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****Spotlight News:** Summer of Service project highlights volunteer efforts; USDOL and NYSDOL visit SYEP Worksites; Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg keeps his commitment to expand OST initiative; Jerusalem Officials eager to gain understanding of DYCD initiatives during Video Conference; Commissioner Mullgrav presents Mayoral Proclamation at National Night Out Against crime event; DYCD Commissioner hosts a delegation of Officials at the Betances Community Center; DYCD sends 400 youth to Fresh Air Camp in Fishkill, NY

****Program Updates:** 2009 SYEP statistics to date; 4,000 participants in DYCD summer camp programs enjoy a day at the Bronx Zoo; the Beacon/Nike middle-school girls basketball league finals are hosted by Madison Square Garden; ICC on youth holds annual public hearing

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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

****Upcoming** – watch for the imminent release of the Cornerstone Request for Proposals (RFP.) The Cornerstone programs, to be located at New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Community Centers will provide high-quality services to youth after school, in the evenings and on weekends. New contracts will begin January 1, 2010.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

SYEP Participants Volunteer for 2009 Summer of Service Projects

On July 24, DYCD launched the 2009 Summer of Service initiative with volunteer projects in all five boroughs. The initiative is part of Mayor Bloomberg's NYC Service and builds on President Barack Obama's recent call to "stand up and play your part." DYCD partnered with the Mayor's Office, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and New York Cares to organize the initiative. Participants were recruited from DYCD's 2009 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). The projects took place at NYCHA housing developments and Parks locations, and featured sustainable activities such as building planter boxes, planting flowers and shrubs, cleaning-up beaches and generally making our City a greener and more beautiful place to call home.

On Friday, August 7 DYCD held the final day of the 2009 Summer of Service project. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg joined DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav; Chief Service Officer at NYC Service, Diahann Burford-Billings; Chairman of the New York City Housing Authority, John Rhea; Executive Director of NY Cares, Gary Bagley and the Eastern Manager of Nike, Jeanette Rodriguez to help out at the volunteer event at the South Jamaica Housing Development in Queens.

DYCD is also organizing post-service celebrations to thank participants for dedicating a summer day to helping others. Numerous local business and large corporations have made donations to the project, including Nike, providing a new pair of sneakers to all youth volunteers.

Federal and State Departments of Labor Tour SYEP Worksites

On August 4 and 5, DYCD hosted the U.S. Department of Labor and the New York State Department of Labor on a series of visits to Summer Youth Employment (SYEP) worksites.

The purpose of the visit was to acquaint the USDOL and NYSDOL with SYEP operations and showcase some of the places where youth are assigned to work. The visitors went to Columbia University Medical Center, the NYC Parks Department worksite at Riverside Park, a CVS Pharmacy, and the Red Hook Community Farm. At each

site, USDOL and NYSDOL representatives spoke to the direct supervisors of the youth, the DYCD-funded organizations responsible for monitoring the worksites, and the young people themselves. This year, SYEP is being partly funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the first substantial federal funding of the program in over ten years.

Mayor Bloomberg Highlights his Commitment to Expand the OST System

On July 13, Commissioner Mullgrav joined Mayor Bloomberg at the Goodhue Camp on Staten Island to announce the release of his fourth Campaign Accountability Report. Many of the young people at the Goodhue Camp, operated by the Children's Aid Society, are participants in the DYCD Out-of-School Time (OST) program. The Mayor selected Goodhue Camp to highlight a promise he made to expand the OST system and increase the number of young people served. Since the 2005-2006 school year, the OST budget has increased from \$47 million to \$110.7 million, with enrollments increasing from 59,000 to a projected 75,000 students in the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.

Jerusalem Officials and DYCD Hold Video Conference to Examine Topics of Mutual Interest

On July 8, a video conference was held with representatives from the municipality of Jerusalem and DYCD to explore opportunities for cooperation and areas of mutual benefit. Participants included Jerusalem's Deputy Mayor for Planning and Environment, Deputy Political Advisor for International Affairs, a City Council Member, and staff from the Jerusalem Inter-Cultural Center. Commissioner Mullgrav was joined by DYCD Staff. The call was moderated by Rabbi Robert Kaplan, Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, and hosted at the offices of United Jewish Communities. DYCD's approach to community development, community engagement, and cultural competency, as well as procurement, capacity building, and evaluation was discussed.

DYCD Participates in the National Night Out Against Crime

On August 4, Commissioner Mullgrav presented a Mayoral proclamation at the National Night Out Against Crime Event hosted by the NYPD 33rd precinct in Washington Heights. She was joined by DYCD staff and members of the Neighborhood Advisory Board. Information was distributed about DYCD services and the importance of participating in the 2010 Census was stressed.

Commissioner Mullgrav and City Officials Visit the Betances Community Center

On July 17, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, Assemblywoman Carmen Arroyo, Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito, Councilmember Maria del Carmen Arroyo, and Department for the Aging Commissioner, Lilliam Barrios-Paoli visited the Betances Community Center in the South Bronx. The Center, currently operated by Aspira of New York, is one of the 25 NYCHA community centers administered by DYCD. They spoke with parents, young people, and community stakeholders about the current program and neighborhood priorities. They also visited the NYCHA Senior Center operated by the Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly to discuss possible collaborations with the DYCD-administered center.

DYCD Commissioner Visits Fresh Air Fund Camp in Fishkill, New York

On July 15, the Commissioner visited the Fresh Air Fund Camp in Fishkill, NY, which has provided free summer camp experiences to New York City children from low-income neighborhoods since 1877. This year, for the first time, several DYCD-funded CBOs are sending a total of 400 children to the Fresh Air Camp for ten days. The camping experience supplements existing services at no additional cost to families, our provider agencies, or DYCD. The new initiative is using DYCD's provider network to reach underserved neighborhoods such as the Rockaways and Staten Island, as well as Jewish and Mexican communities.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****2009 Summer Youth Employment Program Update**

SYEP began on July 1 and will run until August 15. The program has enrolled more than 52,200 participants who have been placed at approximately 8,600 worksites throughout the City.

Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth Holds Annual Public Hearing

On July 21, DYCD hosted the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Annual Public Hearing. The Commissioner welcomed more than 60 attendees, including representatives from ICC member agencies. Several young people testified on how DYCD-funded initiatives such as the Young Adult Internship Program, Summer

Youth Employment Program and the new Beacon Satellites operating at NYCHA Community Centers have positively impacted their lives.

Third Annual DYCD Day at the Bronx Zoo

On July 16, nearly 4,000 participants and staff from more than 50 Beacon and Out-of-School Time (OST) Summer Camps attended the annual DYCD Day at the Bronx Zoo recognition event. This summer, DYCD-funded Beacon and OST summer camps will serve more than 32,000 participants. The camps operate from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and feature theme-based activities, trips, and recreational experiences.

Madison Square Garden hosts Beacon/Nike Girls Middle School Basketball League Championships

On July 9, Commissioner Mullgrav and DYCD staff members welcomed some of New York City's finest young athletes to Madison Square Garden for the second annual Girls Middle School Basketball League Championship Games. Conceived and implemented by DYCD, the league consists of teams from 45 Beacon Community Centers located throughout the five boroughs. Approximately 1,000 adolescent girls participated in the league, which uses basketball to promote fitness, community service and healthy relationships. The league is made possible with private support from Nike for uniforms, sneakers, space rental, and development workshops. The Commissioner was joined at the event by Kym Hampton, former NY Liberty Player; Jeannette Rodriguez from Nike; Erin Dabe from the New York Liberty; and DJ Jazzy Joyce. The teams that made it to the finals were from the Chinatown YMCA, Goodwill Industries, Alianza Dominicana; and Samuel Field Beacon programs.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)** announces funds to support chamber music performances in conjunction with educational activities that will highlight specific repertoire by American composers, and enable ensembles to engage with communities in a variety of settings. The Arts Endowment is particularly interested in projects that have at least one performance and two educational activities. City or township governments, state governments and nonprofit organizations are eligible for awards. The grant submission deadline is October 8, 2009. Awards range from \$5,000-\$75,000. A match is required. For additional information, contact Court Burns at (202) 682-5590 or burnsc@arts.gov; or go to <http://arts.endow.gov/grants/apply/AMChamber.html>.

Share Our Strength announces *Great American Bake Sale Grants* to support efforts to increase participation among low-income children in summer and after-school meal programs. It is specifically interested in increasing participation in meal programs that utilize USDA reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), National School Lunch Program (NSLP), or Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for the grant. September 30, 2009 is the submission deadline. Awards range from \$1,000-\$10,000. For additional information, contact: Marcus Finley at (202) 478-6574 or bakesale@strength.org; or go to http://gabs.strength.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GABS_grants.

The **William T. Grant Foundation** is pleased to announce the spring 2009 competition for their *Youth Service Improvement Grants*. These grants will support activities conducted by non-profit community-based organizations in the New York metropolitan area to improve the quality of services for young people ages 8 to 25. Proposed improvements should be at the point-of-service and can include, but are not limited to the following: activities to increase the attendance of enrolled youth and decrease program drop-outs; development and implementation of improved curricula and teaching materials; and activities to improve the direct service skills of line staff, such as on-site, ongoing staff development. They will not award general operating funds. Applications will be accepted from July 16, 2009, to September 16, 2009, with award decisions to be made in February 2010. Awards are up to \$25,000 for six-month to two-year projects. Only 501(c)(3) designated youth-serving organizations in select New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut counties are eligible. Please see the application guidelines for more details. To download the application guidelines and descriptions of previous awards visit the Foundation's website at: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/service_improvements/youth_service_improvement. Their guidelines have been updated since last cycle, so please review the document even if you have applied previously. Please note: organizations that applied for the spring 2009 cycle in March will be notified of their award decisions in August.

The **New York State Office of Children and Family Services** invites community-based organizations including faith-based organizations to submit proposals for quality Special Delinquency Prevention Programs... OCFS requests proposals from agencies that demonstrate experience with disconnected or at risk youth and expertise in youth development principles and practices. Agencies that propose to deliver SDPP services must provide evidence of a high level of community involvement and should represent the culture of the area in which the proposed program is located. It is anticipated that approximately \$2.65 million will be available; the maximum contract amounts to be awarded are \$150,000 for programs in New York City and \$100,000 for programs outside of New York City. Applications are due by August 25, 2009. For complete information and to download a copy or the RFP, visit the Contract Management System at the OCFS website:

<https://ocfsws.ocfs.state.ny.us/obl/index.asp?menu=28&grantid=284>.

The **NFL Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program** is a partnership of the **National Football League Youth Football Fund**, which provides funding for the program, and the **Local Initiatives Support Corporation**, which manages and provides technical assistance to the program. The goal of the program is to provide neighborhood-based non-profit organizations with financial and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields. In order to be eligible for a grant, projects must be sponsored by non-profit community-based 501(c)(3) organizations or middle or high schools. In addition, all organizations applying for funds must be located specifically and exclusively within NFL Target Markets and serve low- to moderate-income areas within those markets. Applicant organizations must have at least one full-time staff person and must have been in existence for at least three years. Grants are given only for capital expenditures. Strong preference will be given to proposals that seek to upgrade existing facilities that are in poor condition or otherwise underutilized, demonstrate active use of the fields, attract matching funds that exceed the minimum required match of 1:1, involve local partnerships with non-profit community partners to promote youth and community programming on the fields, and provide for continuing maintenance and field safety. Two levels of funding are available: grants of up to \$50,000 for general field support (e.g., irrigation, bleachers, lights, etc.), and matching grants of up to \$200,000 to help finance synthetic material resurfacing of a community, middle school, or high school football field. A smaller number of matching grants of up to \$100,000 each will be available to help finance the resurfacing of a football field utilizing natural grass or sod surfaces. Visit the Web site for complete program guidelines: <http://www.nflyff.org/>.

The primary mission of the **Tony Hawk Foundation** is to promote high-quality, public skate parks in low-income areas across the United States. The foundation primarily considers skate park projects that are designed and built by qualified and experienced skate park contractors, include local skaters in the design process, are located in low-income areas and/or areas with a high population of "at-risk" youth, can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment to the project (particularly in the form of fundraising by local skateboarders and other community groups), have a creative mix of street obstacles and transition/vert terrain, do not require skaters or their parents to sign waivers, encourage skaters to look after their own safety and the safety of others without restricting their access to the park, are open during daylight hours 365 days a year, do not charge an entrance fee, and are in areas that currently have no skateboarding facilities. The applicant must be a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local agency (including public school systems or public projects). Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 each. The foundation anticipates approving grant requests twice a year. The next deadline is October 1, 2009. Visit the Web site for complete program information: http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant_application.asp.

Community League of the Heights (CLOTH), a community development corporation providing affordable housing and social services in Washington Heights, is now accepting applications for their *Dorothy McGowan Supportive Housing project*. This project will provide seven (7) permanent, efficiency/studio apartments for youth transitioning from foster care. Supportive services including career development, educational support, and vocational training will be offered to incoming residents. To be eligible the young person must have a connection with Manhattan Community Districts 9 or 12 (i.e. place of origin, foster care placement). Other application requirements include: proof of income; proof of Citizenship (Birth certificate and Social Security Card); New York State ID/Drivers License; and most recent bank statement. Students in school full-time and unemployed are *not* eligible. For more information, please contact Monifa Thomas, at (212) 487-5507.

The **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** has announced a new grant opportunity as part of its commitment to becoming an effective, anti-racist organization that promotes racial equity. This grant opportunity seeks to strengthen and bolster community-based approaches for racial healing and equity efforts targeting vulnerable and marginalized children. The foundation defines racial healing as "group efforts to acknowledge the wrongs and group suffering of the past while trying to address the cumulative and current consequences of the past injustices." The foundation seeks proposals from community-based organizations that foster racial healing. To be considered for funding, the

organization must be working to promote racial healing within and between racial and ethnic groups within specific geographic areas. National programs that have projects within local communities may also be considered. To be eligible to receive a grant, applicants must be public entities or nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that demonstrate the fiscal capacity to manage the funds. The Kellogg Foundation anticipates awarding grants of up to \$400,000 each. The submission due date is September 30, 2009. The complete Request for Proposals, including examples of eligible projects, is available at the Kellogg Foundation Web site:

<http://wrm.wkkf.org/uWebRequestManager/UI/Application.aspx?tid=b9d2b664-15ff-4472-88bd-02f2a2fd8c17&LanguageID=0>

****FOR COMMUNITIES****

The **CVS Caremark Community Grants program** provides support to community organizations and public schools in states where CVS stores are located. The 2009 Community Grants program is focused on a few key areas. The program will award funds to non-profit organizations working to provide disabled children and youth (under age 21) with health and rehabilitation services and/or programs that enable and encourage physical movement and play. The program will also award grants to public schools that promote a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs for children with disabilities. Proposed programs must be fully inclusive where children with disabilities are full participants in an early childhood, adolescent, or teenage programs alongside their typically developing peers. Additionally, contributions will be made to organizations that provide uninsured individuals with needed care, in particular programs where the care received is of higher quality and delivered by providers who participate in accountable community healthcare programs. There is no age limit on proposed programs that create greater access to health care services. Qualifying organizations are eligible for grants of up to \$5,000 each. The online grant application process requires that all applicants answer a number of eligibility questions before gaining access to the application. Visit the CVS Caremark Web site for complete program information and application materials: <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants> .

Community Action grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW (formerly known as the American Association of University Women) branches and AAUW state organizations, as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering or math. One-year grants provide seed money for new projects. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equity for women and girls. Two-year grants provide start-up funds for longer-term programs that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equity for women and girls. Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nonprofit organizations must be based in the United States. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. Awards of \$2,000-\$10,000 will be granted. The deadline is January 15, 2010. For more information, contact AAUW, Dept. 60, 301 ACT Dr., Iowa City, IA 52243-4030; or call (319) 337-1716 ext. 60; e-mail aauw@act.org.

The **Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy** is accepting applications for its 2010 National Grant competition. The foundation's grant-making program seeks to develop or expand projects designed to develop the literacy skills of adult primary care givers and their children. The applicant organization must have nonprofit or public status and must have been in existence for two or more years. The organization must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least two years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults, parent education, pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-K to grade three, and/or intergenerational literacy activities (parent and child together time). A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000. The submission deadline is September 14. The 2010 National Grant Program application and guidelines are available at the foundation's Web site. <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/site/c.jhLSK2PALmF/b.4344531/k.BD31/Home.htm>

Natural Care Tom's of Maine announces funds to support community events, project or program support. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The submission deadline is August 30, 2009. There are five awards available ranging up to \$20,000. For more information, contact: Tom's of Maine at (207) 987-2944; or go to: <http://www.tomsomaine.com/community-involvement/project-sponsorship-terms.aspx>.

Bikes Belong, a national coalition of bicycle suppliers and retailers, provides grants to organizations and agencies within the United States that are committed to "putting more people on bicycles more often." Fundable projects

include paved bike paths and rail-trails as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, and large-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives. The *Bikes Belong Grants Program* funds projects in the categories of facilities and advocacy. For the facilities category, Bikes Belong will accept applications from nonprofit organizations whose missions are bicycle and/or trail specific. Bikes Belong will also accept applications from public agencies and departments at the national, state, regional, and local levels; however, these municipalities are encouraged to partner with a local bicycle advocacy group that will help develop and advance the project or program. For the advocacy category, Bikes Belong will only fund organizations whose primary mission is bicycle advocacy. New organizations that are not yet legally nonprofit organizations may submit an application with the assistance of another nonprofit that has agreed to serve as fiscal agent. Bikes Belong will not fund individuals. Because of the program's limited funds, it rarely awards grants to organizations and communities that have received Bikes Belong funding within the last three years. Applicants can request up to \$10,000 each. Bikes Belong reviews applications on a quarterly cycle. Applications are only accepted via email. Upcoming application deadlines are August 24, 2009; and November 23, 2009. Visit the program's Web site for complete application information: <http://www.bikesbelong.org> .

The **NYC Venture Philanthropy Fund** (VPF) is offering a one year, \$10,000 grant to an organization in New York City that is working to address poverty in the City. The deadline for this grant is Sept. 7, 2009. VPF is a giving circle of individuals who invest in social entrepreneurs focused on tackling persistent social and economic problems in New York City. In addition to a cash grant, VPF grantees also receive pro-bono consulting services from VPF members. For more information about VPF, and their approach to grant-making and social change, and to access the RFP, please visit the Web site at <http://www.nycvpf.org> .

In response to the economic crisis and the impact it is having on front-line human service organizations, the **Kresge Foundation** has established a 24- to 36-month, interest-free program-related investment fund offering bridge loans of \$250,000 to \$500,000 each to high-performance human service organizations so that they may be better able to meet ever-increasing demand for food, shelter, and other emergency services. Homeless and domestic-violence shelters, safety-net providers, affordable housing and supportive services, legal aid services, emergency assistance providers, and multi-service health and human service organizations are encouraged to apply. The fund is designed for applicant organizations that provide comprehensive front-line services, have been in operation for three years, have a solid base of net assets or net worth (or long-term history of recurring revenue), can provide evidence of stable operating performance (net operating surplus over the past three to five years), and possess audited financial statements for the past two years. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations based in the United States that are not classified as private foundations or government entities. Individuals and elementary and secondary schools are not eligible for this program. The Kresge Foundation has purposely designed the application process to facilitate speedy review and decision-making. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete program information: http://www.kresge.org/index.php/what/community_relief_fund/ .

The **New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance** (OTDA) is requesting proposals for the *Emergency Needs for the Homeless Program* (ENHP). The intent of ENHP is to improve the overall system of providing emergency services to homeless individuals and families, and those at risk of becoming homeless by ensuring that these services are targeted and enhanced in order to assist the homeless toward a stable and secure independent future. State financial assistance will be made available to organizations in social services districts with populations in excess of 2 million. Funds will be made available to support programs that meet the emergency needs of homeless individuals and families, and those at risk of becoming homeless who are eligible for benefits under the State Plan for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. Contracts awarded under ENHP are 100 percent federally funded and the ENHP has a Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number of 93.558. Organizations may work in partnership to demonstrate the required experience and submit one application with one agency designated as the lead agency. Not-for-profit corporations are eligible to apply for the grant. The submission due date is September 4, 2009. For additional information, contact Linda Camoin, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Center for Specialized Services, Bureau of Housing and Support Services, 40 North Pearl Street, 10-B, Albany, NY 12243; or e-mail: linda.camoin@otda.state.ny.us; or fax: (518) 486-7068.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) announces an online, open source competition co-sponsored by **RWJF's Vulnerable Populations Portfolio and Changemakers**, *Rethinking Mental Health: Improving Community Wellbeing*, that challenges organizations to explore innovations that allow individuals, families, communities and society to move past narrow perceptions of mental health and expand our understanding and collective

involvement in finding solutions. The deadline for applications is October 14, 2009. For more information and to download the application, go to <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20881>.

The **Alzheimer's Foundation of America** is a national non-profit organization based in New York that focuses on providing optimal care to individuals with Alzheimer's disease (and related illnesses) and their families. The foundation unites more than 1,200 member organizations across the United States that provide hands-on programs. AFA's *Family Respite Care Grant* is designed to help alleviate the cost of respite care for families caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Funds may be used for in-home care, adult day programs, or other types of respite. Individuals may only apply for this grant through one of AFA's participating non-profit member organizations. Individuals may only obtain grant applications by contacting a participating AFA non-profit member organization; only applications mailed from that member organization's office will be accepted. Family Respite Care grants are offered in the spring and fall of each year. The annual deadline for the fall cycle is November 1; the deadline for the spring cycle is May 1. For more information, go to: <http://www.alzfdn.org/>.

****MINI-GRANTS****

Kids Involved Doing Service-Learning (KIDS) Consortium and **State Farm Youth Advisory Board**, are accepting grant applications from K-12 educators, students, and community organizations working with youth to plan and implement a "green school" service-learning project. Applicants who have been trained, or are willing to be trained, in the KIDS model of service-learning will be considered top priority for grant funding. Grants of up to \$750 will be awarded. The grant submission deadline is August 31. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.kidsconsortium.org/minigrants.php>.

Do Something and the **Dunkin Brands Community Foundation** is offering \$500 *Disaster Grants* to young people ages 25 and younger. The grants are awarded to young people who have created sustainable community action projects, programs, or organizations and need of funding to further the growth and success of their programs. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen. Grants are awarded 2-3 months after submission of application. There is a rolling deadline. For more information and to obtain an application, visit: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/disaster>.

Do Something and **JCPenney** have teamed up to support youth-led after school programs and projects across the country. This fall, they're giving out 10 \$500 grants and 5 grand prize \$1,000 grants to young people who are providing after school activities that help youth in their community. Each winner will also receive a limited-edition Flirtitude Tote. The submission deadline for the grant is September 15. Here are the steps to apply: create a Project Posting for your existing project; check out our Judging Criteria for help with your application; fill out an Online Application; check out the FAQ if you have more questions. The requirements also include: a budget detailing how the \$500 will be used and a recommendation from a non-family member. Optional (but recommended) are; photos and video of your project and/or your project's Web site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 10 – Deadline for filing the Randall's Island ballfield permit. The City Department of Parks is in the process of reconstructing Randall's Island Park with dozens of new ballfields, increasing the amount of playing time available. As part of this process, time has been set aside during the popular "after school" timeslots from 3-6pm on weekdays for Department of Education (DoE) affiliated schools and organizations including Out-of-School Time and Beacon Programs located in Manhattan CB 11 and Bronx CB 1. In order to apply for a permit to use the park ballfields, please fill out the permit application online at https://webmail.nyc.gov/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_permits_and_applications/athletic_permits_and_apps.html. The July 15 deadline for fall permit applications has been extended until next Monday, August 10, in order to allow more groups to apply. And planning ahead, applications for spring permits are due in January. Any DoE affiliated group applying for a 3-6pm field slot must send their completed form directly to Donald Douglas, Director of PSAL. Please contact him by email ddougla@schools.nyc.gov or phone 718-707-4208. Please note that filing an application does not guarantee that you will receive a permit for the time requested. If you have additional questions, you can also contact Laurence Vargas, Community Coordinator for Randall's Island at laurence.vargas@parks.nyc.gov or (212) 860-1899 x 106.

Register Now – The new program year is around the corner and **PASE** is pleased to offer a three-session workshop series designed to get your program year off to a great start. Each session focuses upon a different component of successful program design and operation. Session 1 - *Developing a Yearly Program Plan that*

Fosters Meaningful Educational Experiences – provides you with a process for developing a meaningful and educational experience for the youth in your program. To be held August 19. Session 2 - *Safety Planning for Supervisors* – ensures your program is safe and in compliance with regulations. To be held August 30. Session 3 - *Challenges of Leadership: Supervising Staff...Even the Difficult Ones* - further develops leadership and communication skills required for successful supervision. To be held August 26. Be it a “tune-up” or new information, this series offers site and program directors with relevant and applicable information and strategies to ensure a safe, positive, and enriching program year. The training will be held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at 129 Broadway, Suite 230, New York City. Cost: \$40 for members, \$55 for non-members. For more information or to register, go to: registration@pasesetter.org. This is an informational notice; this is not an endorsement by DYCD.

August 15 – Join the **Dominican Sunday, Inc. Community Services** at the 5th Dominican Cultural 108th Street Festival. There will be music, folklore, art, games, food, raffles and gifts in a family atmosphere.

August 19 – The **Foundation Center** is offering a free training session for representatives of non-profit organizations engaged in fund raising: *Fundraising in a Challenging Economy*. It will be held from 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm at the New York Library/ Learning Center, 79 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York City. Space is limited; please pre-register at: <http://www.foundationcenter.org>. This course will also be given on September 16 from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm.

September 16 – The **Foundation Center** is offering a free training session for representatives of non-profit organizations engaged in fund raising: *Fundraising in a Challenging Economy*. It will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. at the New York Library/ Learning Center, 79 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York City. Space is limited; please pre-register at: <http://www.foundationcenter.org>.

October 21 - Disability Mentoring Day (DMD). The New York City Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) is pleased to announce its Partnership with the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPDP) to launch nationally "Disability Mentoring Day" which will occur this year on October 21, 2009. DMD is a wonderful citywide opportunity offering persons with disabilities an opportunity to participate in a day of shadowing, mentoring and exploration of future workforce opportunities. MOPD has already begun their efforts to recruit mentors and mentees and further information is contained at their website. If you are interested in becoming a mentor on this day, please speak to your supervisors and go to the following website and complete a mentor application. If you have questions you may also contact Nitza V. Monges, Special Advisor at DYCD at nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov. For additional information, go to the Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mopd/html/dmd/dmd.shtml>.

October 23 – The **UJA-Federation of New York** will be holding a *Leaders to Leaders Youth Summit!* from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at 130 East 59th Street, New York, NY. They are calling on all youth professionals to nominate 3-5 outstanding high school students to attend. The keynote speaker will be Scott Harrison. There will be skill-building workshops, case studies from top NYC leaders and opportunities to create diversity initiatives in their school or community. Please visit www.youthbridgeny.org for more information or contact Monica at 212-983-4800 x122 or mmerlis@jrcny.org. Applications will be available for download in mid-August at www.youthbridgeny.org.

RESOURCES

The New York City-based **Wallace Foundation** has published a new issue brief that examines recent Wallace-funded research on coordinated approaches to arts learning in which schools join forces with other arts providers to expand access to and the quality of arts learning. The brief, *Increasing Arts Demand Through Better Arts Learning* (4 pages, PDF), found that while coordinated approaches to arts learning can be challenging to implement and are vulnerable to issues such as a lack of school time dedicated to the arts, they have the potential to significantly increase access to high-quality arts education opportunities for children. To access the pdf brief, go to: <http://www.wallacefoundation.org/KnowledgeCenter/KnowledgeTopics/CurrentAreasofFocus/ArtsParticipation/Documents/increasing-arts-demand-better-arts-learning.pdf>.

Free meals when school is out! During the summer months, children and teens under 18 years of age are entitled to free meals. There are no forms to fill out, no identification is needed, and there are no citizenship or residency requirements. Call 311, your City Council member's office to find locations near you, or go to: <http://www.opt-osfns.org/osfns/default.aspx>.

Casey's 20th annual *KIDS COUNT Data Book* provides a national and state-by-state look at the status of children in the United States. This year's companion essay outlines a series of action steps to improve the nation's use of data in creating policies that improve outcomes for children and families. Find hundreds of indicators of child well-being for states, cities, and communities in the [KIDS COUNT Data Center](#); download or order the [2009 KIDS COUNT Data Book](#); download or order the [2009 KIDS COUNT Essay Summary and Data Brief](#).

The Philanthropy Journal delivers news, information, resources and opinion about charitable giving, fundraising, management, leadership, marketing and communications, focusing in particular on organizational effectiveness, donor engagement and collaboration. They offer a free online guide created by Independent Sector and Board Source which aims at helping nonprofits and foundations improve their governance practices. The free online workbook is based on the *Principles for Good Governance and Ethical Practice*, a set of 33 recommendations developed in 2007 by the Panel on the Nonprofit Sector. To learn more and to download the guidebook, go to: <http://www.independentsector.org/issues/accountability/workbook.html>.

The James Irvine Foundation has created a set of evaluation tools for funders in an effort to help foundations develop better evaluation strategies. The *Evaluation Kit for Trustees* which is available online, contains a summary of trustees' thoughts on evaluation, as well as case studies that show how evaluation has been used successfully. This toolkit will help trustees gain a better understanding of the purposes, methods and costs of evaluation. To access the online evaluation tool go to: <http://www.irvine.org/publications/new-publications>.

Dwa Fanm, the New York City Police Department and the Kings County District Attorney's Office, Winner of 2008 MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Special Strategy Award for Diversity Inclusion and Integration have published a case study on June 22, 2009: *Bridging Cultural Divides to Combat Domestic Violence*. [Download this publication](#) (PDF, 1.73 MB).

Where Youth Development Meets Mental Health and Education: The RALLY Approach: New Directions for Youth Development, Issue Number 120, developed by Tina Malton and Gil G. Noam, focuses on the RALLY (Responsive Advocacy for Life and Learning in Youth) approach, which integrates youth development, mental health, and education for young people in middle schools and after-school programs. RALLY is designed to give students the integrated systems of support they need to thrive and succeed. The approach is built on developmental and relational principles and emphasizes a risk and resilience framework. For a decade, it has built a preventive framework and an early intervention practice that never feels to the youth as receiving services. A new developmentalist role, the RALLY practitioner, helps to implement youth development principles in schools and connects students often fractured and diverse worlds, including family and community. To view the publication, visit: <http://www.josseybass.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0470467207.html>.

Lessons Learned from Assets Coming Together (ACT) for Youth, written by the **Assets Coming Together (ACT) for Youth Center of Excellence**, describes how ACT for Youth unfolded over the first five years, identifying common themes and lessons learned across the eleven community partnerships that made up the first round of the ACT initiative. The report examines the five outcomes toward which the ACT community development partnerships concentrated their efforts, presenting findings and recommendations for each objective: Build and maintain the community partnership; Increase services, opportunities, and supports for young people; Increase youth engagement; Create organizational change; Instill community policy change. To view the publication, visit: <http://www.actforyouth.net/documents/Lessons%20Learned%20from%20ACT.First%20Five%20Years.pdf>.

Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act was produced by the **National Foster Care Coalition** and is intended to provide information about, and assist in the implementation of, Fostering Connections in states across the nation. Specifically, the document focuses on answering questions about Fostering Connection's improvements that will impact youth and young adults in foster care and assist in the implementation process. To download the publication, visit: <http://www.nationalfostercare.org/pdfs/NFCC-FAQ-older-youth-2009.pdf>.

The [Institute for Arts Management](#) at the **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** operates artsmanager.org, a Web site designed to help performing arts professionals connect with one another and share information relevant to the field. Registered users of the site have access to [message boards](#) (available in English, Arabic, Chinese, and Spanish); a [blog](#) written by Kennedy Center president Michael Kaiser; and [user-uploaded resources](#). Visitors to the site also can create a [profile](#) and respond to or create [surveys](#) on arts management topics.

Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs, which provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards. The Web site released: *Succeed Newsletter Summer 2009*, provides information about the Grants.gov Web site quarterly and is also a guide to the latest updates, handy tips and useful articles on how to best use Grants.gov. To view the "Success" newsletter go to:
<http://www.grants.gov/assets/grantsummernewsletter09.pdf>.

The Partnership for After School Education (PASE) is offering a 10% discount to everyone who joins the organization prior to September 15th! By becoming a member of PASE, you become a part of New York City's largest network of afterschool practitioners and gain access to the resources and services your programs need to succeed. The benefits of membership are: member rate for PASE fee-for-service trainings; priority access to certain PASE programs; member rate for PASEsetter Awards gala; use of PASE meeting space at a reduced rate; ability to nominate PASEsetter Award winners (Agency members only); ability to post job listings in PASE's online Jobs Bulletin (Agency members only); submission of up to two communications relevant to the field that will be distributed to PASE's network of over 17,000 afterschool professionals (Agency members only). PASE members are our audience and our best resource. Your input guides our work, and PASE is here to ensure that you receive the support you need to provide young people with the high quality programs they deserve. PASE invites to join, connect, and succeed: <http://www.pasesetter.org/>. This announcement is for information only; it is not an endorsement by DYCD.

ACCESS NYC has been updated with some new features and is now even easier to use! Changes include a new homepage that shows users at a glance the many different ways they can use ACCESS NYC, improved access to the seven languages that ACCESS NYC can be used in, and a link to the new service 311 Online, where users can find out more about the many health and human services available to people who live in New York City. To get great benefit information that you can share with friends and colleagues, go to the next training session on August 20 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. For more information, email accessnyc@hhsconnect.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/empty.html>. Census 2010 job information (including interactive maps) is available at <http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php>.

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 www.mssm.edu/SAVI/.

The Institute for Youth Development Web site is designed for both professionals in the field of youth development and for mothers, fathers, and teens looking for current information and advice on promoting positive choices and behaviors to youth. To view the Web site, visit: <http://www.youthdevelopment.org/>.

National Criminal Justice Reference Service Web site offers justice and substance abuse information to support research, policy, and program development worldwide. To view the Web site, visit: <http://www.ncjrs.org/whatsncjrs.html>.

Child Trends Database Web site is a one-stop source for the latest national trends and research on over [100 key indicators](#) of child and youth well-being. To view the Web site, visit: <http://www.childtrendsdatbank.org/>.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation** works to help young people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities to lead full and productive lives. The MEAF Inclusion Champion Award honors individuals who have made significant efforts to promote the full inclusion of youth with disabilities in society. The focus of the efforts may include, but is not limited to, helping to create a culture of inclusion within an organization or community or developing innovative strategies for inclusive programming in school activities, after-school programs, community service, and leadership development. The Inclusion Champion is selected each year by a panel of experts in the field, and is presented during the *Kids Included Together* annual conference. The award consists of a trophy and

\$1,000 donated to the charity of the awardee's choice. Criteria for selection include evidence that the nominee's efforts have changed attitudes, increased inclusion, made a measurable impact on the lives of young people with and without disabilities, and promoted sustainability of inclusion outcomes. Visit the MEAF Web site for complete nomination materials: <http://www.meaf.org/grants-inclusion.php#incchamp> .

The Louisville Institute, a center to support research and leadership education on American religion, announces funds to award up to forty grants for eight-week (\$10,000) and twelve-week (\$15,000) sabbaticals. Eligible applicants include but are not limited to Christian clergy, church staff members, denominational staff, and others employed in recognized positions of pastoral leadership, ordained and lay. The application deadline is September 1, 2009. For more information, go to <http://www.louisville-institute.org/Grants/programs/sgpldetail.aspx>.

The **Children's Defense Fund** is now accepting applications for their *2009 Beat the Odds® Scholarship*. CDF-NY will select four high school students who have overcome tremendous odds to become personally and academically successful and award each of them a \$5,000 scholarship for college and public recognition at an event in late fall 2009. Current high school juniors who are on track to graduate by June 2010 are eligible to apply. This scholarship was developed to celebrate and underscore the positive potential of our nation's youth. Tremendous obstacles stand in the way of even the smallest achievements for so many young people, and too seldom do we hear about those who are "beating the odds" despite the daunting conditions in which they live. The multiple challenges overcome by our past winners include family violence, foster care, poverty, hunger, homelessness, and loss of a parent. Yet, these remarkable young people succeeded by graduating from high school and attending college. Completed application packets are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2009. For additional information, go to: http://www.youthsuccessnyc.org/PDF/Final_2009_BTO_Guidelines_Application-Combined.pdf .

The *Soros Justice Fellowships*, fund outstanding individuals to implement innovative projects that advance the **Open Society Institute's** criminal justice reform priorities in the United States. Fellows receive funding through the following two categories; both applications are due October 14:

Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowships fund outstanding individuals—including lawyers, advocates, grassroots organizers, activist academics, and others with important perspectives—to initiate innovative policy advocacy projects at the local, state, and national levels that will have a measurable impact on one or more of OSI's U.S. criminal justice priorities. Advocacy Fellowships, which have application tracks for both emerging leaders as well as for those with more established records of achievement, are 18 months in duration and come with a stipend ranging from \$75,000 - \$105,000.

Soros Justice Media Fellowships support writers, print and broadcast journalists, bloggers, filmmakers, and other individuals with distinctive voices proposing to complete media projects for local, regional, and national markets that will engage the public and provoke policy responses to one or more of OSI's U.S. criminal justice priorities. Media Fellowships are 12 months in duration and come with a stipend of \$45,000. Further information and a link to their guidelines and online application can be found at:

http://www.soros.org/initiatives/usprograms/focus/justice/programs/justice_fellows.