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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

****July 15** –The annual Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) public hearing will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Brooklyn Public Library, Dweck Auditorium, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, New York. This annual hearing is a great opportunity for young people, their parents and those interested in youth issues to testify on the activities of the ICC and on the state of youth programs and services. Anyone interested in testifying can register in advance, or on the day of the hearing, by phone: 212-676-0278, fax: 212-442-5894 or by email: ICC@dycd.nyc.gov. Speakers will be called in the order in which they register. Testimony from all speakers is limited to three minutes.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

** **DYCD Releases 2010 New York City Youth Guide to Summer Fun Publication**

Published annually by DYCD, the 2010 New York City Youth Guide to Summer Fun is a city-wide calendar of family-friendly events and resources. To “go green”, this vast 321 page book - the largest edition ever compiled – is available exclusively at nyc.gov and on the DYCD website. It includes free and low-cost activities; a list of public pools, beaches and barbeque sites; a comprehensive section on "Museum Deals" as well as a section on places to explore throughout the City. This year, the cover story features the DYCD Summer of Service initiative. To access the Guide, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd> .

** **Adolescent Development and Learning Video Project**

On June 18, Stacey Miranda, DYCD Adolescent Literacy Program Coordinator/Literacy Staff Developer, was invited to participate in the filming of the “Adolescent Development and Learning” video by the New York City Department of Education Office for Family Engagement and Advocacy. The video, part of an ongoing multimedia project called *SchoolSourceNYC* by WNET.ORG, provides New York City families with the latest information on relevant educational topics. The Adolescent Development and Learning video is a tool for parents to help middle school students understand their physical, social-emotional and academic development. DYCD’s participation focused on our programs for adolescent youth, particularly the Adolescent Literacy program. The video segment included a question and answer session with middle school youth and parents. Ms. Miranda provided guidance on how DYCD programs can address the concerns and needs of adolescents.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****Fathers and Their Children Connect at the Sony Wonder Technology Lab**

On Saturday June 19, DYCD hosted its third annual Father's Day event at the SONY Wonder Technology Lab. The event recognizes the DYCD Fatherhood Initiative, which helps non-custodial fathers reconnect with their children and actively participate in their lives both emotionally and financially. DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, joined by Human Resources Administration Commissioner Robert Doar welcomed the 160 fathers and their children to the museum. Program highlights included Hip-hop artist NY Oil, who composed a song dedicated to involved fathers, and prominent international journalist Jimmie Briggs, who spoke about the significance of being a father and the importance of raising children to be non-violent. Following the presentation, everyone toured the state-of-the-art museum, which brings technology and creativity together to make learning hands-on, experimental, entertaining and fun.

****DYCD Afterschool Program News**

On June 12, DYCD hosted its Second Annual FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Robotics Competition at Polytechnic Institute of New York University. DYCD's Out-of-School Time and Beacon Programs collaborated with FLL to provide NYC's youth with exposure to the world of science and engineering, while also helping them build self-confidence, leadership, and communication skills through this year's robotics challenge, *Smart Move*. Trained DYCD staff volunteered to judge the 25 teams from all five boroughs as the robots they programmed completed a number of tasks. The teams were also evaluated on research projects; they were required to identify a transportation problem in their community and propose solutions. Creativity and team spirit were on display all day. All of the teams upheld the FLL principle of "gracious professionalism," the idea that teams can remain competitive and exhibit excellent sportsmanship at the same time. The day's top prize was awarded to the "Bronx Task Force" from Good Shepherd Services. The league is generously supported by The Wallace Foundation.

On June 18, the third annual DYCD Nike Beacon Girl's Basketball Tournament Championship was held at Madison Square Garden. 57 middle school aged girls played for the title in the beginner and advanced divisions. During halftime of the Liberty game, all of the teams took center court for the DYCD Trophy Ceremony as over 13,000 New York Liberty fans cheered to congratulate the teams. The league began as a response to the lack of structured, engaging recreational opportunities for middle school aged girls throughout New York City and now also acts as a bridge to get the players involved in high school sports. High school recruiters attend practice sessions, as well as local media who have now started player profiles.

On June 18, the Cornerstone Pink Community Center, in collaboration with the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, held a viewing of "Charge it to the Game." The film, developed by the District Attorney's Office, features several Brooklyn residents and how their lives were affected by gun violence. The film was shown to Pink NYCHA residents and community residents, including neighborhood youth. The DA's Office facilitated a community discussion following the viewing.

****Joint Youth Services Planning Committee Meets**

On June 18, the Joint Youth Services Planning Committee (JPC) met at DYCD. Members discussed the recent contracts awarded by the Department to provide Out-of-School Time, Out-of-School Youth, and Adolescent Literacy Programs. The JPC also discussed the Executive Budget including the positive impact of the City's additional allocation of \$10.7 million to the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and \$1.3 million for OST. The Members were pleased that the State allocated some funds to SYEP in the recent Budget Extender, but felt that it was inadequate in light of the demand for summer jobs and the drastic reduction in State support this allocation represents.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families' Administration on Children, Youth and Families' Family and Youth Services Bureau** is accepting applications for the Street Outreach Program (SOP). The program is designed to conduct outreach services designed to build relationships between grantee staff and runaway, homeless, and street youth. Public and non-profit private

agencies are eligible to apply. The application deadline is July 19. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ACYF-YO-0042>.

DoSomething.org in partnership with the **Jonas Brothers Change for the Children Foundation** is accepting applications for its Change for the Children Grant. The grant is designed for individuals (age 25 or younger) who are taking action in their communities across the United States and Canada. Grants are available for sustainable community action projects, programs, or ideas. While projects that cover any cause are eligible to apply, special attention will be given to projects that focus on one of three causes — Special Olympics, diabetes awareness, and volunteerism. Ten awardees will each receive a grant of \$1,500. All winners will be featured on DoSomething.org and ChangefortheChildren.org, and celebrated through various marketing platforms. The submission deadline is July 15. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/changeforthechildren>.

Ashoka, a global community of leading social entrepreneurs, and **Staples, Inc.** have announced the launch of the fourth annual Staples/Ashoka Youth Social Entrepreneur Competition. The global competition highlights youth-led organizations focused on social issues affecting their communities, and is part of *Ashoka's Youth Venture*, an initiative designed to identify and foster young entrepreneurs all over the world who are creating positive change. The competition is open to existing and new Youth Venture teams made up of young people between the ages of 12 and 24 whose entrepreneurial ventures are making a positive impact on communities. Nominations and entries will be accepted on a rolling basis through September 20, 2010. Eight winners will be chosen throughout the summer, and in October the grand-prize winner will be selected for their outstanding impact, innovation, and potential. All eight winners will be recognized at a TEDx conference, a national gathering of thought leaders devoted to "Ideas Worth Spreading," on November 13, 2010, in Washington, D.C. During the TEDx conference, the grand-prize winning team will be announced and presented with the Staples/Ashoka Youth Social Entrepreneur Excellence Award and a prize worth \$5,000. The seven remaining winners will each receive Achievement Awards and prizes worth \$500. The grand-prize winning team will also have the opportunity to consult with high-level Staples executives. All eight winning teams will get the opportunity to meet with an Ashoka Fellow. Grant proposals are due August 11. For additional information on the Staples/Ashoka Youth Social Entrepreneur Competition, visit the competition website: <http://www.ashoka.org/>.

The **New York State Department of Education** is accepting applications for its Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention (ESD/SVP) programs. ESD programs include academic enrichment activities, such as tutoring for reading, math and science and providing students with opportunities to participate in recreation, art, music, drama, student leadership development and community service. SVP programs help maintain a safe and secure school environment for students and school staff. SVP programs must be consistent with the district's school safety plan. Funds may be used for conflict resolution, peer mediation, diversity awareness, safe corridors programs and parent education. Public school districts and not-for-profit organizations working in collaboration with a public school district(s) are eligible to apply for an award. \$24.3 million is available, subject to an appropriation in the approved state budget. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, July 30, 2010. Contact: New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Grants Management, Room 674 EBA, Albany, NY 12234. For additional information, go to the website: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/funding/currentapps.html>.

The **Captain Planet Foundation's** mission is to fund and support hands-on, environmental projects for children and youth. The foundation's objective is to encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually – and collectively – to solve environmental problems in their communities. The foundation believes that through environmental education, children can achieve a better understanding and appreciation for the world in which they live. Non-profit organizations are eligible for an award. Awards range from \$250.00-\$2,500.00. The application deadline is Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010. Contact: The Captain Planet Foundation, <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/>.

The **Gerber Foundation's** mission is to enhance the quality of life of infants and young children. To do that, the foundation supports research projects that investigate health, nutrition, care and development issues for newborns and children up to age 3. Research projects aimed at finding solutions to children's health and nutritional problems are sought. Of particular interest are those offering a substantial promise of meaningful advances in prevention and treatment of diseases and those with broad applicability to the general population. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for an award. The application deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010. For more information, contact: The Gerber Foundation, 4747 W. 48th St., Suite 153, Fremont, MI 49412, 231-924-3175, tgf@ncresa.org, <http://www.gerberfoundation.org>.

2010 LEGO® Smart™ Creativity Contest. LEGO® Education is inviting K-12 teachers and home educators from across the United States to register as contestants for the 2010 LEGO® Smart™ Creativity Contest. If you are a teacher, home educator, after-school program director, or otherwise working with students (K-12) within the education field, you are eligible to compete in this year's contest. Only pre-registered and pre-qualified contestants are eligible for the 2010 LEGO Smart Creativity Contest - pre-registration deadline is July 30, 2010. The 2010 contest, including prize information and contest rules, will be emailed to all pre-registered contestants on Monday, August 2, 2010. For more information and/or to register, go to: <http://www.legoeducation.us/about/item.aspx?art=3465&bhcp=1> .

The **CVS Caremark Community Grants** program awards funds to nonprofit organizations for programs targeting children (under age 21) with disabilities, programs focusing on health and rehabilitation services, public schools promoting a greater level of inclusion for children with disabilities in student activities and extracurricular programs, and initiatives that give greater access to physical movement and play. In addition, some contributions are 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. Applicants must be nonprofit organizations or public schools located in states with CVS/pharmacy stores. Qualifying organizations are eligible for grants of up to \$5,000 each. The grant deadline is October 31. For additional information, go to: <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants/> .

The **American Medical Association Foundation** is now accepting applications for *Healthy Living Grants*. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to organizations that serve underserved and/or at-risk young people between the ages of 2-21. There are three funding categories: Nutrition/Physical Fitness: The proposed project must include a least one nutrition objective and at least one physical activity objective; Alcohol, Substance Abuse and Smoking Prevention; or Violence Prevention: Anti-bullying, domestic violence (with a focus on providing a safe environment for children), suicide prevention, internet safety. The application deadline is July 15. For more information, go to: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/ama-foundation/our-programs/public-health/healthy-living-grants.shtml> .

****FOR COMMUNITIES****

The **Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy** is accepting applications for its annual national grant competition. The grant-making program is designed to help develop or expand projects that support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. To be eligible for funding, the applicant organization must have non-profit 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 in grants will be awarded in 2011; grant requests should not exceed \$65,000. Grant applications are due September 10. The National Grant Program application and guidelines are available at the foundation's website: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/site/c.jhLSK2PALmF/b.4344531/k.BD31/Home.htm> .

The **New York Community Trust's 2010 Neighborhood Revitalization Program** is focused on community efforts to help residents in New York City's low-income communities cope with economic hardship. Eligible activities include but are not limited to job training and employment counseling, eviction prevention, financial services, and benefits assistance. The program's 2010 Request for Proposals is explicitly and exclusively for organizations that are community resident-driven — i.e., governed by a board comprised of a majority of community residents with a mission focused on a specific geographic area or a cluster of adjacent communities. The competition is limited to organizations located in and serving communities within the five boroughs of New York City. Applicant organizations must have completed at least one year of work in community-based housing or economic development work; show evidence of the successful completion of a project that improved conditions in their neighborhood; demonstrate a strong neighborhood base, including community resident participation on their board of directors; and demonstrate the ability to work with other organizations and constituencies in their community such as community boards or other non-profit organizations. Project funding requests should not exceed \$40,000 each. The deadline for proposals is July 15. Visit the New York Community Trust Web site for complete Request for Proposals: <http://www.nycommunitytrust.org/> .

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. The grants program funds projects in the categories of facilities and advocacy. For the facilities category, Bikes Belong will accept applications from non-profit 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. Applicants must be non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations or organizations with an eligible fiscal sponsor. Bikes Belong does not fund individuals and rarely awards grants to organizations and communities that have received funding from the organization within the last three years. Applicants can request up to \$10,000 each. Bikes Belong reviews applications on a quarterly cycle. Applications must be emailed by the due date. Upcoming application deadlines are August 27, 2010, and November 30, 2010. Visit the Bikes Belong Web site for application information: <http://www.bikesbelong.org/> .

Through a grant from the **United States Golf Association**, the **National Alliance for Accessible Golf** is expanding its efforts to provide financial assistance and resources to help make the game of golf more accessible to people with disabilities. With funding from the USGA, the alliance will for the first time administer the grant application process for organizations providing golf programs for individuals with disabilities. Grants support organizations that provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to learn and enjoy the game of golf and its inherent values. The program encourages inclusive programming — opportunities that allow participants with disabilities and participants without disabilities to learn and play the game side by side. Programs should offer affordable and accessible opportunities for participants to experience golf both during scheduled programming and after programming is concluded. All grant recipients must be tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations or government entities such as public schools or municipalities. Grant awards rarely exceed \$20,000 each and typically comprise less than 30 percent of a program's cash operating costs. The alliance will accept applications on a rolling basis in 2010; there will not be a specific application deadline. Completed applications will be reviewed by the Alliance Grants Committee in the month following their submission. The upcoming application due date is July 30, 2010. Visit the alliance website for complete program guidelines: http://www.usga.org/about_usga/philanthropy/grants/Good-of-the-Game-Grants/ .

Through the *Strong Communities: Engaging Citizens, Strengthening Place, Inspiring Change competition*, **Ashoka's Changemakers** and **CommunityMatters** are inviting individuals and organizations to submit innovative projects and ideas to engage citizens in building strong communities across the United States and Canada. The Strong Communities competition is open to all types of individuals and organizations (charitable and non-profit organizations, private companies, and public entities). The competition will consider all entries that reflect the theme of the challenge. To be considered for an award, entries must indicate growth beyond the conceptual stage and have demonstrated social impact and sustainability. While the program supports new ideas at every stage and encourages their entry, the judges are better able to evaluate projects that are beyond the conceptual stage and have demonstrated proof of impact. CommunityMatters is interested in solutions from a variety of disciplines, including but not limited to) conservation, planning, economics, politics, education, deliberative democracy, and the arts, and especially encourages submission of interdisciplinary approaches. CommunityMatters has a special interest in receiving submissions from young people. Online competition submissions will be accepted until August 11, 2010. At any time before this deadline, competition participants are encouraged to revise their entries based on questions and insights that they receive in the Changemakers online discussion. An expert panel will review entries and select eight finalists by September 22, 2010. The Changemakers community will then vote online to select the award-winners from the field of finalists. Each of the eight finalists will be showcased at the CommunityMatters 2010 conference. One person representing each of the eight finalist entries will win the opportunity to attend the conference (includes conference and workshop registration, lodging, transportation, and meals). The top three finalists will win \$5,000 each. Visit the Changemakers website for complete guidelines and participation information: <http://www.changemakers.com/en-us> .

With continuing support from the **Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation**, the **Family Caregiver Alliance** is administering the third annual *Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Awards* program. The program is intended to stimulate innovation in the field of Alzheimer's caregiving by recognizing and rewarding efforts that lead the way in addressing the needs of Alzheimer's caregivers. Three awards of \$20,000 each will be awarded to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, government agencies, and universities responding to a community need with a program or project that focuses primarily on family/informal caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Family or informal caregivers are unpaid caregivers. One award will be granted in each of three categories: 1. *Creative Expression* — this award will go to programs or projects that use

imaginative and creative approaches in supporting persons with dementia or family/informal caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Examples include programs or projects using art, music, theater, journaling, multimedia (e.g., film, documentary, radio), or other types of creative expression.2. *Diverse/Multicultural Communities* — this award will go to programs or projects that provide services, support, or other types of outreach to family/informal caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias in diverse ethnic, rural, low-income, and LGBT or other communities.3. *Policy and Advocacy* — this award will go to programs or projects that advocate for systems change for the benefit of family/informal caregivers or care recipients with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. These efforts could focus on legislation, executive or administrative changes, advocacy campaigns, or any other action to strengthen the public or private sector's recognition and support of family/informal caregivers. The nominated program or project has to have been active during the calendar year of 2009 and/or 2010. The deadline for submissions is August 12. Program guidelines and application are available at the Family Caregiver Alliance Web site: http://caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/content_node.jsp?nodeid=2188 .

The **Coca-Cola Foundation**, the philanthropic arm of the Coca-Cola Company, is soliciting grant proposals from non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations that provide programs focusing on physical activity and nutrition education for the entire family in the states of California, New York, and Texas. Applicant programs must focus on both physical activity and nutrition education for families, feature a minimum of six weeks active participation, and have clear, measurable results. Grants will range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and can be used to support or expand an existing program. Guidelines and the online application can be found at the Coca-Cola Web site. (Applicants must insert the following invitation code on the login screen: AHL0610NA.) For more information, go to: http://www.thecocacolacompany.com/citizenship/our_communities.html

The **ASCAP Foundation** is a publicly supported charitable organization dedicated to supporting American music creators and encouraging their development through music education and talent development programs. The ASCAP Foundation invites proposals from non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations engaging in music education and talent development programs that are consistent with the mission and objectives of the foundation and which support music education for aspiring songwriters and composers. The foundation's average grant is approximately \$2,500. The foundation does not consider requests for general operating or administrative support or annual giving campaigns, capital purposes, endowments, deficit operations, recordings, marketing efforts, or performance and production funding. The foundation does not purchase advertisements, sponsor events, or donate equipment. Grant applications are by invitation only. Applicants must first submit a letter of intent and then be invited by the ASCAP Foundation to complete and submit a full grant application. The letter of intent must be submitted by August 1. Visit the foundation's Web site for complete grant guidelines and the letter of intent form: <http://www.ascapfoundation.org/> .

Sprint has announced that it will recognize two non-profit organizations in New York City that are making a difference in the community through the *2010 Sprint Local Grant Program*. Now in its second year, the program provides \$25,000 Sprint Foundation grants to two 501(c)(3) organizations to support programs that create meaningful impact in Sprint's philanthropic focus areas of youth development (including mentoring, leadership, and academic achievement), arts and culture, and environmental stewardship. Nominations will be accepted beginning June 15 and the nomination deadline is July 30. Complete program information is available at the Sprint Web site: <http://www.sprint.com/responsibility/localgiving/index.html?ECID=vanity:localgiving> .

The **Overbrook Foundation** is sponsoring the *Paperless Choice Challenge Awards* to reward, support and replicate innovative digital fund raising strategies at U.S. non-profit organizations. Four prizes totaling \$20,000 will be awarded to organizations demonstrating innovation and results in paperless fundraising. The deadline to apply is August 16, 2010. For more information, go to: <http://www.paperlesschoice.org/contest/>.

Chase Community Giving Launches its *Summer 2010 Online Program* that allows Facebook users to vote for local charities that matter most to them. More than \$5 million will be shared among two hundred local charities selected by the public via online vote at Facebook. Voting began June 15 and ends July 12. Winners will be announced July 13. Awards range from \$20,000 to \$250,000. For more information, go to: <http://apps.facebook.com/chasecommunitygiving/>.

The **Retirement Research Foundation** announces funds to support projects or programs that improve access to and quality of community-based and residential health and long-term care; promote economic security for all older adults by strengthening social insurance, pension, and personal savings programs; and support adequate training of, and compensation for, those already working directly with older persons and their families to bring higher quality

of care to larger numbers of older adults. Nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations are eligible to apply for funds. The application deadline is August 1, 2010. For more information, contact the Retirement Research Foundation at (773) 714-8080 or info@rrf.org; or go to: <http://www.rrf.org/guidelines.htm>.

The competition for *The 2011 Collaboration Prize*, a national award designed to identify and showcase models of collaboration among non-profit organizations has been announced. The Prize is funded by the **Lodestar Foundation**. In 2011, the Collaboration Prize will award a total of \$250,000 to the collaborations that best exemplify the impact that can result from working together. Each of the eight finalists will receive \$12,500 and the winner will receive an additional \$150,000. The online application process will open June 1, 2010, and close on July 16, 2010. FAQs, eligibility criteria and details about the selection process are available at: <http://www.thecollaborationprize.org>.

The **U.S. Department of Labor** has extended the deadline for the Phase I submission of *Career Videos for America's Job Seekers Challenge* to August 20, 2010 (see June 2010 @DYCD.) The Career Videos Challenge is an online crowdsourcing challenge which invites members of the public to produce short videos focusing on the daily activities, necessary Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs), and career pathways of one of 15 identified high-wage and in-demand occupations. The creators of the top video in each category will win a \$1,000 cash prize. Workforce³ One hosted a [Webinar](#) last month, highlighting the Challenge. To view a recording of the Webinar or read the transcript, go to: <http://www.workforce3one.org/view/5001012451045023883/info>. For more information, go to the Challenge Web site at: <http://www.dolvideochallenge.ideascale.com/a/panel.do?id=6916>

****MINI-GRANTS****

The **Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education (SFE) Fund** announces *Wild Ones* funds to support project goals that focus on the enhancement and development of appreciation for nature using native plants. Projects must emphasize involvement of students and volunteers in all phases of development. Nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations and Local Educational Agencies are eligible for an award. The submission deadline is October 15, 2010. Awards range from \$100-\$500. For more information, contact: Wild Ones at SFEDirector@for-wild.org; or go to: <http://for-wild.org/wildcertification/SFEInstructionsApplication.pdf>.

National Gardening Association/Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award recognizes and supports youth gardening programs focused on teaching about the environment, nutrition, and hunger issues in the United States. Maximum award: a \$500 gift certificate to the Gardening with Kids catalog and online store, for basic youth gardening supplies and supporting educational materials; NGA's Eat a Rainbow Kit; a literature package from NGA. Eligibility: schools or organizations planning to garden in 2011 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on a demonstrated relationship between the garden program and education about environmental, nutrition, and hunger issues in the United States. The application deadline is October 1, 2010. For more information, go to: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/healthysprouts.asp>.

The **Walt Disney Company** and **Youth Serve America** are inviting applications for this year's second round of *Disney Friends for Change Grants*. The Friends for Change program funds youth-led fall service projects that focus on making environmentally friendly changes and engaging youth between the ages of 5 and 18 as leaders in their community. The goal of the grant program is to inspire children to join their friends and families, schools, and communities to address critical environmental needs as "friends for change" at the local, national, and/or global levels. The program will award seventy-five grants of \$500 each to youth-led service initiatives around the world that demonstrate youth leadership and a commitment to making a positive impact on the environment. Eligible applicants will be asked to implement their projects between September and November and to connect their projects to [International Coastal Cleanup Day](#) or [National Public Lands Day](#), both on September 25, or on other environmentally-focused days of service. The grant program is open to schools, organizations, and individuals planning service projects. Applications submitted by younger children (ages 5 to 14) are especially welcome. The submission deadline is July 15. For more information, go to: <http://www.ysa.org/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****July 8 – Workforce Professionals Training Institute** will hold a four-day intensive training program *Job Development Bootcamp: Lessons from the Field* on successive Thursdays starting July 8. To learn more, go to: <http://www.workforceprofessionals.org>.

**** July 15 and 16** – The **NYS Department of Labor** and the **Workforce New York Network** invite the Haitian community to a One-Stop Career Center Open House. There will be workshops in resume writing, job search planning, interview skills and basic computer use. Also offered are: one-on-one interviews with employment counselors; access to a huge database of employment; access to recruiters, grants and education; and access to government agencies, benefits and community-based organizations. The July 15 event will be held at 168-25 Jamaica Avenue, 2nd Floor, Jamaica, NY and the July 16 event will be held at 10 Metrotech Center, 625 Fulton Street, 4th Floor, Brooklyn, NY. Both events will take place from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. For more information, call: Rebecca Francois-Barasch at 718-321-6305.

**** July 23** – The **Partnership for After School Education** presents a forum: *Paving the Way for College Success* from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Barnard College. It is a college prep forum for staff and managers working in college access programs and higher education staff looking to connect with afterschool programs. Learn about program activities, admissions and financial aid and college retention. The forum is co-sponsored by Barnard College. For more information, go online to <http://www.pasesetter.org>.

**** July 30** – The **We are All Brooklyn (WAAB) Fellowship** invites all young professionals between the ages of 25-40 years old, working or volunteering for a community, faith-based, government, or non-profit organization serving Brooklyn, to join this exciting Brooklyn-based Fellowship. The Fellowship is a year-long leadership development program dedicated to advancing the next generation of Brooklyn's young diverse leaders and empowering them to become change agents to strengthen Brooklyn. Fellows participate in monthly professional seminars, personal development trainings and networking opportunities with key decision-makers in our city. Applications must be received by July 30. Download Fellowship overview and application at: <http://www.communityuplink.net/WAAB2010.pdf>.

****September 29-30** – The **Baruch School of Public Affairs** will be holding a forum: *Public Management and the Lindsay Years* from 8:15 am – 5:00 pm at Baruch College, 151 East 25th Street, 7th Floor. The focus will be exploring and assessing NYC Mayor John V. Lindsay's initiatives in public management and their legacy for today. The 9/29 program will be followed by a reception and tour of the exhibition, America's Mayor: John V. Lindsay and the Reinvention of New York at the Museum of the City of New York. For more information, go to: http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/lindsay_symposium.htm.

****October** – The **First USA Science & Engineering Festival** Planned for D.C.'s National Mall. Imagine chatting with Albert Einstein, building an underwater robot, lunching with a Nobel Laureate, or managing cargo in the space shuttle within a virtual reality environment. These are just a few of the many activities planned for the first USA Science & Engineering Festival. Organizers hope to have a million people join in across the nation, and the best part--IT'S ALL FREE. To view the news release, visit: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/first-usa-science-engineering-festival-planned-for-dcs-national-mall-october-of-2010-84598027.html>.

****October 20** - The **New York City Mayor's Office for Person's with Disabilities** (MOPD) is pleased to announce its participation with *National Disability Employment Awareness month* and observance of *Disability Mentoring Day* (DMD). DMD is a wonderful opportunity offering persons with disabilities an opportunity to participate in a day of job shadowing, mentoring, internships and/or future employment opportunities. MOPD has already begun their efforts to recruit mentors and mentees and providing further information through their website: www.nyc.gov/mopd If you have questions you may also contact Nitza V. Monges, DYCD Special Advisor, Vulnerable Youth, Children and Family Initiatives at nmonges@dycd.nyc.gov.

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Birth certificates issued by the **Puerto Rico Health Department** are valid until September 30, 2010. New York City residents who were born in Puerto Rico can still obtain a copy of the new birth certificate by filling out and mailing a Birth Certificate Application form, or fill out an application online at www.pr.gov. You can apply for your own birth certificate if you are 18 years or older and were born in Puerto Rico. Parents, legal guardians, heirs or a person authorized by the courts can also request a copy for children under 18 years old. For additional information, call 311.

The **NYC Workforce Investment Board** is launching *WIB Notes*, a new monthly electronic publication that will feature a topic of importance to workforce development, particularly in New York City. Written by David Jason

Fischer, WIB vice president for planning and policy, it will also provide a "Reading Digest" of timely articles and studies. The inaugural issue, *The Incredible Shrinking Workforce System*, examines federal funding to New York City under the Workforce Investment Act. To access it go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/wib>.

Leaders from the **U.S. Departments of Labor, Interior and Agriculture** joined in New York City at the Outdoor Nation Youth Summit on June 20 to announce the launch of a \$20 million federal grant opportunity and implementation of an initiative designed to help disadvantaged youth prepare for jobs in the outdoors. Through a national grant competition, funds will be awarded to enable ex-offenders ages 18 to 24 to give back to their communities through service and conservation work, while simultaneously acquiring solid employment skills. The grant competition is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2010. To view the press release, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100865.htm>.

The **U.S. Department of Labor** announced the implementation of tougher penalties against employers that illegally employ child workers. Under the Labor Department's new, tougher penalty structure, employers who illegally employ individuals ages 12 or 13 will face a penalty of at least \$6,000 per violation. If a worker is under 12 years of age and illegally employed, the penalty will be at least \$8,000. Penalties for illegally employing workers under age 14 could be raised to \$11,000 under certain conditions. To view the press release, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/WHD/WHD20100843.htm>.

You may now apply online for street fairs, block parties and festivals. Applicants can submit online applications at <https://nyceventpermits.nyc.gov> or <http://www.nyc.gov/sapo>. All applicants should be aware that the deadlines for applications submission remain unchanged as do the rules and regulations governing the **Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO)** permitting process. For more information, call 212-788-7567 or visit http://www.nyc.gov/html/cau/html/street_permitting/permit_and_events.shtml.

Walk NYC is a FREE Parks program that encourages New Yorkers of all ages to get fit while enjoying the outdoors. With funding provided by Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, 30 park locations throughout the City will be staffed with trained walking instructors to lead walks. Anyone can exercise -- it's as easy as getting out to your neighborhood park and taking a walk! For more information, visit <http://www.nyc.gov/parks/walknyc> or call 311.

If you are a victim of human trafficking or would like to report a tip regarding suspected human trafficking, call 911. If you would like more information about human trafficking or would like to learn about how you can help, call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/humantrafficking.

The Fire Department of New York offers free *bystander CPR training* to all New York City residents. The program takes less than an hour and each participant is given a free CPR training kit to bring home to friends and family. For more information, call 718-9992413 or email Michael Eichler at eichlem@fdny.nyc.gov.

The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation is recruiting lifeguard candidates for the 2010 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 www.nyc.gov/parks. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Ripotola, Chief of Staff to the First Deputy Commissioner at 212-360-1332 or via email Elizabeth.ripotola@parks.nyc.gov.

311 recently expanded its on-line presence. **311 On-Line** not only gives you information on a wide range of City services and regulations, from alternate-side parking to licensing to bulk item disposal, but you can also make a complaint on anything from heat to housing and even those annoying yellow curbs that don't mean anything! Just visit nyc.gov and click on the 311 icon on the right side of the screen. The 311 homepage lists general categories to browse to help you find what you're looking for. Or you can type a keyword (like "noise complaints") into the search bar on the top. In addition, 311 made friends with the **iPhone!** An app is now available for your iPhone that allows you to report certain troublesome conditions or problems, and even upload photos and video to make it clear exactly what you're talking about. You can obtain the app by searching "NYC 311" in the App Store on your iPhone. Functionality on non-iPhones is in the offing.

The *Affordable Care Act* allows young adults to stay on their parents' health care plan until age 26. Before the President signed this landmark Act into law, many health plans and issuers could and did in fact remove young adults from their parents' policies because of their age, leaving many college graduates and others with no insurance. For a fact sheet on the program, go to: <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/pdf/fsdependentcoverage.pdf>.

We Are New York is a Web site to help non-English speakers with language skills. Go online to find: 1.the full-length video of each episode; 2. a 36-page study guide for each episode to download and use to practice reading and writing English and 3.the script for each episode to download and use to practice speaking English. All of these materials can be found by visiting <http://www.nyc.gov/LearnEnglish> and clicking on "Episodes".

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

National Safe Place has launched a new project to help teens connect to a *Safe Place* location. The TXT 4 Help project uses technology to quickly offer teens information about the closest location where they can get immediate help and safety. Here is how it works: Youth in crisis can text the word **SAFE** and their current location to the number **69866** and they will receive an address of the nearest Safe Place site and contact number for the local youth shelter. In cities that don't have a Safe Place program, the youth will receive the name and number of the youth shelter or, if there is no local shelter, a national-hotline number. This text service is available nationwide. For more information, go to: <http://www.nationalsafeplace.org/txt4help/>.

A publication, *Ensuring Youth Transitioning from Foster Care are Connected by 25: Lessons Learned from the Foster Care Work Group*, developed by **Margaret Flynn-Khan, Katherine Gaughen, and Barbara Hanson Langford**, offers a look back at the unique evolution of work in each of the Connected by 25 sites, proceeding from the Connected by 25 blueprint. It also offers rich lessons for funders, advocates, policymakers, and program developers interested in continuing to build the field of initiatives supporting young people transitioning from foster care. To view the publication, visit: <http://www.financeproject.org/publications/EnsuringYouthTransitioningCby25.pdf>.

A guide, *Complete Guide to Service Learning: Proven, Practical Ways to Engage Students in Civic Responsibility, Academic Curriculum, & Social Action: Second Edition*, developed by **Cathryn Berger Kaye**, contains a blueprint for service-learning, integration of K-12 service-learning standards for quality practice, it includes 13 thematic chapters with correlating curriculum webs, ideas for incorporating global literacy and creating a school-wide culture of service, an annotated bibliography with over 350 entries. Also, a CD-ROM with customizable forms, expert essays, and author interviews are part of the guide. To view the guide, visit: <http://servicelearning.org/library/resource/8980>.

Launched in June — Gay and Lesbian Pride Month — the *Show Me Love D.C.* campaign is designed to promote healthy relationships for LGBTQ individuals and help support those who have been affected by intimate partner violence. Coordinated by **Women Empowered Against Violence** and funded by the **U.S. Department of Justice**, the Show Me Love site has facts about LGBTQ dating violence, information about legal rights, and links to D.C.-area and national resources for individuals seeking help. Visitors to the site can also submit to or browse the gallery of the Show Me Love Postcard Project, which enables individuals to express through words and/or images how they want to be shown healthy love. For more resources, go to: <http://showmelovedc.org/>.

A new **Workforce³ One** web-based toolkit has launched to help state and local workforce professionals expand and strengthen their on-the-job training (OJT) strategies. OJTs connect workers with training and jobs and provide employers with reimbursements for training. The OJT training option has a proven track record of helping workers gain new skills to find and retain employment. The *OJT Toolkit* is an online suite of resources that gives state workforce agencies and local OJT providers templates and examples that are customizable to meet their needs. Further, OJT Toolkit documents allow local providers to quickly and efficiently implement OJT in their area. The toolkit currently houses the following resources: Policies and Procedures; Outreach Materials; Contracts and Modifications; Training Plans; and Monitoring Tools. As additional OJT tools are developed, they will be posted to the toolkit website. View the OJT Toolkit on Workforce³ One at: <http://ojttoolkit.workforce3one.org>.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **Nestlé USA Very Best in Youth Program** honors young people ages 13 to 18 who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place. Maximum award: \$1,000. Youth ages 13 and 18 years of age who demonstrate good citizenship, a strong academic record, and can show how they have made a special contribution to their school, church, or the community are eligible to apply for an award. Entrants must have permission from a parent or legal guardian to submit nomination. The submission deadline is November 1, 2010. For more information, go to: <http://verybestinyouth.nestleusa.com/About/Default.aspx>.

The **NAMM Foundation**, a non-profit organization with the mission of advancing active, lifelong music making through scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs, is accepting applications for its *2011 President's Innovation Award* to support undergraduate and graduate students pursuing careers in the music products industry. The cash award supports qualified college students attending NAMM's annual global music products trade show "The NAMM Show," in Anaheim, California, January 13-16, 2011, where they will be invited to participate in a special collegiate program offering advice, mentoring, and networking with industry laureates and professionals. The submission date for the award is September 30. Visit the NAMM Foundation website for complete program information: <http://www.nammfoundation.org/> .

The **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation** and **Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago**, a research center focused on child and family policy, have launched the *Doris Duke Fellowships for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect* for doctoral and dissertation students. The new program aims to identify and nurture promising leaders in child abuse prevention. Fellows can be based at any academic institution in the United States and will be selected through an open national competition. Because the prevention of child maltreatment requires knowledge and collaboration from and among diverse fields, the program is multidisciplinary in scope and approach, with the range of academic disciplines including but not limited to social work, public health, medicine, public policy, education, and economics. Fellows will work on a variety of issues, such as designing programs that attract and retain the most vulnerable families, creating strategies that better connect public and private efforts, and applying empirical evidence to improve practice and policy. Selected fellows will be mentored by leaders in the field and professors, participate in a collegial network for fellows, attend an annual knowledge sharing meeting, and take part in presentation and training opportunities. The program will consist of two cohorts of fifteen fellows with two-year terms, the first starting in the fall of 2011 and the second starting in the fall of 2012. Each fellow will receive an annual stipend of \$25,000. Applications for the fall 2011 cohort will be accepted from August 15 to December 15, 2010. For further information and application instructions, visit the Chapin Hall website: <http://www.ddcf.org/> .

L'Oreal Paris has announced their fifth annual *Women of Worth* awards program. The program is designed to honor women from across the United States for their inspiring volunteer achievements and outstanding commitment to community service. To be eligible, a nominee must be 18 years or older, have a record of exemplary service within her community and the community at large, be able to demonstrate the impact of her work within her community, be aspirational and inspirational to others, demonstrate commitment to her cause, exemplify leadership, and not be compensated for her community service. The program will select ten winners, each of whom will receive \$5,000 for their personal charitable cause. A matching donation will also be made in each winner's name to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. In addition, one national honoree will receive an extra \$25,000 donation to her charitable organization. The national honoree will be chosen via a public online vote held this fall. Self-nominations are accepted. The deadline for nominations is July 9. For more information about the program and to submit a nomination, visit the Women of Worth Web site: <http://www.lorealparisusa.com/us/en/default.aspx#/?page=top{userdata//d+d//diagnostic|main:home|media:blank|nav|overlay:blank}>

The **National Assembly of State Arts Agencies** is the membership organization that unites, represents, and serves the nation's state and jurisdictional arts agencies. Each of the fifty-six states and jurisdictions has created an agency to support excellence in and access to the arts. NASAA awards programs recognize exemplary leadership and showcase the best practices of state arts agencies and regional arts organizations. All NASAA members are strongly encouraged to submit nominations. The Distinguished Public Service Award honors an individual whose outstanding service, creative thinking, and leadership have had a significant impact on public support for the arts in his/her state or region. All current or past chairs or council members are eligible. Nominations may be made by any NASAA member, SAA staff or council member, or any RAO staff or council member. The Gary Young Award recognizes an individual who makes an extraordinary contribution to public support for the arts in his/her state or region. The ideal candidate will exhibit exemplary leadership, innovative thinking, and dedication to diverse artistic expression. All current or past executive directors are eligible. Nominations may be made by any SAA staff or council member, or any RAO staff or council member. The nomination deadline is July 16. Complete guidelines and nomination forms are available at the NASAA Web site <http://www.nasaa-arts.org/> .

Guardian Scholarships are awarded to youth who have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and have been accepted to **Hunter College**, **John Jay College**, or **Kingsborough Community College**. The program includes a scholarship that can be used for academic tuition, textbooks, school supplies, and other living costs. The deadline for John Jay College and Hunter College students is June 15th and the deadline for Kingsborough Community

College students is August 1. For more information, go to:

<http://newyorkersforchildren.org/article/apply-to-join-the-guardian-scholars-program/>

An initiative of the **William T. Grant Foundation**, the *William T. Grant Scholars Program* is accepting applications from promising early-career researchers who want to tackle questions important to theory and either policy or practice for improving youth settings. The program is designed to support promising early-career researchers from diverse disciplines who have demonstrated success in conducting high-quality research and are seeking to further develop and broaden their expertise. The foundation is interested in applicants trained across a range of social, behavioral, and health sciences. Applicants must submit a project that is consistent with the foundation's current research interests: addressing issues that have compelling relevance for theory and policies or practices affecting the settings of youth between the ages of 8 and 25 in the United States or a vulnerable sub-population of those youth. Four to six William T. Grant Scholars are selected annually and each receives \$350,000 distributed over a five-year period. Candidates are nominated by their supporting institution and must submit five-year research plans that demonstrate creativity, intellectual rigor, and a commitment to continued professional development. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be employed at a non-profit institution, either in the United States or abroad, and have received their terminal degree within seven years of submitting their application. The award may not be used as a postdoctoral fellowship. The application deadline is July 7. Visit the Grant Foundation website for complete program guidelines:

http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/funding_opportunities/fellowships/william_t_grant_scholars .