprofit organizations that aid the victims of domestic violence. Since 2000, the foundation has awarded millions of dollars to women's shelters across the United States. In 2007, the foundation awarded grants of \$20,000 each to over one hundred and fifty shelters across the country. The funds awarded by the foundation may be used for the operating budget of the shelter, with the exception of staff travel. Failure to receive a grant does not prohibit the shelter from applying the following year. Shelters that receive grants may not apply the following year. The application deadline is June 30. Visit the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation Web site for the grant application form and list of 2007 grant recipients: <http://www.mkacf.org/BreakTheSilence.aspx>.

The **Reader's Digest Foundation** has announced that it will donate a total of \$1 million to non-profit organizations through a new initiative called *Make it Matter*. Grants will be inspired by individuals who are taking action and giving back to their communities in significant ways. Every month, the foundation will select one individual's story of good deeds done and grant \$100,000 to a nonprofit organization in honor of that individual. Reader's Digest magazine will then feature that person in its new column, "Make it Matter." Submissions for "Make it Matter" will be accepted by the foundation on a rolling basis throughout 2008. To learn more about the program and submitting a story, visit the foundation's Web site : <http://www.rd.com/foundation/>.

## **\*\*MINI-GRANTS\*\***

The *Kodak American Greenways Awards Program*, a partnership project of the **Eastman Kodak Company**, the **Conservation Fund**, and the **National Geographic Society**, provides small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout America. Grants may be used for activities such as mapping, ecological assessments, surveying, conferences, and design activities; developing brochures, interpretative displays, audio-visual productions, or public opinion surveys; and hiring consultants, incorporating land trusts, building infrastructure (e.g., a foot bridge or bike path), or other creative projects. In general, grants can be used for all appropriate expenses needed to complete a greenway project, including planning, technical assistance, legal, and other costs. Grant recipients are selected according to criteria that include the importance of the project to local greenway development efforts; demonstrated community support for the project; extent to which the grant will result in matching funds or other support from public or private sources; the likelihood of tangible results; and capacity of the organization to complete the project. Awards will primarily go to local, regional, or statewide non-profit organizations. Although public agencies may also apply, community organizations will receive preference. Most grants will range from \$500 to \$1,000 each; the maximum individual grant award is \$2,500. The deadline is June 15. Visit the Conservation Fund Web site for complete program information: <http://www.conservationfund.org/>

**Mothers Against Drunk Driving** and the **CarMax Foundation** have announced the launch of the new UMADD Web site, and the availability of mini-grants for community-based groups committed to preventing underage drinking, binge drinking, and drunk-driving on America's college campuses. Mini-grants are available to UMADD student-groups; new groups who have applied to become a UMADD group; active student groups; approved students; campus or community law enforcement working on college-related initiatives; campus/community partnerships working on college-related initiatives; and faculty, including alcohol, tobacco and other drug or campus prevention coordinators. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Although first priority will be given to applicants pursuing UMADD-specific projects, other ideas will be considered based on merit. When applying for a mini-grant, applicants will be required to create a project timeline, including major goals and objectives; select a project focus (e.g., underage/binge drinking or drunk driving); and submit a complete budget. The maximum grant amount is \$500. There is an open deadline. Visit the UMADD Web site for complete mini-grant program information and an application form: <http://www.umadd.org> .

As a way to encourage the growth of health-focused youth gardens, **the National Gardening Association** recognizes outstanding programs via the *Healthy Sprouts Awards*. Sponsored by **Gardener's Supply Company**, the awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. To be eligible for the 2008 Healthy Sprouts Awards, a school or organization must plan to garden in 2009 with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. In this year's program, twenty schools or organizations will each be selected to receive gift certificates toward the purchase of gardening materials from Gardener's Supply Company (the top five winners will each receive a certificate valued at \$500; fifteen more will each receive a \$200 gift certificate); NGA's Eat a Rainbow Kit, containing a series of engaging taste education and nutrition lessons; twenty-five packets of seeds; a literature package from NGA; and NGA Supporter benefits for one year. The submission deadline is October 15. Visit the NGA Kidsgardening Web site for further information: <http://www.nga.org/> .

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**April 14** – The **Support Center for Nonprofit Management**, the **New York Regional Association of Grantmakers (NYRAG)**, the **New York Times** and **American Express** will sponsor a forum: *Investing in Emerging Leaders*. It will be held at the New York Times Building, 620 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The dynamic conversation will focus on how philanthropy is investing in emerging leaders in the nonprofit sector. Please register at: [https://www.nycharities.org/event/event.asp?CE\\_ID=2251](https://www.nycharities.org/event/event.asp?CE_ID=2251) .

**April 15** – The **Museum of Modern Art** will be offering monthly *Art in Sight* access programs. The April program is entitled: *Design and the Elastic Mind* to be held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 11 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. Art in Sight programs are free of charge and a flyer is available in Braille upon request. Please contact (212) 408-6347 or

[accessprograms@moma.org](http://accessprograms@moma.org) to register. Wheelchairs and walkers, portable stools, FM headsets for sound enhancement, and large print and Braille information brochures are available. Service animals are welcome.

**April 16 –The Partnership for After School Education** will present a training session: *Engaging Youth in Program Evaluation*. It will be held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at PASE, 120 Broadway, Suite 230 (between Cedar and Pine Streets). Participants will explore the link between positive youth development theory and youth participation in evaluating the programs that serve them. They will explore concrete ways to engage youth in various stages of the evaluation process, from formulating research questions to analyzing data to changing programs based on youth feedback. Participants will leave this workshop with innovative strategies for engaging youth in program evaluation and resources for continuing the practice of program design through youth input and participation. This training is free and open to all. SACC Regulations Satisfied: (3) Child day care program development. Links to NYSAN QSA Elements: (1) Environment/Climate; (5) Programming/Activities; (7) Youth Participation/Engagement; (10) Measuring Outcomes/Evaluation. To register for the workshop, go to: <http://www.pasesetter.org/interactive/trainingform.html> .

**April 24** – A presentation and training by the **Grassroots Initiative: How to Build Political Clout & Shape the Next City Council** will take place at the Daphne Foundation, 79 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The training will highlight the timeline and process of running for public and political offices in New York City (including more than 14,000 vacant County Committee seats); how community groups can help recruit candidates among their membership; and what resources are available to help low-income residents secure a seat at the table. To RSVP for this event, please email Yvonne Moore at [yvonne@daphnefoundation.org](mailto:yvonne@daphnefoundation.org) by April 18th. To learn more about Grassroots Initiative, visit [www.gograssroots.org](http://www.gograssroots.org).

**April 26 – Crown Heights Unites Coalition, Assemblyman Karim Camara, and District Attorney of Kings County, Charles J. Hynes**, will be sponsoring a career workshop and resource fair, *2008 Summer Solutions*. The fair will take place at MS 61, 400 Empire Boulevard, (between Nostrand and New York Avenues) Brooklyn, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. It will feature community resources, career workshops, summer camp information and a job fair. Professional or business attire is required to attend the workshops. The fair will provide job opportunities for youth and young adults (ages 14-25), including re-entry programs. Please RSVP to Saadia Adossa, fax: 718-250-3187 or email: [Adossa@brooklynda.org](mailto:Adossa@brooklynda.org) .

**April 29** – The **Center for After-School Excellence** will present a FREE forum: *Best Practices in Summer Learning: Putting the Research to Work* at New York University Kimmel Center from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. They will offer advice from scholars and practitioners on summer learning and maximizing benefits for kids. As seating is limited, an RSVP is required. E-mail Brandon ray at [bray@afterschoolexcellence.org](mailto:bray@afterschoolexcellence.org) . For more information about the Center, go to: <http://www.afterschoolexcellence.org> .

**May 1** – The Nonprofit Connection, Citi Foundation, Honorable Adolfo Carrion, Jr. Bronx Borough President, and Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President, present, *2008 Nonprofit Day – Proactive Responses to the Economic Downturn* (Manhattan, Bronx and Westchester). It will be held at Citi Center, 153 East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. Explore the implications of the economic downturn for New York's at-risk communities and neighborhoods. Gain practical tools that will help your organization assess and meet increased community needs and ensure sustainability in a restrictive funding environment. Register online at: <http://www.nonprofitconnection.org>.

**May 1** – Early Bird Registration deadline for “*Finding Your Inner Leader – an ‘Aha!’ Conference to Reach, Rouse, and Ready Future Public and Community Health Leaders*” with special sessions on Diabetes Leadership Opportunities, is Friday, June 20, 2008, 8:00 am-6:30 pm at **Kingsborough Community College**, 2001 Oriental Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Conference highlights include: Conversations with Courageous Leaders panel; separate tracks of workshops for (1) aspiring leaders; (2) their supervisors, managers, and mentors; (3) community and public health teachers/faculty and internship supervisors, (4) community leaders; and Diabetes leadership challenges, opportunities and requirements roundtables. For additional information, go to: [http://www.kingsborough.edu/inner\\_leader](http://www.kingsborough.edu/inner_leader) or Karen Denard Goldman [kgoldman@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:kgoldman@kbcc.cuny.edu) or 718-368-5716. Pre-registration ends June 16.

**May 1 and 2 – New York City Employment and Training Coalition's (NYCETC)** inaugural Workforce Development Summit is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the United Federation of Teachers Conference Center in lower Manhattan. It will be co-sponsored by the Department of Youth

and Community Development (DYCD) and the Department of Small Business Services (SBS). This city wide event will bring together the entire workforce development community — training providers, funders, employers, and officials from all levels of government for a day of educational sessions and opportunities to network. The kickoff event for the summit will be the Opportunity Awards Reception which will take place on Thursday, May 1 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Broad Street Ballroom also in lower Manhattan. This will be a special evening where we will be recognizing the tremendous work of the city's workforce development community. To register and for more information, go to: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevalD=156845> .

**May 19 – ACT for Youth Center of Excellence** will sponsor a conference, *Can You Hear Me Now? The Challenge of Youth-Adult Connection*, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany New York. This conference is for both adults and youth. For more information and registration, visit the ACT for Youth conference page: <http://www.actforyouth.net/?conference2008> .

**May 28 –** A conference for New York City's top high school student leaders, *Express Yourself: Diverse Teens Taking Charge*, sponsored by **YouthBridge-NY** will be held from 9:00 am to 3:15 pm at the McGraw Hill Companies, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. It will feature a special track for youth educators. Register before April 25 at <http://www.youthbridgeny.org/summit2008>, or call 212-983-4800x126.

**June 6 - The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA)** will host a forum, *New Directions for Disconnected Youth* – a joint event to convene members of FPWA's Youth Services Network and Workforce Development & Child Welfare Task Forces to highlight the importance of holistic and comprehensive programming for young people. It will take place from 9:00 am to 12 noon at Baruch College. For additional information, visit: <http://www.fpwa.org> .

**June 28 – The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe Night** (*Stop the Violence – Save Our Children*) will be held at St. Mary's Park and Recreation Center, 450 St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx, New York 10455 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. Enjoy music, free giveaways, face painting, health information and more. For more information, contact Krystal Serrano 646-670-8848, Evelyn Munoz 917-662-6301, or Blanca Cuzco-Moran 917-656-3316, or email [info@unitedcaribbeancongress.org](mailto:info@unitedcaribbeancongress.org) .

**July 14 to 18 – The Hereford International Youth Conference** will be held in the United Kingdom. It is an event which will focus on international issues specifically including climate change, world poverty, and the major concern of how young people can play a part on tackling these important topics. In addition, the broader goals would include: creating an international network of youth groups; providing the opportunity for participants to develop an understanding of different national cultures; exploring the place of young people within society; and creating a positive change in the image of young people in the eyes of older citizens and the media. For additional information, contact James Langford, [james.langford4@btinternet.com](mailto:james.langford4@btinternet.com).

**October 15 - The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)** is pleased to announce that *Disabilities Mentoring Day (DMD)* will occur this year on October 15 and MOPD has begun their efforts to recruit mentors and mentees. DMD is a wonderful city wide opportunity offering persons with disabilities an opportunity to participate in a day of job shadowing, mentoring and exploration of future workforce opportunities. For more information, go to: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/mopd/html/dmd/about\\_dmd.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/mopd/html/dmd/about_dmd.shtml) . If you have any questions, you may also contact Nitza V. Monges, Special Advisor at DYCD @ [nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov).

## RESOURCES

For over 25 years **Carnegie Hall** has brought a variety of music, free of charge, to neighborhoods throughout the five boroughs of New York City. New details about *Neighborhood Concerts* have been added. For updated information about concerts in your part of New York City click on the relevant Borough link on their Web site: [http://www.carnegiehall.org/article/explore\\_and\\_learn/art\\_neighborhood\\_concerts.html](http://www.carnegiehall.org/article/explore_and_learn/art_neighborhood_concerts.html) .

The **U.S. Department of Defense Office of Disability Employment Policy** has established a database for employers who wish to hire post-secondary students with disabilities. For more information, go to <http://www.wrp.gov> .

The **Finance Project's** new brief aims to provide policymakers, stakeholders, community leaders, and program developers working in or with community-based youth programs with a basic understanding of how the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is structured, how community-based youth programs fit into CDBG purposes and activities, and how communities nationwide are using CDBG to support youth initiatives. Go to: <http://aaa.financeproject.org/publications/CDBGyouthprograms.pdf> .

A new report from the **Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)** finds good outcomes from after-school programs that use evidence-based approaches to enhance personal and social skills. Outcomes included feelings of self-confidence, positive feelings toward school, grades, and achievement test scores. For the Executive Summary, go to: <http://www.casel.org/downloads/ASP-Exec.pdf> . To access the full report, go to: <http://www.casel.org/downloads/ASP-Full.pdf> .

**Child Trends** has published a brief that discusses the elements and features that define positive youth development and highlights some ways to support the positive development of children and youth. Specifically, this brief addresses the critical role that particular out-of-school time settings – namely, regular family dinners and organized activity programs – can play in supporting adolescents' development. To download the brief, go to: [http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child\\_Trends-2008\\_02\\_27\\_PositiveYouthDev.pdf](http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2008_02_27_PositiveYouthDev.pdf) .

After years of dealing with conflicting event dates, the charitable world finally has a master calendar. Introducing, **CharityHappenings.org**, the official master calendar of non-profit events, galas and benefits in New York City. This resource offers the most comprehensive calendar of charity events happening in NYC. Users can easily search events by date, cause, and category. It is the best tool for planners to avoid choosing conflicting dates with other charities. To post your event for FREE click here <http://charityhappenings.org/advertise.php?event> Community organizing can provide a significant boost to student achievement among young people from low-income and underserved neighborhoods, a new study from the **Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University** finds. Their new report, *Organized Communities, Stronger Schools: A Preview of Research Findings* is based on preliminary results from the six-year, \$4.8 million Community Involvement Program funded by the **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**. According to CIP director Norm Fruchter, the study confirms that by participating in community organizing efforts, members of the community increase their civic engagement and knowledge of education issues. The study also found that education-related organizing is related to improvements in student achievement such as increased graduation rates and college enrollment, and that such efforts strengthened school-community relationships and stimulated changes in policy, practices, and resource allocation. The full study, which was initiated in 2001, is expected to be released this summer. Go to the Web site to access the preview of findings: <http://www.annenberginstitute.org/> .

*Youth with Disabilities in the Foster Care System: Barriers to Success and Proposed Policy Solutions* is a policy report developed by the **National Council on Disability (NCD)**. The American Youth Policy Forum conducted the research for the report which examines this uniquely situated population in terms of the issues that affect them and the policy solutions that can be implemented to improve their outcomes. To view the report, visit: [http://www.aypf.org/publications/documents/ncd96\\_FosterYouth\\_w\\_cover.pdf](http://www.aypf.org/publications/documents/ncd96_FosterYouth_w_cover.pdf).

*Putting Young People Into National Poverty Reduction Strategies* is a step-by-step guide showing how relevant statistics on young people in poverty can be easily sourced for use in developing national poverty reduction strategies. The guide also shows how to use accessible databases on the Internet to provide individual countries with sophisticated statistical profile of young people in poverty. To view the guide, visit: [http://www.unfpa.org/publications/detail.cfm?ID=357&filterListType=.](http://www.unfpa.org/publications/detail.cfm?ID=357&filterListType=)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **Coro New York Leadership Center** is now accepting applications for *Leadership New York*, its mid-career leadership program. Leadership New York seeks civic-minded candidates from the private, public and non-profit sectors who are committed to strengthening New York City. Participants challenge their own approaches to leadership by going behind the scenes to examine different perspectives of New York City's most complex urban issues, developing personal leadership skills and learning from a diverse group of peers. The part-time program begins in September and concludes in May. Coro New York is hosting two information sessions, on April 14 and May 8. To get more information, or to RSVP for an information session and to apply, visit: <http://www.coronewyork.org> or [emailmchun@coronewyork.org](mailto:emailmchun@coronewyork.org) . The application deadline is May 30.

In celebration of *National Youth Traffic Safety Month* this May, the **Allstate Foundation** is now accepting nominations for its inaugural *Activist of the Year* awards. The awards will recognize one teen and one parent who went above and beyond in 2007 to promote safe teen driving; it is designed to recognize and reward teens for encouraging smart driving activities completed in 2007. Nominations will be judged on creativity, originality, and number of teens positively impacted by a nominee's efforts. In addition to a \$10,000 cash prize for themselves, the winning teen will designate a \$5,000 grant to a nonprofit organization of their choice which supports or promotes teen safe driving.

Similar to the Teen Activist of the Year Awards, the Parent Activist of the Year Award will recognize a parent who has gone above and beyond to promote the importance of safe driving to teens, other parents, or their community. The winning parent will designate a \$10,000 grant to a nonprofit organization of their choice that supports or promotes teen safe driving. Anyone can nominate a parent or teen, and teens and parents may nominate themselves. The nomination deadline is April 21. Complete rules and eligibility requirements for the Teen Activist of the Year and Parent Activist of the Year Awards are available at the program's Web site:

<http://www.allstate.com/citizenship/Allstate-foundation.aspx>

Young people working to bring about positive societal change in their communities are invited to apply for the **YouthActionNet Global Fellows Program**. Each year, twenty exceptional young social entrepreneurs are selected as YouthActionNet Global Fellows. The year-long fellowship program provides opportunities in skill-building, networking, and advocacy, including a seven-day, all-expenses paid, capacity-building retreat in Washington, D.C.; development of a customized learning plan based on individual leadership learning needs; networking with international and national aid agencies, NGOs, and corporate partners; peer-to-peer networking throughout the year; training in communications and media outreach; public relations technical assistance; and access to global advocacy platforms and media coverage as well as access to potential funding opportunities. The program is open to all young people between the ages of 18 and 29. Applicants should be founders of existing projects and/or organizations or leading a project within an organization. Proficiency in English is required; applications must be submitted in English. Applicants also must be available to attend the full retreat, November 1-8, 2008, in Washington, D.C. The program application deadline is May 15. Visit the YouthActionNet Web site for complete program information and application procedures.