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**\*\*Program Updates:** Update on DYCD's Afterschool programs; NYC Youth Board and WIB Youth Council grapple with issues of Older Foster Care Youth; ICC Middle School Workgroup studies School/CBO partnerships; ESOL providers exposed to innovative Health Literacy curriculum; Commissioner Doar gives overview of HRA services and programs at RHY Advisory Committee meeting; Fatherhood provider meets with OSY providers to share common issues serving young men; 2009 Ladders for Leaders program to begin interview phase

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## DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**\*\* March 24** – The Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) quarterly meeting is to be held from 9:00 am-11:00 am at F•E•G•S Health and Human Services System, 315 Hudson Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor. The topic for discussion will be the *Federal Stimulus Package and What it Means to NYC Youth*. To RSVP, or for more information, call 212-442-6009 or email: [ICC@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:ICC@dycd.nyc.gov).

**\*\* April 22** – Deadline to submit proposals for the Family Literacy Request for Proposals (RFP.) The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) seeks qualified organizations to provide literacy services to New York City families with young children. The Family Literacy Program will address the educational and individual needs of parents and their school-aged children through a coordinated set of four components: adult literacy, children's education, parent and child together (PACT) time (parent/child interactions centered on literacy), and parent resource time (parent knowledge of child development and parenting strategies). To access the RFP, go to <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

## SPOTLIGHT NEWS

### **\*\*Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav Presents at the National Center for Family Literacy Conference**

From March 1-3, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav participated in the National Center for Family Literacy annual conference in Orlando, Florida, which brings together literacy professionals to discuss new strategies. The focus of this year's event was how technology can be harnessed on behalf of family literacy programs. Commissioner Mullgrav's presentation outlined DYCD's strategy for ensuring the sustainability of our Family Literacy initiative, which in the course of six years has seen its budget grow from \$350,000 to \$2.6 million.

### **\*\* Commissioner Mullgrav Receives Defining Media Trends Award**

On February 27, Defining Trends Media recognized Commissioner Mullgrav for her "Outstanding Leadership in the Dominican Community" at a celebration of Dominican Independence at El Morocco. Also receiving awards were the television producer Negro Santos, Rosita Romero of the Dominican Women's Center, and Nestor Montilla from the National Dominican American Roundtable.

### **\*\*DYCD Releases the 2008 ICC Annual Report**

DYCD is pleased to present the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Annual Report for 2008. The report summarizes the Council's activities during the past fiscal year and showcases the important work of members who work collaboratively to address the myriad of issues facing young people. The report focuses on the following: The ICC Middle School Work Group, created to examine how to improve the academic performance of middle school students; teenager high-risk behaviors; volunteer opportunities impacting youth and communities; serving youth with emotional and behavioral challenges; helping engage parents of court-involved youth; and promoting career opportunities in law enforcement for youth. The report is available online at <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

### **\*\*The List of Organizations Determined Eligible for Awards for the NDA RFP Released**

DYCD has announced the names of organizations determined eligible for awards for the Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) contract. The initiative seeks to provide a wide spectrum of programming to match the self-defined needs, assets, and priorities of New York City's (City's) 43 low-income communities, each of which has been designated as a Neighborhood Development Area (NDA). DYCD also seeks to provide services under the HealthStat Initiative, which facilitates access to affordable health insurance in targeted communities.

### **\*\*DYCD Offers Direction at Dropout Prevention Summit**

On March 6, DYCD participated in the NYC Dropout Prevention Summit, which was sponsored by America's Promise. Megan Keenan, Director of DYCD's Out-of-School Youth (OSY) program, moderated an afternoon panel entitled "Recuperative Strategies Focusing on Employment" that featured three OSY providers. Chris Caruso, Assistant Commissioner of the Out-of-School Time (OST) Initiative, presented on how OST programs help youth stay connected to school and ultimately graduate. Prior to the Summit, DYCD participated in strategy sessions designed to bring together representatives from the city, state and federal levels, lay the groundwork for New York City's post-Summit action plan, and connect with other America's Promise Alliance (APA) partners.

### **\*\*DYCD Services Outlined at Human Services Consortium of East Harlem**

On February 26, Commissioner Mullgrav met with the Human Services Consortium of East Harlem, which represents 21 neighborhood non-profit providers, to discuss DYCD programs and services in their community. She explained how DYCD uses data and evaluation to reallocate funds to high-need areas, including East Harlem. Rien Murray from the Department's Capacity Building unit also provided information on DYCD services that help organizations improve program quality.

### **\*\*ANYSYB Legislative Forum Held**

On February 9 and 10, Commissioner Mullgrav and DYCD staff members attended the annual Association of New York State Youth Bureau (ANYSYB) Legislative Forum in Albany. The Association presented Commissioner Mullgrav with an award recognizing DYCD's work on behalf of young people. She joined Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner Neil Hernandez and the NYC State Legislative Affairs staff in meetings with various state elected officials.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

### **\*\*Afterschool Update**

#### **All Beacon Satellite Sites at NYCHA Community Centers Up and Running**

Beacon Satellite programs are now operating in 25 NYCHA Community Centers. The Department contracted with Wellspring, a consulting firm based in Connecticut, to serve as an outside moderator at planning meetings designed to solicit input from resident leadership at the 25 NYCHA sites. One meeting will be held in each of the nine NYCHA districts. Feedback from these meetings will inform the Concept Paper to be released in the spring. This project is made possible through a grant from The Wallace Foundation.

Market Street Research (MSR) is conducting 18 focus groups with parents of children in NYCHA facilities. The goal is to elicit feedback and input on potential program models for the NYCHA Community Center concept paper and RFP. MSR will hold two sessions in each of the nine NYCHA districts; two groups will be conducted in Spanish. MSR will also conduct four focus groups with high-school-age youth in order to identify the priorities of young people and elicit feedback on program models for older youth.

### **Celebration Marks the Launch of the Beacon Satellite Program on Staten Island**

On March 4, Commissioner Mullgrav attended the launch of the Beacon Satellite program operated by the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Staten Island at the NYCHA Stapleton Houses community center. She was joined by David Sorkin, Executive Director of the JCC, Victoria Larsen, Staten Island Director of the Community Affairs Unit, and representatives from the offices of Borough President James Molinaro, Congressman Michael McMahon and State Assemblywoman Diane Savino.

### **OST Providers Encouraged to Strengthen their Programs in Challenging Times**

On February 27, DYCD hosted a capacity building education and information session for executive staff of OST providers. The session, entitled "Strengthening Our Core in Uncertain Times," was designed to help providers analyze their financial viability and promote a comprehensive, year-long capacity building pilot that will be funded by The Wallace Foundation. Commissioner Mullgrav introduced the pilot and encouraged providers to take advantage of DYCD resources that could help them weather the current economic climate. Presenters included representatives from The Wallace Foundation, Community Resource Exchange, Inc., the Nonprofit Finance Fund and the National Technical Assistance Center for Community Schools.

### **OST to Collaborate with the Fresh Air Fund to Extend Summer Camp Services**

On February 12, DYCD hosted an informational session on the Fresh Air Fund for Out-of-School Time (OST) providers. The Fresh Air Fund has provided free summer experiences to New York City children from low-income neighborhoods since 1877. Camp sites are located in Fishkill, New York. DYCD is working with our OST camps and the Fund in an effort to send several hundred OST youth to camp for 7-10 days. The camping component would be an enhancement to existing DYCD summer camp services. Targeted neighborhoods are the Rockaways and Staten Island.

### **\*\*NYC Youth Board and WIB Youth Council Meeting Focuses on Older Foster Care Youth**

On March 3, the NYC Youth Board and NYC Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Youth Council held their quarterly meeting at DYCD to gain a greater understanding on "Older Foster Care Youth and Promising Strategies". Julia Bator from The Heckscher Foundation for Children; Andrea Coleman from F.E.G.S.; and Douglas O'Dell from SCO Family Services provided an overview of "The Academy", a continuum of services for youth ages 16 to 21 years-old who are aging out of the foster care system in New York City. The NYC WIB Youth Council also approved a resolution to continue the New York City residency eligibility requirement for accessing WIA Out-of-School Youth employment services, in order to better serve the needs of the disconnected youth in the five boroughs.

### **\*\*ICC Middle School Workgroup Highlights Successful School/CBO Collaborations**

On February 19, DYCD hosted a meeting of the ICC Middle School Workgroup. Commissioner Mullgrav welcomed two guests from the Department of Education: Dr. Sabrina Kind, Deputy Chancellor for Instruction; and Verone Kennedy, the newly-appointed Director for Middle School Initiatives. The primary topic of discussion was how the ICC can work together to encourage collaboration between schools and community-based organizations (CBOs). The workgroup identified exemplary partnerships and attempted to pinpoint what made them so successful.

### **\*\*ESOL Providers Integrate a Health Literacy Curriculum**

On February 20, DYCD hosted a workshop for representatives from our ESOL contractors entitled "English for Your Health: A Health Literacy Curriculum for ESOL Learners". The workshop was conducted by Susan Dalmas and Judi Trupin from the Queens Public Library Adult Literacy Programs and attendees participated in activities taken from the Queens Library's "English for Your Health" curricula. It was designed to meet the needs of ESOL learners and is available online. Sample teaching strategies and activities were demonstrated, some of which can be adapted for Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Family Literacy instruction.

### **\*\*HRA Commissioner Doar Speaks at RHY Advisory Committee Meeting**

On February 19, Commissioner Robert Doar of the Human Resources Administration (HRA) gave an overview of HRA resources for vulnerable youth, including job supports, family and medical assistance, and housing resources at the monthly DYCD Runaway and Homeless Youth Services (RHY) Advisory Committee Meeting and. RHY

service providers asked questions about challenges associated with accessing resources for young adults who are runaway or homeless. DYCD will collaborate with HRA, as well as the Department of Homeless Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, Administration for Children Services and other city agencies to further improve services for young people in need.

### **\*\*Fatherhood Provider Fosters Linkages to OSY Providers**

On February 25, Union Settlement Association (USA) – a Fatherhood Program serving younger fathers – made a presentation to Out-of-School Youth (OSY) providers at a meeting hosted by DYCD. Richard Reeves, the Program Coordinator at USA, spoke about challenges associated with serving young men, the need to use fresh and dynamic outreach strategies, and techniques for retaining young men. OSY providers face similar challenges and understand the need to create meaningful one-on-one relationships with participants.

### **\*\*NYC Ladders for Leaders 2009 Update**

The NYC Ladders for Leaders 2009 pre-employment workshops concluded on February 28. Four sessions were held at Berkeley College. The workshops focused on resume and cover letter writing; interview preparation and communication skills; etiquette; business attire and managing conflict in the workplace. On March 10, a make-up workshop will be held for college students home for spring break, and students who were unable to attend the February sessions at DYCD. The mock interview phase of the program will begin in late March and conclude in early April.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

The **US Department of Education** announces funds to support local efforts to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-aged children, especially those from low-income families, through strategies, materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research. Non-profits and faith-based organizations are eligible. The grant deadline is April 2, and \$111,424,000 is available to fund 24 awards. For more information, contact Rebecca mark at 202-260-0968 or [Rebecca.mark@ed.gov](mailto:Rebecca.mark@ed.gov), or go to: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/recovery-states/index.html> .

The **Entertainment Software Association Foundation** offers funding for youth programs. They are dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the quality of life, health, and welfare of America's youth. The foundation seeks to harness the collective power of the interactive entertainment industry to create positive social impact in our communities. The foundation supports geographically diverse projects and programs that benefit American youth of all races and denominations and both genders. Eligible applicants must have tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status and must be seeking funding for a specific project or program that is or will be conducted in two or more states in the United States and serves youths between the ages of 7 and 18. Applicant organizations must provide youth programs in one or more of the following areas: skills and personal development, general health and welfare, risk behavior prevention, education, or multimedia arts/technology. The application deadline is April 15. To obtain additional information and an application, visit:

<http://www.theesa.com/foundation/application.asp>.

**VSA Arts**, an international nonprofit organization working to help create a society where people with disabilities learn through, participate in, and enjoy the arts, and **Volkswagen Group America** are now accepting entries for Accelerate, a juried exhibition of young emerging artists with disabilities. The program is open to artists between the ages of 16 and 25 who are living in the United States and who have a physical, cognitive, mental, or sensory disability. Submissions must be original work completed within the last three years and after the onset of disability. Eligible media include, but are not limited to, paintings and drawings (oil, watercolor, acrylic, pencil, or charcoal), fine art prints, photography, computer-generated prints, digital art, and time-based media (video, film). Work must have a visual component. Both representational and abstract work are welcomed. The competition will present one grand prize of \$20,000, a first award of \$10,000, a second award of \$6,000, and twelve awards of excellence of \$2,000 each. The entry deadline is June 19, 2009. Complete entry guidelines are available at the VSA arts Web site: <http://www.vsarts.org/> .

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

**Nature Hills Nursery** announces the Inaugural *Green America Awards*. The Nursery recognizes organizations that are committed to improving their local environment by planting trees. Groups that submit a local environment community project which makes the best use of trees, bushes, and shrubs will be awarded. Nonprofit organizations are eligible for an award. The submission deadline is April 1; awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. For more information, go to: [http://www.naturehills.com/green\\_america\\_awards.aspx](http://www.naturehills.com/green_america_awards.aspx).

The **Department of Agriculture and Markets** announces that the *Community Garden Capacity Building Program* is intended to support proposals to build capacity of existing community gardens in New York State. The projects must involve outreach materials, organizational planning, community programs, leadership development, and/or fundraising training. The program will be divided into the Upstate and Downstate Regions with funding being split evenly between the two. There are no matching requirements. Funded projects should be completed in one year or less. Not-for-profit corporations or must be sponsored by a not-for-profit corporation or municipality to act as a fiscal agent for the grant funding. Total funding for this program will be \$50,000. Each applicant may apply for and receive up to \$5,000. The grant deadline is May 4, 2009. Contact Ann McMahon at Department of Agriculture and Markets, 10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12235, call (518) 457-7728; e-mail: [ann.mcmahon@agmkt.state.ny.us](mailto:ann.mcmahon@agmkt.state.ny.us); or visit the "Funding Opportunities" section of the Department's Web site at <http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us>.

**U.S. Department of Education** announces the *Grant for Women's Educational Equity Act Program*. The U.S. Department of Education is accepting applications for its Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA) Program. The purpose of the WEEA program is: a) to promote gender equity in education in the United States; b) to provide financial assistance to enable educational agencies and institutions to meet the requirements of title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; and c) to promote equity in education for women and girls who suffer from multiple forms of discrimination based on sex, race, ethnic origin, limited English proficiency, disability, or age. The program includes three absolute priorities: mathematics, science, and student achievement; and one competitive preference priority: secondary schools. The grant deadline is April 22. To obtain additional information, visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E8-31226.pdf>.

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

The **National Gardening Association** announces the *2009 Healthy Sprouts Awards* to encourage growth of health-focused youth gardens. Awards support school and youth garden programs that teach children between the ages of 3 and 18 about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the U.S. Non-profits and community-based organizations are eligible to apply. The deadline is October 17, 2009. Twenty awards ranging from \$200 - \$500 are available.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**March 13** – The Bronx Forum, a partnership between the **Bronx Borough President's Office, Hostos Community College** and the **Jewish Community Relations Council of NY/CAUSE-NY**, will present a forum for non-profits: *Navigating the Fiscal Crisis*. It will be held from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at Hostos Community College, Savoy Building, Multipurpose Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 120 East 149<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx. There will be a \$10 registration fee that may be paid on the day of the event. RSVP at [www.communityuplink.net/bronxfiscal.htm](http://www.communityuplink.net/bronxfiscal.htm). Contact Monica Merlis at 212-983-4800x122 or [bronxForumRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:bronxForumRSVP@gmail.com).

**March 14 – May 30** The **Brooklyn Children's Museum** is running a free Saturday program, *Saturday Cultural Explorers* for students in grades 9-12. Workshops will include African Drumming and hands-on art projects. No admission is needed to enter the museum. Since the workshops are continual, students must commit to the program through May 30. The museum is located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue. For additional information, call: 718-735-4400.

**March 16/March 17** – The **Foundation Center** is offering back-to-back courses. Scholarships are available for small non-profits (applications must be made 5 days prior to the course date.) Save \$25 on each registration made at the same time. **March 16/Proposal Writing Seminar** – Expert instructors will teach you to craft a comprehensive, compelling proposal – step by step. You'll hear what grantmakers have to say about proposals, and gain valuable insight into the review process. *Course fee \$195*. **March 17/ Cultivating Grantmaker Relationships** – Learn how to make the initial contact, help funders feel connected to your mission, cultivate grantmaker relationships throughout the grant process, and secure long-term stability for your projects. *Course fee \$195*.

**March 19** – The **Bertram M. Beck Institute**'s full day conference, *The State of the Urban Family: An Introduction to Faith-Based Interventions and Resources*, will be held from 9 am - 4:30 pm (Registration 8 - 9 am) at the McNally Amphitheatre, Fordham University School of Law, 140 West 62nd Street, New York City. Workshops will focus on employment, incarceration, homelessness, youth, family, religious diversity and more. The Interfaith Center of NY along with many interfaith partners will be presenting workshops. Light breakfast and lunch provided, reception to follow conference. Registration Fee: \$40, Students/Seniors \$25, CEU credit & workshop completion certificate. Open to the public. For more information and registration visit, [www.fordham.edu/beckinstitute](http://www.fordham.edu/beckinstitute) or contact (212) 636-6738 or [beckinst@fordham.edu](mailto:beckinst@fordham.edu).

**March 19** – The **Baruch College (CUNY) School of Public Affairs Center for Nonprofit Strategy and Management** and **United Way of New York City** present *Consulting Day for New York City's Nonprofit Community*. It will be held from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at Baruch College, Newman Vertical Campus, Newman Campus Conference Center, 14th Floor, 55 Lexington Avenue @ 24th Street, Manhattan. It will be a great opportunity to: meet with a consultant & discuss the challenges facing your organization; receive up to two appointments consisting of a free 45-minute one-on-one session; network with over 100 leading nonprofit organizations in NYC; attend up to two workshops led by experts in the nonprofit sector or attend up to two workshops led by experts in the nonprofit sector. There is NO FEE. Space is very limited – appointments are required. Appointments will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments and workshop registrations must be made in advance and are required. Maximum two consultations in two focus areas and two workshops per attendee. Call (646) 660-6743 or (646) 660-6796 or Email [nonprofit.workshops@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:nonprofit.workshops@baruch.cuny.edu).

**March 24, March 26, and April 1, and April 2** - Queens based **Community Mediation Services, Inc.**, and the **Interfaith Center** are hosting *Peacemaking Across Cultural Boundaries: Youth Teaching Youth*, a four-session "train the trainer" program that teaches religiously diverse youth about conflict resolution. IT will be held from 4:00 pm-7:30 pm at 89-64 163rd Street, Jamaica, NY 11432. The program also prepares them to teach conflict resolution skills to youth in their own communities. Participants must live in Queens in order to participate and must attend all four dates in order to complete the program; upon completing the program, participants will receive \$50, and an additional \$50 upon training youth in their own community. For more information, contact Michelle M. Leonard, J.D., (718) 523-6868, Ext. 256.

**March 25** – **We Are All Brooklyn** in cooperation with **Project CARE**, the Brooklyn College Conference Center, and the **New York State Attorney General's Office** invite you to attend *Project Sunlight: A Window on How the Government Uses our Funds*. Breakfast and registration will be held at 8:30 am, training from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Brooklyn College Conference Center, East 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Campus Road, The Gold Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Brooklyn. Participants will learn how to access government dollars using Project Sunlight, the first Web site of its kind in New York, designed to make government transparent and accountable. The Web site allows you to easily research bill information, elected officials, donors, lobbyists, special interests, state contracts and uncover the links between them. There is a \$10 fee that can be paid at the event. Contact Karen Lander at 212-983-4800x121 or [waabrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:waabrsvp@gmail.com) or register online at [www.communityuplink.net/fiscaltraining5.htm](http://www.communityuplink.net/fiscaltraining5.htm).

**Beginning March 27** - **The Partnership for Afterschool Education (PASE)** is offering a *Children's Health Workshop Series*. Cost: Members: \$50; Non-Members: \$75; Discounted rates if you register for 2 or more workshops in this series: Members: \$40; Non-Members: \$65. Scholarship funding to participate in these trainings may be available through the Educational Incentive Program (EIP). For more information, or to apply for a scholarship, go to: <http://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu>.

**3/27** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm *Everyone Plays!: Fitness Games for All Ages and All Spaces*, Training Code: NYCF-HLTH2

**4/17** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm *After School Eating Made Easy*, Training Code: NYCF-HLTH3

**May** – rescheduled, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm *How to FIT Healthy Practices Into Your Afterschool Program*, Training Code: NYCF-HLTH1

**March 28** – **BodySculpt** (organizers of the Brooklyn Sports and Fitness Expo) extends an invitation to join the fight to end childhood obesity. Walk with Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, State Senator Eric Adams and community leaders at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Walk-a-Thon for Children's Health and Fitness. The walk begins at 10:00 am in Prospect Park at Bartel Prichard Square. Funds raised will support the next Brooklyn Sports and Fitness Expo,

an event to teach children new sports and learn healthy habits. To register online and learn more, go to: <http://www.bodysculpt.org> or call 718-346-5852.

**April 3** – Deadline for applications from **Brooklyn Community Board 6** for their *Youth Acknowledgement Awards* and the *Robert Acito Award for Youth Involvement*. The CB6 award will be given to youth between the ages of 10-19 who reside, attend school or volunteer for some organization serving the CB6 district. The contribution must have occurred in 2008 and may include, but is not limited to, tutoring, participating in CBO projects, assisting the needy, or triumphing over a personal challenge. Only volunteers will be considered eligible. The *Robert Acito Award for Youth Involvement* will be given to an adult member of the CB6 community who has demonstrated a commitment to young people and has proven to be a positive force in their lives. For more information, contact the District Office at 718-643-3027.

**April** – The **Baum Forum** and the **NYC Food and Fitness Partnership** are pleased to announce an event for NYC youth aged 15-24 during the week of April 12 (TBD). This full-day expo and conference is planned by and for NYC youth leaders who are engaged in health, wellness, and sustainability in their own communities. The event is to serve as a catalyst for youth involvement, as well as a call for organizers and individuals to provide opportunities for youth. Youth planners and organizations are wanted. For additional information, contact Sarah Pappas at [sarah@baumforum.org](mailto:sarah@baumforum.org).

**April 25** – This April, join the Mayor and thousands of New Yorkers to make a greener, greater New York City by planting and watering trees during the second annual *MillionTreesNYC Month*. On April 25th, 20,000 trees will be planted in 18 sites Citywide as part of New York Cares' Hands on New York Day, and we need everyone's help to make this happen! Bring your friends, your family or your neighbors to roll up their sleeves, dig in, and help us reach our goal of one million trees by 2017. To register or learn more about this event and other volunteer opportunities this spring, visit <http://www.milliontreesnyc.org>.

## RESOURCES

**Mt. Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program (SAVI)** needs individuals to become Volunteer Emergency Advocates for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Advocates are on call once a month in Manhattan or Queens to accompany people who have recently been assaulted. For more information, please call 212-423-2140 or 718-736-1288 or visit: <http://www.mssm.edu/SAVI/>.

**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** and **U.S. Department of Labor** announce the launch of *Americangreenjobs.net*. Announced at the February 4 - 6, 2009, [Good Jobs Green Jobs Conference](#) in Washington, D.C., this site is supported by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Labor. The Web site will serve as the central hub for information dissemination and collaboration among individuals and organizations interested in all aspects of green job development and support. The site provides information on policy, partnerships, industries, investment and funding. To view the Web site, visit: <http://www.americangreenjobs.net>.

Twelve Federal agencies developed a new Web site *FindYouthInfo.gov* out of a shared goal of strengthening community resources to support our Nation's youth. This new interactive Web site replaces the Community Guide to Helping America's Youth, and provides targeted information to help youth-serving organizations and community partnerships plan and implement effective youth programs. To view the new Web site, visit: <http://www.findyouthinfo.gov>.

*Grassroots Organizations Partnering with the One-Stop Career Center System: Lessons Learned from the Grantees, Part 2: For Workforce Development Professionals*. This report developed by the **U.S. Department of Labor** (DOL) highlights the lessons learned from Grassroots Faith Based and Community Organization (FBCO) grantees and their Workforce Investment Boards/One-Stop Career Centers. They partnered with one another to serve Americans in need through the DOL-Employment and Training Administration Grants for Grassroots Organizations Partnering with the One-Stop Career Center System (Grassroots Grants). This report is a guide for workforce professionals in government and the private sector to engage FBCOs in helping Americans to find and retain employment and then thrive in the workforce. To view the report, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/20090115b.pdf>.

**Public/Private Ventures** has issues a report with the assistance of the Finance Project that was commissioned by

the Wallace Foundation titled, *The Cost of Quality Out-of-School Time Programs*. To access the report, go to: <http://www.ppv.org> .

**CLASP** has issued *Target Practice: lessons for Poverty Reduction*, a publication that examines existing policy targets to provide clues to ways that poverty can be reduced. To access the report, go to: <http://www.clasp.org> .

*Youth with Disabilities in the Foster Care System: Barriers to Success and Proposed Policy Solutions* was developed by the **National Council on Disability**. The purpose of this report is to shift the lens through which youth advocates and service providers view the importance of ensuring the well-being of foster youth. This new lens asserts the importance of understanding the prevalence of disability among foster youth and better ascertaining who should be held accountable for this uniquely challenged and often underserved population. To view the report, visit: [http://www.aypf.org/documents/ncd96\\_FosterYouth\\_w\\_cover.pdf](http://www.aypf.org/documents/ncd96_FosterYouth_w_cover.pdf).

**Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** applications are available for senior citizens (60 and over), homeowners or tenants and low-income individuals and families. HEAP provides financial assistance for oil, gas and electric bills. For more information on the HEAP program, go to the DYCD Web site link: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/resources/heap\\_2007.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/resources/heap_2007.shtml).

The focus of **EmPower New York**<sup>SM</sup> is on cost-effective electric reduction measures, particularly lighting and refrigerator replacements, as well as other cost-effective home performance strategies such as insulation, and health and safety measures. On-site energy use education provides customers with additional strategies for managing their energy costs. Low income families or individuals that qualify for **HEAP** are provided these services at NO COST. Eligible families, senior citizens and individuals have received free insulation and new energy efficient refrigerators in their homes and have saved many dollars on their utility bills through these measures. For additional information, go to: <http://www.getenergysmart.org/LowIncome/EmPower.aspx> .

The **New York City Department of Parks and Recreation** has begun to recruit lifeguard candidates for the 2009 summer season. The qualifying test for entry into the program is currently being offered at locations in all five boroughs. The lists of testing sites are available at <http://www.nyc.gov/parks> . For more information, please contact Roy Tellason, Lifeguard Recruitment Coordinator at 212-360-1328 or via email: [Roy.Tellason@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Roy.Tellason@parks.nyc.gov) .

The **US Census Bureau** announces Census 2010 job listings from the New York Regional Office are now available. Please visit <http://www.census.gov/ronyc/www/employ.html> . Census 2010 job information including interactive maps are available at <http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php> .

If you have access to a computer and the Internet you may be eligible to prepare and file your 2008 federal tax return electronically — for free. *Free File* is an easy way to file your taxes and get your refund in half the time. Filing electronically is fast, accurate and secure. Free File, a form of e-file, is a free federal tax preparation and electronic filing program for eligible taxpayers developed through a partnership between the **Internal Revenue Service** and the **Free File Alliance**. The Alliance is a group of private-sector tax software companies. Since Free File's debut in 2003, a total of more than 24 million returns have been prepared and e-filed through the program. Free File offers two options. The first, "full service" Free File includes 20 different software options that can assist taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income of \$56,000 or less in 2008 to e-file their federal tax returns for free. Seventy percent of all taxpayers can take advantage of tax software that will help them complete their returns through the Free File program. Three companies are offering their products in Spanish. This year, the IRS and its partners are offering a new option, Free File Fillable Forms, which opens up Free File to virtually everyone, even those whose incomes exceed \$56,000. For more information, go to: <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=118986,00.html> .

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

**The Manhattan Institute for Policy Research** seeks nominations for its *Social Entrepreneurship Award*. The Manhattan Institute for Policy Research seeks to honor non profit leaders who have found innovative, private solutions for America's most pressing social problems. Applicants who provide direct service within the continental United States to address a public problem can be nominated. Up to five awards of \$25,000 each will be presented at the Social Entrepreneurship Awards Dinner in New York City. The Manhattan Institute will also award one \$100,000 grand prize -- the William E. Simon Award -- in recognition of long-time achievement in Social Entrepreneurship. The nomination deadline is March 20. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: [http://www.manhattan-institute.org/html/social\\_entrepreneurship.htm](http://www.manhattan-institute.org/html/social_entrepreneurship.htm).

The **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** honors outstanding young leaders in the United States and Canada who have made a positive difference to people and the planet. Nominees may range in age from 8 to 18 and must have been the prime mover of a community service activity and demonstrated positive spirit and high moral purpose in accomplishing their goals. Nominees must also be current legal residents of the United States or Canada have participated in their heroic work within the twelve months prior to the nomination deadline. Youth must be nominated by responsible adults (teacher or librarian, school counselor, youth service official, religious leader, etc.) who have solid knowledge of their heroic activities but who are not related to the nominee. Winners of the prize will each receive \$2,500 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project. Deadline: April 30, 2008. Visit the Barron Prize Web site for complete program information: <http://www.barronprize.org/index.html> .

The **Earth Island Institute's** annual *Brower Youth Awards* honor young people ages between the ages of 13 and 22 living in North America for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and social justice advocacy. Award winners will have demonstrated "outstanding leadership" by playing a major leadership role in creating, organizing, and implementing a project. The project should fall under one or more of the following categories: conservation -- work to eliminate or decrease the use of natural resources and the negative impacts on eco-systems and communities; preservation -- work to protect eco-systems, species, indigenous cultures, and other irreplaceable elements of the world's natural heritage; and restoration -- work to re-establish the healthy functioning of ecosystems, parts of eco-systems, and human communities that manage ecosystems. Six winners will each receive a \$3,000 cash prize, a trip to California for the award ceremony and a wilderness camping trip, and ongoing access to resources and opportunities to further their work at the Earth Island Institute. The nomination deadline is May 15, 2009. Visit the Brower Youth Awards Web site for complete program information: <http://www.earthisland.org/> .

**Getty Images** has announced an expansion of its editorial photography grant program to involve the creative community in recognizing the good work of the non-profit sector. The new *Getty Images Grants for Good* program will award two photographers \$15,000 each to cover costs associated with creating compelling imagery to raise awareness about the issues and work of a nonprofit they admire. In addition to the cash prize, the winning photographers will have the option to collaborate with Getty Images' team of art directors, photo editors, and producers during the execution of their project. The resulting work will be showcased on the company's Web site and will be used by the nonprofit to develop more powerful visual communications. The Getty Images Grants Program is an offshoot of the Grants for Editorial Photography program, which awards five grants of \$20,000 annually in support of visionary new work by established and rising photojournalists. The next deadline for the editorial photography program is May 15, 2009. Visit the Getty Images Web site for complete program guidelines for both the nonprofit and editorial photography grant programs: <http://www.gettyimages.com/> .

The **Manhattan District Attorney's Office** announces the *2009 Legal Bound Summer Junior and Senior High School Internship*. Students must reside in Manhattan and be between the ages of 14 and 17 (18 if still in high school). Qualified students should send a resume and an essay explaining their interest in the law to: Community Affairs Unit, NYC District Attorney's Office, Attention: Ms. carol Ragsdale, One Hogan Place, Room 824, New York, NY 10013. All resumes must be submitted by April 24, 2009. For more information, please call 212-335-9082.

If you are a youth in foster care accepted to either Hunter College or John Jay College, you may be able to take advantage of a unique opportunity offered by the **NYFC Guardian Scholars Program**. The benefits include: a five-year scholarship which you can use for tuition, books, school supplies, and other living costs; year round housing; one-on-one mentoring; and support from a Guardian Scholar advisor. The application deadline is May 15, 2009. Download the application at: <http://newyorkersforchildren.org/category/programs/> .

The **American Legacy Foundation** is accepting applications for the *Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship for Outreach and Health Communications* to reduce tobacco use among what the foundation considers "priority populations." Priority populations are those disproportionately targeted by the tobacco industry or which lack the tools and resources to combat smoking in their communities. Identified priority populations are Native Americans/Alaska Natives, Hispanics, African Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders, low socio-economic status groups, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. The Adams scholarship will award a total of \$10,000 annually for up to two candidates who plan to pursue undergraduate or graduate studies at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States. The scholarship will be awarded to individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to community service or have used the visual arts or media to convey culturally appropriate health

messages on behalf of a disadvantaged population. Deadline: April 15, 2009. For complete program information, visit the American Legacy Web site: <http://www.americanlegacy.org/> .

The **Manhattan Institute** *Award for Social Entrepreneurship* honors a nonprofit leader or organization that has found an innovative, private solution to a pressing social problem. Any nonprofit organization that provides a direct service within the continental United States to address a public problem can be nominated. Examples of the types of organizations the program seeks to recognize include private social service groups that assist poor families with housing, health care, job training, and other similar needs; reformative organizations that help people cope with moral or psychological problems such as drug addiction or criminal behavior; education groups that use mentoring, counseling, or other afterschool programs to improve children's educational achievement and possibilities; community groups that improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods; and conservancies that use private donations from corporations or individuals to purchase land and preserve it from development. Applicant organizations will be assessed according to various criteria, including the dynamism of their founding leader(s), vision, committed volunteers, creative and entrepreneurial ways of conceiving and meeting goals, significant private sector financial support, sustainability, clear and demonstrable results, and commitment to sustaining the vitality of civil society. Recognition is reserved for those organizations whose guiding purpose and function stem from private initiatives and ideas. Accepting government funds does not, in itself, preclude consideration. Individual charter or private schools and nonprofit organizations that engage in political advocacy or that bring legal actions or whose primary activities are in response to government requests for proposals are not eligible for this award. Up to five awards of \$25,000 each will be presented at the Social Entrepreneurship Awards Dinner in New York City. The Manhattan Institute also will award one \$100,000 grand prize -- the William E. Simon Award -- in recognition of long-time achievement in Social Entrepreneurship. The nomination deadline is March 20, 2009. Nominations may be submitted by anyone familiar with a person or group's activities except a current employee of that person or group. For complete program information and a nomination form, visit the Manhattan Institute Web site: <http://www.manhattan-institute.org/> .