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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

March 26 – Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) Manhattan 12 will hold a Town Hall meeting from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Community Board 12, 711 West 168th Street, New York, New York. This series of forums signals a new approach for involving the local NABs in advising DYCD in the allocation of CSBG funding. The 43 local Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) help DYCD stay informed about community needs and service gaps, and help determine which programs will be funded. For more information, please contact DYCD at 212-442-5880, or visit us online at: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

March 10 – DYCD's Youthline has new operating hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM. During weekends, on holidays and off-hours, callers will be referred by voice system to crisis support or shelter for youth under age 21.

March 19 – The Center for Economic Opportunity Service Learning Concept Paper will be released. This Paper outlines DYCD's vision and rationale for creating a structured service learning program to foster positive youth development in some of New York City's highest-need neighborhoods. We welcome input from all stakeholders and invite comment on this solicitation. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 13, 2007. View the Concept Paper on our Web site at: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

March 19 – A Negotiated Acquisition to procure effective Service Learning (SL) curriculum and technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) services to support the new SL programs (see above) will be released. The term of the curriculum/TACB contracts will be from August 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. The deadline to submit a proposal is April 9. For additional information, go to the DYCD Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

March 29 – The deadline to submit proposals under the Beacon Community Center RFP

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

** NYS Community Action Agency Holds First Annual Poverty Symposium in Albany

On March 12-13, the New York State Community Action Agency (NYSCAA) hosted the First Annual Poverty Symposium at the New York State Museum in Albany. The Keynote Address was given by New York City Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs and Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav was featured on the Economic Development and Poverty Panel.

**** GirlsREACH Program Expanded to Include Boys**

On March 1, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg observed Women's History Month by introducing the NYC BoysREACH program, a new joint initiative between DYCD and the Mayor's Commission on Women's Issues. NYC BoysREACH builds on the strengths of the NYC GirlsREACH summer internship program, which was introduced in 2006. Participants are nominated by their In-School Youth employment provider, and will complete orientation before beginning a six week internship under the direction of young male professionals in corporations recruited by the CWI. Interns will receive work-appropriate attire and Metrocards, attend weekly workshops on issues of importance to young men, and go to cultural and recreational activities organized by DYCD and CWI throughout the summer. Participants who successfully complete the internship will be enrolled in a comprehensive college entrance exam and application preparation course, and may be eligible for college scholarships donated by corporate sponsors.

**** National Conference on Family Literacy Enlightened on DYCD's Expansion of Services**

On March 4 – 6, 2007, Commissioner Mullgrav participated in the National Conference on Family Literacy, hosted by the National Center for Family Literacy, in Orlando Florida. During the conference, the Commissioner participated in the annual Toyota Continuing Partnership Meeting at which DYCD's efforts to expand family literacy services were highly praised. In addition, Commissioner Mullgrav was invited to speak about DYCD's Family and Adolescent Literacy programs providing comprehensive services to school-aged children and their families at the Hispanic Family Learning Summit.

**** Internet Safety Conference Draws Youth Service Providers and Law Enforcement Officers**

On February 27, DYCD, the NYC Youth Board and Youth Council, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children co-sponsored a conference on internet safety: *Keeping Children Safer in a Changing Online World*. It was held at the Tribeca Performing Arts Center at Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY. The conference provided youth service providers and law enforcement with the latest information about threats facing children and teens on the internet and resources available to assist them in their response to those threats. Workshops included presenters from the F.B.I. and Homeland Security.

**** Dropout Summit held to Address Prevention**

On February 23, DYCD participated in a Dropout Summit at Baruch College's vertical campus. Co-sponsored by Directions for Our Youth and the Black, Hispanic, and Asian Caucus of New York City Council, the summit examined the roles played by individuals and institutions in dropout prevention, shared information about successful dropout prevention programs both locally and nationally, and endeavored to identify policies and practices that would work toward reducing the dropout rate in New York City. DYCD Deputy Commissioner Suzanne Lynn participated on a panel discussion on the role of the community in dropout prevention highlighting the programs and services that DYCD offers to help stem the dropout crisis: prevention (after school), reconnection (assistance for disconnected youth) and workforce development (CAPITAL, GirlsReach, etc.) as well as upcoming CEO initiatives. Co-presenters include representatives from the United Way, El Puente, and the Children's Defense Fund.

**** Commissioner Panelist at the Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Convention in Albany**

On February 17-18, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, along with DYCD staff, participated in the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators' Conference in Albany. The agency sponsored a convention booth that highlighted DYCD's Out-of-School Time (OST) initiative, as well as other programs and services we fund to support New York City youth and families. Literature was available on OST, Neighborhood Advisory Boards, HEAP, the Inter-Agency Coordinating Council on Youth and a number of other DYCD programs. The Commissioner also participated in a panel discussion on issues affecting the increasing number of young women involved in the juvenile justice system.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Meeting Highlights the Center for Economic Opportunity**

On March 14, the Workforce Investment Board met at the Department of Small Business Services. Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs described the strategic goals and recommendations of the Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO) as it endeavors to reduce poverty in our City. The approach will focus on the

connection to workforce development and the working poor among others. Following her presentation, Commissioner Mullgrav outlined DYCD's programmatic initiatives specifically linked to the CEO - the Young Adult Internships Program, and the Service-Learning Initiative.

****New York City Youth Board/Youth Council Quarterly Meeting Features CEO Presentation**

On March 8, the New York City Youth Board and Youth Council held their quarterly meeting at DYCD. Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs presented on the Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO), with an emphasis on activities related to young adults between the ages of 16 and 24. Following her presentation, Commissioner Mullgrav and her staff outlined DYCD specific programs in the CEO initiative - the Young Adult Internships Program, and the Service-Learning Initiative.

**** OST Symposium Provides Opportunities for Professional Development and Policy Discussions**

On March 6, DYCD organized a one-day symposium for the directors of its Out-of-School Time (OST) programs and their respective Executive Directors. The symposium was supported by Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and The Wallace Foundation. The Partnership for Afterschool Education (PASE) played a key role in assisting with the organization and presentation. The symposium was attended by approximately 600 people, including 440 program directors who attended workshops and general sessions. Focus areas included program administration, professional development, management, relationship building, programming and activity development and linkages between the school day and after school. Commissioner Mullgrav kicked off a roundtable policy discussion with 150 Executive Directors and senior management from OST contractor organizations. Other speakers included: Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott, Dr. Ester Fuchs of Columbia University, Nancy Devine of the Wallace Foundation, Dr. Bill Eimicke, Director of the Columbia University Picker Center and Terrie Williams of the Terrie Williams Agency and the Stay Strong Foundation.

****DYCD Releases Beacon Community Centers Request for Proposals (RFP)**

On February 22, DYCD released its Beacon Community Center RFP. DYCD is seeking appropriately qualified organizations to operate Beacon Community Centers at 80 school-based sites throughout the City. Dozens of Beacon stakeholders provided feedback and participated in a 9-month planning process that was informed by academic research.

Beacons will continue to operate as school-based community centers serving people of all ages through a range of structured activities, drop-in activities, and community events. Based on demonstrated need in the community, the Beacons may offer scheduled programming such as summer camp, health and fitness programs, and computer programs. Programs will operate a minimum of 42 hours per week over 6 days, in the afternoons and evenings, on weekends, during school holidays and vacation periods, and during the summer. Proposals are due on March 29. The initial term of the contracts will be for three years, from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2010. For additional information, go to the DYCD Web site: www.nyc.gov/dycd.

****OST Kicks Off Citywide 5th Grade Spelling Bee**

On February 22, DYCD hosted a kick-off event for a citywide OST 5th Grade Spelling Bee at the New York City College of Technology's Klitgord Center/CUNY in downtown Brooklyn. Participants will compete in borough competitions throughout the spring, with finalists advancing to a citywide competition on June 23 at the Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY. The competition will give OST students an opportunity to showcase and improve their vocabulary, English language and spelling skills while fostering the notion that learning is fun and exciting. The kick-off was attended by more than 700 children and staff who learned more about the spelling bee and viewed a screening of the film "Akeelah & the Bee."

**** CAPITAL 2007 Begins Orientation Sessions for Applicants**

During the week of February 20, DYCD hosted orientation sessions for young people who applied to CAPITAL (Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training and Leadership) 2007. CAPITAL is a summer internship program administered by DYCD that unites government, private enterprise and community based organizations to provide promising young New Yorkers access to jobs in the private sector. Approximately 600 applicants were invited to attend the Winter Recess orientations. Attendees heard an overview of the program and participated in small group activities designed to prepare them for upcoming pre-employment workshops.

Participating employers pledge to provide paid summer internships for seven weeks, with a minimum of 25 hours per week. All **CAPITAL** applicants are screened and will participate in a series of pre-employment skills and work readiness workshops designed to equip them with information and tools needed to conduct an effective job search and find success in their summer assignment. Learn more about [CAPITAL](#), or contact David DuPuy at 212-487-8989 or e-mail at ddupuy@dycd.nyc.gov

****Gracie Mansion Breakfast Spotlights OST Initiative**

On February 15, DYCD and the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City hosted an OST Update Breakfast at Gracie Mansion. It was well-attended by business and philanthropic leaders who have been identified as potential supporters of OST. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav addressed the guests, as well as Zulema Wiscovitch, an OST Advisory Board Member and Mayor's Fund Board Member, who spoke about the value of OST programs from the perspective of both a business executive and a working mother. Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott offered closing remarks. Questions were then taken from the guests. The event was successful in building public awareness for OST and several of the participants expressed interest in supporting this initiative more formally. DYCD will be organizing program site visits for interested individuals.

**** Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) Enlightened on Intergenerational Programming**

On February 2, DYCD sponsored the 2nd Quarter meeting of the ICC, which was hosted at the Department for the Aging (DFTA), an ICC member. The theme for the meeting, "Young and Old Alike", focused on inter-generational programming. Over 50 participants representing various City agencies attended; Deputy Mayor Dennis M. Walcott, ICC Chair addressed the group; Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav and DFTA Commissioner Edwin Mendez-Santiago also gave remarks. In addition, a panel discussed various facets of intergenerational programs; the panelists were: Deidra Gilliard, Assistant Deputy General Manager for Community Operations, NYCHA; Nina Aledort, Assistant Commissioner for Health & Program Services, Department of Juvenile Justice; Maureen Sewdial, Senior Services Supervisor, Aging in America Community Services, Inc. Two ICC work groups provided updates, highlighting Court Involved Youth and After School. ICC member Jorge Pastor from the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) presented on the ACS foster and adoptive parent campaign.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The Big Read, an initiative of the **National Endowment for the Arts**, in partnership with the **Institute of Museum and Library Services** and in cooperation with **Arts Midwest**, is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. *The Big Read* provides citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities. Each community event lasts approximately one month and includes a kick-off event to launch the program locally; major events devoted specifically to the book (panel discussions, author readings, etc.); events using the book as a point of departure (film screenings, theatrical readings, etc.); and book discussions in diverse locations and aimed at a wide range of audiences. Organizations selected to participate in *The Big Read* will receive a grant, financial support to attend a national orientation meeting, educational and promotional materials for distribution, and other materials and services. The typical grant size will be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Grants must be matched at least 1:1 with non-federal funds. Applicant organizations must partner with a library (if the applicant organization itself is not a library). The application deadline is April 12. For additional information and application procedures, visit *The Big Read* Web site <http://www.neabigread.org/>.

State Farm in partnership with the **National Youth Leadership Council** is accepting applications for *Project Ignition*. This program gives students in grades 9-12 and their teachers, a chance to work together to address the issue of teen driver safety. Students must create the project with the support of a teacher/advisor and the school/organization. Young people who are U.S. citizens or resident aliens and enrolled in a public/private/charter or alternative school are eligible to apply. The submission deadline is April 15. For more information and an application, visit: <http://www.sfprojectignition.com/00home/>.

Youth Bridge-NY will fund a "*Bridging the Gap*" grants program committed to youth diversity and development in New York City. The main areas of focus are poverty, academic enrichment, and health. Additionally, there is preference to organizations or projects with budgets under \$100,000. The range of grant amounts will be from \$500 to \$2,000. The due date is April 1. Application forms can be downloaded from the Web site at: <http://www.youthbridgeny.org> .

The **Department of Health and Human Services** announces funds to address runaway and homeless youth (RHY) problems through *Basic Center Programs* (BCPs). BCPs provide an alternative to involving RHY in the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. Each BCP must provide a safe and appropriate shelter, and individual, family and group counseling as appropriate. The deadline for applications is April 23. Approximately \$18,300,000 is available to fund 140 awards of up to \$200,000. A match is required. For further information, contact Courtney Workman at cworkman@acf.hhs.gov; or go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CY-0063.html> .

Rosie's For All Kids Foundation welcomes unsolicited requests for support in the Early Childhood Care and Education program area. Grants focus on tuition subsidies, small renovations, equipment upgrades, playground construction, and staff development opportunities. First priority is given to experienced, community-based programs serving children in low-income, major urban areas, where many families struggle to find affordable, high-quality early education and care. Grant Range: \$15,000 - \$30,000. For additional information and guidelines, go to: <http://www.forallkids.org/site.php?module=article&pageid=56> .

The **National Endowment for the Arts** will fund a *Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth Grant*. This program offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire appreciation, knowledge, and understanding of, and skills in, the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engagement of students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art, and ensure the application of national, state, or local arts education standards. State, local, tribal and special district governments; institutions of higher education; and nonprofit organizations are eligible. Awards range from \$5,000 to \$150,000. The submission deadline is June 11. For additional information, contact webmgr@arts.endow.gov .

The **Mattel Children's Foundation** has announced the third year of its *Domestic Grantmaking Program*. The program provides funds to organizations that demonstrate that they directly serve children in need. Applicants must have a mission that focuses on direct service to children up to twelve years old. Organizations or programs must show creative and/or innovative methods to address locally defined needs directly impacting children, and must align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities, which include learning, health, and girl empowerment. Two types of grants will be considered: 1) program-specific grants, i.e. funding for the launch of new programs or expansion of existing programs; and 2) core operating support, i.e., support for administrative and operating costs that help organizations to sustain their program. Organizations with 501(c)(3) public charity status that have an annual operating budget of less than \$1 million are eligible to apply. Organizations may not be affiliated in any way with national organizations, regardless of whether funds are received from the national entity. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The submission deadline is June 15, 2007. For more information, go to: http://www.mattel.com/About_Us/Philanthropy/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp .

The **Corning Incorporated Foundation** supports educational, cultural and community service projects. The foundation also supports national programs and a matching gifts program. Organizations must be tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) or 509(a) IRS codes. Individuals, political activity, labor and veterans organizations, religious groups, volunteers' emergency squads, athletic activities, advertising, and fundraising events will not be considered. In 2005, grants ranged from \$68 to \$209,000, and totaled more than \$3.2 million. There is no deadline for submission. For additional information, contact Karen C. Martin, Associate Director, Corning Incorporated Foundation, MP-BH-07, Corning, New York 14831. You may also visit http://www.corning.com/inside_corning/our_commitment/community.aspx .

The **NYC Department of Education** (NYCDOE) will fund an *Enrichment Services Program*. This is a Pre-Qualification Solicitation (PQS). Individual school principals will have the discretion to contract with approved vendors. Although DOE does not guarantee that services will be purchased, any agency

seeking to contract with public schools should complete this PQS. Supplemental enrichment programs include activities that build self-esteem, encourage academic achievement, develop interpersonal skills, and improve student attendance. Programs need not be entirely academic in nature, but they should build interest and excitement for learning and connect to what students are learning in the classroom. While the NYCDOE maintains flexibility in the type and duration of these services, successful proposals will detail plans that will support the goals of the academic program(s) of those schools choosing to utilize these services. The proposal deadline is April 13 at 11:30 A.M. A Pre-conference will be held on: March 26, 2007, at 3:00 P.M. at 131 Livingston Street, 5th Floor Conference Room (508), Brooklyn, New York, 11201. To view the full proposal, go to: <http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/dcp/contracts/rfp/pdf/rfpr0084.pdf>

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

The **Administration for Children and Families** will fund through the *Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Project* experienced intermediary organizations to deliver services to faith-based and community organizations through training, technical assistance, and sub-awards. Intermediary organizations will assist faith-based and community organizations with capacity building activities in five critical areas: 1) leadership development, 2) organizational development, 3) program development, 4) revenue development strategies, and 5) community engagement. Capacity building activities are designed to increase an organization's sustainability and effectiveness, enhance its ability to provide social services, and create collaborations to better serve those most in need. The application deadline is May 16. Read the entire announcement at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-EJ-0035.html> .

U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Secretary Elaine L. Chao Calls for 2007 "New Freedom Initiative" Award Nominations. Nonprofits, small businesses, corporations and individuals who have demonstrated exemplary and innovative efforts in advancing the employment and workplace environment of people with disabilities are eligible to submit entries for the 2007 award. The submission date is April 30. To obtain additional information, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/odep/odep20070234.htm>.

The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion** and the **Regional Health Administrators** are requesting proposals from small, community-based groups to evaluate a unique set of healthy lifestyles activities conducted in local settings in support of the President's HealthierUS initiative: *Healthy People, Places, and Practices in Communities Project*. Examples of acceptable activities for this funding opportunity are: Physical activity; Nutrition and healthy eating; Preventive screenings; and Making healthy choices/avoiding risky behaviors. Not-for-profit, community -based organizations, including faith-based groups, after school programs, coalitions and others are eligible to compete. The awards range from \$2,000 to \$5,000. The proposal deadline is March 30. For the complete RFP, visit: <http://www.osophs.dhhs.gov/ophs/HealthyPeople/>

****MINI GRANTS****

The **National Crime Prevention Council** (NCPC) will award grants to support service-learning projects planned and implemented by youth who identify needs and create projects to address or prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse in their schools and communities for National & Global Youth Service Day. These grants are intended to encourage and promote crime prevention, community service, and civic responsibility. Projects must be youth-led and address or be designed to prevent crime, violence, or drug abuse in a school or community. Projects will be implemented for National & Global Youth Service Day. The grant award is \$500; the submission deadline is April 1. For the full RFP and details, visit: http://www.ncpc.org/ncpc_cms/NCPCTCC%20Grant%20Application%20for%20National%20%20Global%20Youth%20Service%20Day.pdf

RESOURCES

Published by the **Alliance for Children and Families**, the 2006-07 edition of *Scanning the Horizon: Trends, Developments, and Innovations Impacting the Future of Child and Family Services* examines issues such as the nation's economy, education, immigration, health care, technology, and the workforce. To view and print the pdf file, go to: <http://www.alliance1.org/Publications/scenario/ScanningHorizon.pdf>

Justice for Kids & Youth Web Site is designed for youth (k-5) & young adults (6-12). It provides information on different aspects of justice – like internet crimes, drug prevention and laws that protect your rights. To view the Web Site, visit: <http://www.usdoj.gov/kidspage/>.

Recognizing the specific and daunting challenges facing girls growing up in New York City, and the crucial role that afterschool programs can play in their development, **The Partnership for After School Education** (PASE) is working to establish the *Girls Action Coalition*. The Coalition, which will utilize PASE's affinity group model, is in the early stages of development, with a steering committee now forming to determine its goals, priorities, and activities. Essentially, the New York City Girls Action Coalition aims to:

- create a system through which girl-serving organizations in New York City can connect with each other effectively and productively;
- develop a platform through which girl-serving organizations in New York City can work together to raise awareness of the critical need for their services; and
- build the capacity of New York City's girl-serving organizations to provide high quality educational experiences for girls in out of school time.

If you are interested in participating in the Coalition, either as a general member or on the steering committee, please email: mmcconnell@pasesetter.org to be subscribed to the electronic listserv that has been established.

Find donated technology products for nonprofits organizations at **TechSoup Stock**. Hundreds of donated computer products are available from partners such as Cisco, Intuit, Adobe, Symantec, Microsoft, and more; new product donations are available from Microsoft: Office 2007, Windows Vista, Exchange Server 2007, Visio 2007, and more. Administrative fees are as low as 4% of retail value, and no membership fee is required. Since 2002, over 50,000 nonprofits across the United States and Canada have accessed the software and hardware products they need at TechSoup Stock. To request donated computer products for your organization, visit: <http://www.techsoup.org/stock/default.asp?cg=media&sg=PND031307> .

The **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention** has released an online, printable *Truancy Reduction Toolkit*. The entire toolkit for creating your own program is available to be downloaded at: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/truancy_toolkit.html.

The **White House Office of National Drug Control Policy** *National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign* released a new analysis that shows alarming trends in teen abuse of prescription drugs and cough and cold medicines to get high. The report shows that teens are turning away from street drugs, like marijuana and cocaine, and are now abusing prescription drugs. For more information, go to <http://www.mediacampaign.org/teens/> .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****March 19 – March 23** Learn to create effective and useful data presentations online. The **Northeast Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies** will present this free online course. State- and community-level practitioners in this 5-day, interactive workshop will create, organize, and develop presentations that are interesting, informative, and tailored to audience needs. Participants from New York can submit the completed certificate to New York State's Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to receive Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC), Credentialed Prevention Specialist (CPS) or Credentialed Prevention Professional (CPP) credit hours. For more information, contact Melanie Adler, Manager of Distance Learning Programs, at madler@edc.org or (617-618-2309). To register, go to: <http://captus.samhsa.gov/northeast/sharing/registration/>

****March 19 – Sharsheret**, a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to addressing the concerns of young Jewish women facing breast cancer has recently launched *Empower*, a new program. Registration is now open for the first Sharsheret *Empower* Teleconference, "Dating and Disclosure," 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM focusing on self-esteem and re-entering the dating scene. If you, or someone you know, is interested in

registering for the Teleconference, please e-mail info@sharsheret.org. Once they receive your registration, they will send you instructions on accessing the teleconference.

****March 23** – *The New York City Career Expo for People with Disabilities* will be held from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at The New Yorker Hotel, 481 8th Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York City. If you are planning to attend this event, it is important that you pre-register online at: www.eop.com/exporegistration.html. By pre-registering and attaching your resume to your pre-registration form, you will not only ensure that your resume appears on a resume disk given to all recruiters at the career expo, but that you will be able to enter the career expo faster than those who do not register online.

****March 29 – Baruch College – School of Public Affairs – Nonprofit Group** presents *Consulting Day for New York City's Nonprofit Community* from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It will be held at Baruch College, Newman Vertical Campus, 55 Lexington Avenue (at 24th Street), 14th Floor, Room 220. Consultants will be available to meet with you to discuss challenges you face in the areas listed. These are free 45 – minute one-on-one sessions. Individuals will be limited to two appointments. Appointments will be given on a first come first serve basis. 45 minute appointments must be made in advance by emailing nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu or calling 646-660-6743.

****April 17** - As part of a national program to help reduce HIV-related risk behaviors among school-age youth, The **Institute for Youth Development** (IYD) has scheduled a series of free workshops and webcasts designed to build the organizational capacity of faith-based, community-based, abstinence, youth-serving, and other similar organizations. Supported by a cooperative agreement with the CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health, these sessions will address building partnerships; designing, implementing and evaluating programs; and communicating program success to gain community support. Contact Christopher Doyle at 703-433-1640 ext. 123 or cdcta@youthdevelopment.org for registration forms or information.

****June 14** - The **Greater New York Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals** will offer a limited number of scholarships to *Fund Raising Day in New York 2007*. Funding for the scholarships is provided by members of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, who recognize the importance of developing professional skills in their field through training at the nation's largest, single-day conference on fund raising.

The scholarship entitles the participant to attend the full conference free of charge, as well as a special scholar orientation *and* pre-conference cocktail reception the evening before. (The fees for the conference range from \$250 to \$450 depending on time of registration.) Each application must be accompanied by a \$25 application fee. The application fee will be returned if a scholarship is not awarded.

To qualify for a scholarship, an applicant must be currently employed by or volunteering for a 501 (c) (3) organization, and must live or work within the geographic boundaries of the Greater New York Chapter of AFP (the five boroughs of New York City). Applicants should also be either: a full-time or part-time fundraiser who is new to the field or an individual with extensive volunteer and/or professional experience in the nonprofit sector who seeks to expand his or her knowledge of fund raising. For information, call FRDNY Conference Management: (516)333-0681, or Email: frdny@nycafp.org. All applications must be postmarked by May 11; all scholarship applicants will be notified of their status on June 4.

****September 11 -The September Concert Foundation** was created in April, 2002 for the sole purpose of organizing an annual citywide music festival in New York, in remembrance of September 11th and a celebration of our universal humanity. The vision is to mark this day as a day of music and prayers for a peaceful world year after year, and build it to become the largest Peoples' Concert in the world, and possibly a multi-city event. The September Concert is based on the principles of musical equality, freedom, and accessibility, and the spirit of giving. Future activities might expand beyond the yearly September Concert, to include activities that reflect these principles. Be a part of the team that is building **The September Concert** into the world largest peoples' concert. The vision is to envelope the globe with music on September 11th every year. For additional information and an online Toolkit, go to: <http://www.septemberconcert.org/about.php>.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

A program of the **Earth Island Institute**, the *Brower Youth Award* is an annual national award that recognizes six young people for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and social justice advocacy. The awards recognize young people between the ages of 13 and 22 (as of July 1, 2007) living in North America who have shown outstanding leadership on a project with positive environmental and social impact. The winners of the award receive a \$3,000 cash prize, a trip to California for the award ceremony and a wilderness camping trip, and ongoing access to resources and opportunities to further their work at Earth Island. The application deadline is May 15. Program information and application materials are available on the Earth Island Web site: <http://www.earthisland.org/>.

The **Employment and Training Administration** is accepting applications for the *2007 Recognition of Excellence Awards*. This award is designed to recognize high performance employment and training-related programs and superior or improved system performance by entities administering and partnering with ETA-funded programs. Honorees will be recognized in five categories: Educating America's 21st Century Workforce; Building an Industry/Business-Driven Workforce System; Leveraging the Power of e3 Partnerships; Recognizing Special Populations in the Workforce; and Serving Out-of-School Youth. The application deadline is March 30. For additional information, visit: http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2308.

The **Hitachi Foundation** is accepting nominations for its *Yoshiyama Award* for exemplary service. This award will recognize ten high school seniors from around the United States based on their community-service activities. Eligible candidates must be graduating high school seniors in the United States and U.S. territories and need not be college bound. Candidates must be nominated by someone familiar with their service (clergy, school official, teacher, service agency representative, etc.). Note: Family members may not nominate their relatives and students may not nominate themselves. Awards will be accompanied by a gift of \$5,000 (used at recipients' discretion) and dispensed over two years. The application deadline is April 2. For more information and an application, visit: <http://www.hitachifoundation.org/>.

The **Oracle Education Foundation** is sponsoring *ThinkQuest*, an international competition which offers a unique project-based learning experience for students (ages 9-19) and teachers. Students work in teams to build innovative and educational websites that will be shared globally and published in the *ThinkQuest* Library. The Web Site can be on any topic within a broad range of educational categories. Diverse teams and globally relevant themes are encouraged. The top 10 winning teams in each age division will receive laptop computers and a cash award for the coach's school. In addition, the top 3 winning teams in each age division will travel to *ThinkQuest Live*, an educational extravaganza celebrating their achievements. A special award will also be presented to the team best demonstrating global perspectives. The deadline for submissions is April 16. To obtain additional information, visit: <http://www.thinkquest.org/>.

The **City of Hampton, Virginia**, invites local officials and other community leaders to participate in a site visit to learn about its *Youth Civic Engagement* model, which received the 2005 Innovation in American Government Award. Participants will learn how this successful model of youth engagement in local government settings can be applied in their own communities. Teams of three people from up to ten communities will be eligible to have expenses covered for registration, lodging, meals, ground transportation, and learning materials. Travel costs to and from Hampton are the responsibility of participating communities. To sign up, send an e-mail no later than March 16 to foryouth@hampton.gov expressing your interest in the event. If you have questions, call (757) 728-3280 or go to the Web site: http://www.nlc.org/content/files/IYEF_Hampton_VA_Site_Visit.pdf

The **World of Children Awards** were established to honor individuals or a group of individuals who devote their lives to children. In order to identify such individuals, World of Children annually announces a call for nominations for three award categories -- the World of Children Health Award, the World of Children Humanitarian Award, and the Founder's Award. *The Founder's Award* is specifically given to a young person under the age of 21 who has provided exceptional services/support to other children. In November 2007, World of Children will gather the selected honorees together in New York City for an award ceremony and presentation of the two separate \$50,000 awards and two \$15,000 Founder's Awards.

Honorees are expected to participate in all related events during this time. Travel and accommodation expenses associated with this participation will be arranged and paid for by World of Children. While the awards are not granted to organizations, the stipends must go to a sustainable organization. Awards are not given posthumously, and self-nominations are welcome. The application deadline is May 4; visit the World of Children Web site: <http://www.worldofchildren.org/> for complete nomination guidelines.

The **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** honors young people between the ages of 8 and 18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Past awards focused on young people helping their communities, fellow beings, and protecting the health and sustainability of the environment. Approximately 10 awards up to \$2000 are available. The deadline to submit nominations is April 30. For further information, go to: <http://www.barronprize.org/> .

The **New York Foundation** is seeking a summer intern. The Foundation makes grants to groups in the five boroughs of New York City that are working on problems of urgent concern to residents of disadvantaged communities and neighborhoods and awards approximately \$4.6 million in grants each year. Each summer, the Foundation makes small grants to community organizing groups to provide stipends for youth internships. Last summer, the Foundation awarded 21 grants of \$4,300 each under this program. Qualifications for the internship include: interest in inner city neighborhoods and the non-profit sector; 18-23 years of age (undergraduates preferred); excellent writing and communication skills; Ability to work independently and manage time effectively; Ability to collaborate with supervisor; willingness to travel to neighborhoods in all boroughs of New York City; and knowledge or experience in community organizing. The position is full-time (\$450/week), June 11 to August 17. Send resume and letter of interest by March 19 to: Melissa Hall, New York Foundation, 350 Fifth Avenue, Room 2901, New York, New York 10118. No phone calls, faxes or emails.

The **Call Me MISTER Program** is an effort to address the critical shortage of African American male teachers particularly among South Carolina's lowest performing schools. Program participants are selected from among under-served, socio-economically disadvantaged and educationally at-risk communities. A number of black colleges (about 10 different colleges and universities) are looking for future black male teachers and will send them to universities/ college for 4 years free. This is for males only. Visit the Clemson Web site for additional information: <http://www.callmemister.clemson.edu/conf.htm> .