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DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**** December 8—** The DYCD Youth Board/Youth Council will hold its quarterly meeting from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at Berkeley College, Downtown Extension, 130 William Street. This meeting is open to the public; if you would like to attend, please RSVP to Monique Morales-Mason at (212) 442-6011.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

Mayoral Press Conference Announces the Launch of the OST Initiative

On October 20, the Mayor Bloomberg and DYCD officially launched the City’s Out-of-School Time (OST) initiative at PS/MS 27 in Red Hook, Brooklyn, which houses the Good Shepherd Services OST program. The \$200 million reform of after school programs will provide a mix of academic, recreational and cultural activities for young people after school, during holidays and in the summer. Programs will serve more than 47,000 elementary, middle and high school students after school, during holidays and in the summer. Other speakers included Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, PS/MS 27 Principal, Sara Belcher-Barnes, Senior Counselor to the Chancellor for Education Policy, Michele Cahill, Sister Paulette LoMonaco of Good Shepherd Services, and Joyce Holms, a parent of a child attending the PS/MS 27 OST. In addition to various media outlets and representatives from participating City agencies, the event was well-attended by leaders in the City’s OST community. A dance performed by OST program participants at PS/MS 27 concluded the press conference.

****Runaway and Homeless Youth Conference Draws Significant Turnout****

On November 3, DYCD organized a free conference for youth professionals and service providers in recognition of Runaway Youth (RHY) Prevention Month. Held at the Harlem PAL site, the conference was entitled *You Think You Know? Voices and Positive Lessons from Runaway and Homeless Youth*. Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav addressed over 350 providers who then attended topical workshops lead by young people directly impacted by the issues of this population. Other speakers included Sally Herrick, Assistant Commissioner at the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (a co-sponsor of the event) and Councilmember Alan Gerson. In advance of the release of the upcoming RHY Request for Proposals, the DYCD RHY Concept Paper is currently on our Web site: www.nyc.gov/dycd .

****DYCD Launches Series of “Building Bridges” Forums in Coney Island****

DYCD will be “Building Bridges” to neighborhoods throughout New York City by presenting free forums to discuss government and private funding opportunities, and other resources for community-based organizations. The first forum in the series was offered on November 10 at the Surfside Gardens Community Center, 2947 West 28th Street, Brooklyn, New York. For additional information, contact: Royston Nero at (212) 788-9922 or rnero@dycd.nyc.gov

****Comprehensive Literacy Services Concept Paper Released ****

The Comprehensive Literacy Services Concept Paper for the upcoming Comprehensive Literacy Services RFP is now posted on the DYCD Web site. It will also be distributed to stakeholders and providers; public comments regarding the Concept Paper are invited until November 23. The Comprehensive Literacy Services Request for Proposals will be released in the early winter.

****DYCD IT Staff Members Recognized for Excellence in Technology****

Three members of our DYCD staff received awards at the 2005 Excellence in Technology Awards Program (ETAP) held November 1, at the Brooklyn Marriott. The ETAP awards were established to salute the City's Information Technology professionals, managers and staff for their dedication and commitment to improving services provided by City agencies. Neil Berman, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Technology (IT), was recognized for his role as the chair of the long-standing Municipal Data Processing Council (MDPC). Joseph Delisi, Director of Network Services, received an award for Excellence in IT Service and Support in the "Manager" category, and Yoon Siow, Network Administrator, received an award for Excellence in IT Service and Support in the "Staff" category.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The **Louis Calder Foundation** strives primarily, through capital and operating support, to provide opportunities for children and youth to access meaningful non-school hour and summer programming that provides enriched academic activities designed to nurture and develop reasoning and critical thinking skills while promoting scholarship in the New York City area. A Letter of Intent may be sent to the Foundation at any time. For additional application guidelines and information, go online to:

<http://www.louiscalderfdn.org/app.html> .

The **Hasbro Children Foundation** awards grants to support the development and/or expansion of programs for children. Programs must provide direct services to children under age 13. They must serve children and families who are economically disadvantaged. They must be innovative and provide a model from which others can learn. The maximum award is \$500 - \$35,000. There is a rolling deadline. For more information, view online: <http://www.hasbro.org>

The **American Express Economic Independence Fund Grants** go to nonprofits implementing or maintaining a financial literacy program. Approximately \$500,000 will be available, with grants ranging from \$15,000-\$30,000. Programs funded in the past include those serving the disabled, homeless, domestic-violence victims, minorities, women, prisoners, new homeowners and former welfare recipients. Funded programs have included training trainers, acquiring financial literacy materials, program outreach activities such as marketing and incentives, and related costs in implementing a start-up program. Go to: <http://www.nefe.org/amexeconfundrfp/> .

MTV and Youth Venture are offering young people *Hope Venture Grants* for proposals that support the creation of sustainable ventures that aid citizens and communities affected by the victims of the Hurricane Katrina disaster. A second priority will be proposals to start organizations solely for the purpose of raising and distributing funds for those in need. Hope Venture Grants will be offered every week for the next six months to groups of two or more young people (ages 13-20) with the most compelling venture ideas to assist the people and communities affected. There is a rolling deadline until March 17, 2006. Visit the Youth Venture Web site for complete program information and entry rules: <http://www.youthventure.org> .

The **American Architectural Foundation** invites applications for its *Community Grants Program* that assists local nonprofit design and civic organizations in producing innovative public education programming whose projects illustrate an increased awareness, appreciation, and understanding of architecture and design among students in the K-12 age range. The AAF is especially interested in programs targeting underserved populations. The grant amount requested must not exceed \$3,000, or 50 percent of the total project cost, whichever is less. The application deadline is December 15. For guidelines and more information, go to: <http://www.archfoundation.org/aaf/aaf/> online.

The **NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)** is issuing an RFP to make \$1,342,340 available for the start up of local or regional multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) that investigate reports of suspected child abuse or neglect, particularly cases of sexual abuse and physical abuse, the start-up of Child Advocacy Centers (CACs), and child fatality review teams (CFRTs). There will be \$500,000 available for a Child Advocacy Resource Consultation Center (CARCC). The completed application must be postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M., December 15. The closing for any RFP queries will be November 23. All Letters of Commitment from participating agencies must be included in application. To view the complete Bid Profile and Solicitation, go to: <https://ocfsws.ocfs.state.ny.us/obl/index.asp?menu=28&grantid=225> or contact Thomas Hess at (518) 474-4086 or Thomas.Hess@dfa.state.ny.us

The **American Legacy Foundation** is accepting applications for its *Small Innovative Grants Program*. The organization has adopted two goals: 1) arming all young people with the knowledge and tools to reject tobacco; and 2) eliminating disparities in access to tobacco prevention and cessation services. The program is designed to seed new projects or enable an organization to pilot a new idea or approach. Applications must address one or both of Legacy's goals. Legacy will not award a grant to any applicant that is in current receipt of any grant monies or in-kind contributions from any tobacco manufacturer, distributor, or other tobacco-related entity. A Letter of Intent is due February 15, 2006. Visit the Legacy Web site for complete information and procedures for submitting a Letter of Intent: <http://www.americanlegacy.org/>.

The **Amateur Athletic Union** will grant to member clubs of the AAU, to recognize local agencies for their creative strategies in the development of youth football, as well as innovative methods of using youth football programming as an effective teaching tool and positive motivator of young people. Agencies may receive two grants per year if they run a fall as well as a spring program. There is no deadline. The award is \$500 - \$1,250 per season. For more information, contact: Pam Marshall, Amateur Athletic Union, c/o Walt Disney World Resort, Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000. You may also view information online at: http://www.aaunflflagfootball.org/default.asp?a=pg_GetAAUGrant.htm

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

The **Department of Health and Human Services** is providing funding to organizations that will develop and demonstrate creative and innovative approaches that are effective in reducing the prevalence of overweight/obesity in women by increasing the number of women who adopt positive, healthy, lifestyles. Proposals must include women who are members of racial ethnic minority populations who are disproportionately affected by overweight/obesity. Applications are due December 2. For complete information and guidelines, go to: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/HRSA/GAC/HRSA-06-063/Grant.html>

The **Starr Foundation** is one of the largest private foundations in the United States. It makes grants in a number of areas, including education (especially in downtown NYC), medicine and health care, human needs (job training, literacy programs, programs for the disabled and programs that provide emergency or transitional housing for the underprivileged), public policy, culture, and the environment. The foundation board considers applications on a rolling basis. For more information, go to: <http://www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/starr/#guidesched>

The **Union Square Awards** program provides support to innovative and creative arts programs that are engaging youth and families in low-income communities across the city, especially those providing services to populations with limited access to the arts due to geography, language or economics. Consideration will be given to all artistic disciplines - dance, theater, music, visual arts, media arts and creative writing. Prospective grantees are identified through a nomination process, and nominations will be accepted through the end of February. Grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 will be distributed once a year in June. Nominations may be mailed to: The Union Square Awards, 281 Park Avenue South, 2nd Floor, New York New York 10010 or, to apply online, go to: http://www.unionsquareawards.org/v2/arts_initiative/.

The **Nathan Cummings Foundation's** core programs include arts and culture; the environment; health; inter-program initiatives for social and economic justice; and the Jewish life and values/contemplative practice programs. Several basic themes run through all of these programs and inform the Foundation's approach to grantmaking: concern for the poor, disadvantaged, and underserved; respect for diversity; promotion of understanding across cultures; and empowerment of communities in need. Letters of Inquiry are welcome at all times. For guidelines and information, go to: <http://www.nathancummings.org/programs/000016.html> .

The **J.Jill Compassion Fund** supports organizations serving homeless or at-risk women and children by providing job training, transitional and/or affordable housing, education, emergency shelter or other types of aid. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is December 1. For further information, go to: <http://www.jjill.com/about/community.asp?AreaID+OL> .

The **Lumina Foundation** announces funds to support programs that affect access and attainment in postsecondary education, particularly among traditionally underserved student groups. These students include 18- to 24-year-olds and adult students who face barriers to education by virtue of their income, preparation, or family background. There is no deadline date for applications. Go to: <http://www.luminafoundation.org/grants/index.html> online.

The **Taproot Foundation** has announced a new *Annual Report Service Grant*. The program will provide a nonprofit organization with the processes and tools to produce an annual report each year, as well an initial version for the first year. The program is a good fit for a nonprofit that has a strong name and visual identity to use as the foundation for the positioning and design; the existing capacity to produce publish-ready financial statements; and a need for a finished annual report no sooner than twelve months after the application deadline for the grant. The Service Grant will result in a ten- to twelve-page print-ready and/or PDF electronic copy of an annual report that provides an annual-report template which remains relevant for at least five years. The estimated value of the award is \$40,000. Deadline: December 1, 2005; March 1 and June 1, 2006. Go to: <http://www.taprootfoundation.org/grants/annualreport.shtml> online.

HSBC established *HSBC in the Community (USA) Inc.*, to carry out its mission with a philanthropic strategy focused primarily on two critical issues education and the environment. Our educational focus is on K-12 public schools and post secondary institutions as well as adult education, such as public library programs and welfare to work programs. The environmental focus will fund programs that target conservation, sustainable development, or environmental education, promote good environmental practices, and programs that increase environmental public awareness, among others. For program information and application guidelines, go to: http://www.hsbcusa.com/corporateresponsibility/contributions_grants/application_guidelines.html

The Nissan Foundation will seek Letters of Intent from potential grantees (for the first time in the Metro New York area) for its 2006 grant year. The deadline for Letter of Intent submissions is November 23. Its mission is to support educational programs that celebrate and foster appreciation and understanding for our diverse cultural heritage. The Foundation also seeks to maximize its investment in the community by enhancing career potential for young adults in the automotive industry. For complete guidelines and more information, go online to: <http://www.nissanusa.com/m/pdf/Finalbrochure10-21-05.pdf> .

The **Simon C. Fireman Charitable Foundation** is a grant- making organization that gives to programs for people with disabilities. The best initial approach is a concise Letter of Inquiry. There are no deadlines. Group needing funds for general support and operations have the inside track with the Fireman Foundation. For further information, contact: Simon Fireman, Treasurer, The Simon Fireman Charitable Foundation, 525 Brodwell Street, Avon, MA 02322, phone: (617) 328-4080.

The Kresge Foundation seeks to strengthen nonprofit groups supporting people with disabilities. It believes strong, sustainable, high-capacity organizations are positioned to achieve their mission and strengthen communities. The best initial approach is a concise Letter of Inquiry. The Board meets in December, March, June

and September. There are no deadlines. Final notification is within 4-6 months, and decisions are revealed after each board meeting. Applicants are notified in writing of the Boards decision. For further information, contact: John Marshall III, President, The Kresge Foundation, 3215 W. Big Beaver Road, P.O. Box 3151, Troy, MI 48084, phone: (248) 643-9630, fax:(248) 643-0588, or view online at: <http://www.kresge.org> .

RESOURCES

The **Foundation Center**, with funding from the Wallace Foundation, published a special edition of their Philanthropy New Digest listing "Arts Related Resources on the Web." Go to: <http://www.fdncenter.org/pnd/specialissues/item.jhtml?id=118200007> .

The **Arts Deadlines List** Website provides announcements of arts grants, job opportunities, contests, competitions, scholarships, and other relevant opportunities and deadlines. Limited areas can be searched for free, or subscribe to an extended version for a fee. There is also a free monthly newsletter about the arts. Go to: <http://www.xensei.com/users/adl> .

Innovation Networks Point K Learning Center is an online destination featuring practical tools and resources for nonprofit planning, evaluation, and action. Point K features a suite of free web-based tools to help organizations plan and evaluate their efforts, learn what works, improve their effectiveness, and better serve their communities. For further information, go to: http://www.innonet.org/index.php?section_id=4&content_id=16 online.

Free Hepatitis A & B vaccinations & testing for Hepatitis C are available Monday – Friday, beginning at 8:30 A.M. at the Crown Heights SDT Clinic, 128 Prospect Place, Brooklyn (718) 735-0580; Morrisania SDT Clinic, 1309 Fulton Avenue, 2nd Floor, Bronx (718) 901-6564; Riverside SDT Clinic, 160 West 100th Street, 1st Floor, Manhattan (212) 865-1951. Appointments are not necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****November 17 – The Samaritans of New York** will hold a caregiver and service provider training conference, "Helping Others/Helping Yourself" from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the Harold Lewis Auditorium, Hunter College School of Social Work, 129 East 79th Street. This is an intensive communications and crisis intervention training for those who work with community mental health agencies, neighborhood social organizations, and other lay and professional groups serving 9/11 impacted populations. The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. For registration forms, email Samaritansnyc@aol.com .

****November 29 – Baruch Nonprofit Programs** will present a free event from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.: *New Approaches to Solving the Leadership Deficit in Non Profits*. Thomas Tierney, Bridgespan Group Chairman and Founder will highlight the leadership needs in the nonprofit sector. He will discuss why it matters and what can be done. Networking will take place from 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.; the presentation will begin promptly at 6:30P.M. at 151 East 25th Street, Seventh Floor, Room 750. Refreshments will be served. Space is limited; please RSVP to Aditi Aggarwal at nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu or call 646-660-6743.

****November 29 – The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene** will present *HIV/AIDS Prevalence and Prevention in the Caribbean Community of Brooklyn* at 6:00 P.M. at the Rugby Library, 1000 Utica Avenue (near Tilden Avenue). Call (718) 566-0054 for additional information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **Earth Island Institute** (<http://www.earthisland.org/>) established the *Brower Youth Awards* to honor the organization's founder, environmental activist David R. Brower, and to recognize young people (between the ages of 13 and 22) for their activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and social justice advocacy. The annual awards program recognizes the outstanding leadership efforts of six young people from across the United States. The winners each receive a \$3,000 cash prize, a trip to

California for the award ceremony, and a Yosemite camping trip, and ongoing access to resources and opportunities to further their work at the Earth Island Institute. The application deadline is April 15, 2006. For complete criteria, eligibility information, and application procedures, go to: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5001144/earth>

The **Foundation for Exceptional Children** established the *Yes I Can! International Awards Program* to acknowledge the achievements of children and youth with disabilities. Yes I Can! International Awards Nominees will be recognized in each of the following nine categories: academics, arts, athletics, community service, employment, extracurricular activities, independent living skills, self-advocacy, and technology. Nominees must be between 2-21 years old. Each nominee is eligible in only ONE category. Nominations must be postmarked by December 1. For more information, go to: <http://www.yesican.sped.org/awards/index.html> .

The **Disability Funders Network** seeks nominations for the *William Diaz Impact Award* that honors grantmakers who have had a positive impact on the disability community and whose work encourages the foundation community to be more inclusive of disability. Eligible funders are those non-governmental entities/individuals that engage primarily in grantmaking. The deadline for nominations is January 6, 2006. Nomination guidelines and a nomination form are available on the DFN Web site: <http://www.disabilityfunders.org/>

The **Talbots Charitable Foundation** has launched its 2006 Women's Scholarship Program, a fund that annually awards \$100,000 in college scholarships to outstanding women seeking a bachelor's or associate's degree later in life. Eligible applicants must be women currently residing in the U.S. who earned a high school diploma or GED at least ten years ago; are currently seeking a degree from an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school; and have at least two full-time semesters or twenty-four credits remaining to complete their undergraduate degree. The postmark deadline for entries is January 3, 2006, or until one thousand eligible applications have been received. Applications are online at: <http://www.talbots.com/> .

The **Foundation for Exceptional Children** offers the *2006 Yes I Can! International Awards* to honor the achievements of children and youth with disabilities. Specifically, the awards seek to recognize children and youth with disabilities overcoming barriers caused by public misconceptions; reaching their highest potential; and increasing public awareness of the abilities, aspirations and personal qualities of the disabled. Awards will be given in nine categories: academics; arts; athletics; community service; employment; extracurricular activities; independent living skills; self-advocacy; and technology. The application deadline is December 1. For guidelines and information, go to: <http://yesican.sped.org/awards/index.html> online.

The **Metropolitan Museum of Art** announces its 2006-2007 internship opportunities for college and graduate students interested in careers in art museums. Based upon their academic training and interests, as well as the availability of projects, interns work in one of the Metropolitan's departments – curatorial, education, conservation, administration, or library. Applications must be received by January 20, 2006.

The **Nonprofit Sector Research Fund**, a grantmaking program of the Aspen Institute in Washington, DC, annually offers the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship. It is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students who are member of minority groups. The Hearst Scholar serves as a summer intern with the Fund. Recipients may arrange with their colleges for academic credit for this experience. Applications must be received no later than March 16, 2006. For additional information, go to: http://www.nonprofitresearch.org/newsletter1530/newsletter_list.htm?section=William%20Randolph%20Hearst%20Endowed%20Scholarship%20Minority%20Students

The **Women's Sports Foundation** provides direct financial support to assist women graduate students pursuing one of the following fields of study: Physical Education, Sport management, Sport Psychology or Sports Sociology. Individuals can receive up to \$1,500. The Dorothy Harris Endowed scholarship was established in

honor of Dr. Dorothy Harris, pioneer and advocate for women in sports. The application deadline is December 31. For complete information, view online at: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/index.html>

Individual artists from New York City and Minnesota are invited to apply for **Jerome Foundation's *Travel and Study Grant Program*** which awards grants to emerging creative artists from New York City and Minnesota. In 2006, the program will support artists in the fields of literature, film/video, and dance. Funds are intended to support periods of travel for the purpose of study, exploration, and growth. The program supports such activities as dialogue on aesthetic issues, the experience of seeing artistic work outside of Minnesota or New York City, time for reflection and individualized study, the development of collaborations, participation in specific training programs, and research leading to the creation of new work. Grants of up to \$1,500 will be awarded for short-term travel of three to six days. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for trips of a week or longer. The New York City and Greater Minnesota portions of the program require that applicants currently reside in the five boroughs of New York City or Greater Minnesota and have lived in those areas for at least one year prior to the application deadline. The application deadline is January 13, 2006. See the Web site for information and application procedures: http://www.jeromefdn.org/IV~Grant_Programs/C~Travel_and_Study/