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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

** **February 19** – The next Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) meeting will be held at the Tweed Courthouse, 3rd Floor Auditorium, 52 Chambers Street from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The main highlight of the meeting will be the formation of a middle school aged youth workgroup. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To RSVP, or for additional information, please contact Andrew Miller at (212) 442-6010 or amiller@dycd.nyc.gov.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

** **DYCD Launches Redesigned Web site**

On January 23, DYCD launched its new and innovative Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>. Created in collaboration with the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT), the new site includes a number of new features designed to help visitors find and share information more easily, including clear and concise program pages, intuitive navigation, powerful search capabilities, and translation capability. In the last year alone, the number of hits on our website has grown by almost 40% to 19,743,949. DYCD expects that the new site will attract even more traffic.

The New York City Department of Youth and Community Development offers dynamic professional opportunities with excellent benefits. To access additional information on job postings at DYCD, go to the Careers page on the new Web site: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/about/careers_with_dycd.shtml.

** **New York City Recognized Again as One of "100 Best Communities for Young People"**

On January 24, Mayor Bloomberg announced that New York City has been named one of the country's *100 Best Communities for Young People* by America's Promise for a second consecutive year. Founded by General Colin L. Powell, America's Promise is the nation's largest private-public partnership committed to ensuring that every child receives the fundamental resources they need to succeed. The winners were announced on the *Today Show*. More than 300 rural, suburban and urban communities from all 50 states participated in the competition. New York City's application was submitted by DYCD, and included contributions from the Department of Education, Administration for Children's Services, Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, Department of Juvenile Justice, Human Resources Administration, the Department of Health and Mental Health, and numerous foundations and community-based organizations.

** **DYCD Hosts the New York State Walk a Mile Kick-Off**

On January 17, DYCD hosted the Walk a Mile kick-off reception at the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building. Walk a Mile is a national educational program that pairs policymakers with low-income constituents. New York City's six constituent participants were drawn from DYCD-funded programs. The pairs will spend a month engaged in activities to reveal the other's life while "walking a mile" in their shoes. Legislators will develop a unique perspective on the issues facing low-income New Yorkers. In turn, the constituents will learn about the

policymaking process while getting to know their representatives on a more personal level. The six New York State legislators participants representing New York City are: Assembly Members Michael Benjamin, William Boyland, Jr., Karim Camara, Micah Kellner, and Keith Wright; and Senator Kevin Parker. The project is co-sponsored by the Low-Income Forum on Energy (LIFE) and New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA). DYCD is New York City's Community Action Agency. The statewide project will culminate with a closing reception at the 2nd Annual Poverty Symposium in Albany on February 25-26.

**** To Celebrate Giants Win, Modell's Presents Free Footballs to DYCD Afterschool Programs**

Prior to the Super Bowl, Modell's Sporting Goods promised 2,008 footballs to the winning city. Thanks to the excellent play of the New York Giants, young people in our City's after school programs, including Beacon and Out-of-School Time programs, will be receiving free footballs courtesy of Modell's.

**** Technical Assistance Concept Paper Released**

On January 26, DYCD issued a TA Concept Paper prior to releasing the Technical Assistance (TA) Request for Proposals (RFP) to be issued this spring. DYCD TA services are designed to raise program quality for the benefit of New York City's young people and communities. The RFP will place a greater emphasis on organizational consultations, train-the-trainer workshops, multi-session workshops, and the development of peer networks as a means to raise capacity and foster best practices. The concept paper features five new competition areas: Youth Services (\$200,000 maximum total funding); Social Services (\$125,000 maximum total funding); Workforce Development Services (\$225,000 maximum total funding); Youth with Special Needs (\$100,000 maximum total funding); and Small CBOs (\$150,000 maximum total funding). The deadline for public comments on the concept paper is February 15, 2008 at 5:00 pm. The concept paper can be downloaded from the DYCD website: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

**** DYCD Hosts the Municipal Data Processing Council**

On January 10, DYCD hosted a meeting of the Municipal Data Processing Council, an association of the City's information technology administrators. The Council – which is led by Neil Berman, DYCD's Assistant Commissioner for Information Technology – promotes interagency coordination and innovative thinking. Representatives from private companies gave presentations.

PROGRAM UPDATES

**** Beacon Programs Provide Unique Art and Culture Exposure**

As part of DYCD's continuing collaboration with Nike, three Beacon programs participated in a photography project. The theme of the project was "A Day in my Neighborhood". Participants from each program received a disposable camera to document their everyday lives. The cameras were then submitted to Nike, and an independent committee selected the winning photos which were then displayed on billboards in Harlem, Queens, and Brooklyn. Nike sponsored a reception at each participating Beacon program; all of the photos were exhibited and the winners were honored. All three Beacons will receive a \$5,000 cash grant for their work on the project.

On January 4, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav attended a Three Kings Day event DYCD co-hosted with the New York Yankees and Bronx Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at Yankees Stadium. More than 100 youth from four Bronx-based Beacon programs attended. Participants learned about the history of Three Kings Day and its significance within the Hispanic Community. The Yankees provided gifts to all attendees.

On January 23, DYCD hosted a delegation from the Korean Education Center and provided an overview of DYCD's programs. Staff shared details about our Beacon Community Centers and their new focus on services for middle school youth. The visitors were then escorted to a site visit at the Chinatown YMCA Beacon Center.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The *Christopher Columbus Awards*, a national community-based science and technology program for middle school students, is accepting entries for the 2007-08 school year. The program challenges students to work in teams of up to four, with an adult coach, to identify a problem in their community and apply the scientific method to create an innovative solution to that problem. Coaches may be teachers, parents, community leaders, or mentors. Teams do not need to be affiliated with a school to enter. Four finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-

expenses-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend National Championship Week and compete for U.S. Savings Bonds plus a \$200 development grant to further refine their idea. The awards program is sponsored by the **Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation**, with support from the **National Science Foundation**. The submission deadline is March 17. For complete program guidelines, application materials, and information on previous winners, visit the program's Web site: <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/> .

The **New York State Education Department** has announced the availability of funding statewide for the *21st Century Community Learning Centers* grant. The RFP targets services to middle/high school students at Schools in Need of Improvement. All 21st Century Community Learning Centers must include these three program components: academic enrichment, youth development, and family literacy/educational programs for participants' families. In addition, programs are to be designed to include the 10 essential elements of high quality after school programs outlined in the Program Quality Self-Assessment (QSA) Tool developed by the New York State Afterschool Network. The length of the 4th round 21st CCLC grant is expected to be five years beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013. As in the past, LEA's, BOCES, Charter Schools, CBO's, Faith-Based organizations, Higher Education, For-Profit and Municipalities are encouraged to apply. The maximum grant amount is projected to be \$900,000. Proposals in response to the RFP must be postmarked by March 17, 2008. Please visit <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov> and click on "funding opportunities". Information will also be available on the NY 21st Statewide TA Center's Web site: <http://nys21stcclc.org> . Also you may contact: Lorraine Lopez, Program Manager, NY 21st CCLC Statewide TAC, 175 Route 32 North, New Paltz, NY 12561, (845) 255-8989, llopez@mhric.org .

The **William T. Grant Foundation** is pleased to announce the spring 2008 competition for their *Youth Service Improvement Grants*. The grants will support activities conducted by nonprofit community-based organizations in the New York metropolitan area to improve the quality of services for young people ages 8 to 25. Proposed improvements should be at the point-of-service and can include, but are not limited to the following: activities to increase the attendance of enrolled youth and decrease program drop-outs; development and implementation of improved curricula and teaching materials; and activities to improve the direct service skills of line staff, such as on-site, ongoing staff development. They will not award general operating funds. Applications will be accepted from January 15 to March 13, 2008. Awards are up to \$25,000 for six-month to two-year projects. 501(c)(3) designated youth-serving organizations in the following New York counties are eligible: Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester. To download the application guidelines and descriptions of previous awards visit the Foundation's website at: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3042/info-url_nocat_list.htm?attrib_id=4399 .

The **Women's Sports Foundation's** *Ambassador Team Awards* program will provide a total of \$50,000 in grants to teams of female high school students that demonstrate leadership in their communities by inspiring girls to get involved in sports and physical activity. Teams will create their own projects designed to get girls in their local community to be physically active. To be eligible, teams must be school, amateur, community, and/or nonprofit affiliated teams whose members are all of the following: female; enrolled in 9th-12th grade; and residents of the United States, its territories, or protectorates. Twenty teams will be awarded \$2,500 each. Team awards are to be used for equipment, apparel, travel, or training costs for the team. Prizes will be made payable to the school, nonprofit institution, or 501(c)(3) organization. The grant deadline is July 18. Visit the Women's Sports Foundation for complete program information: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/index.html> .

Innovating Worthy Projects Foundation was founded to provide financial grants for structuring, developing or modifying special-needs children's programs of organizations recognized as charities by the US Internal Revenue Service. The Foundation donates only to organizations and not to individuals. IWPF does not ordinarily fund salaries and professional fees, operating expenses or building programs. Individual grants or grants to programs will be on a one time basis. These grants will either supplement other funding obtained by the applicant or totally support a proposal. The Foundation accepts grant requests from January 1 up to and including August 31 of each year. However, IWPF will consider grant requests not exceeding \$5,000 throughout the year if funds are not exhausted from grants approved at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees in January. If awarded funding, the applicant must complete a notarized affidavit stating that there has not been, nor will there be, duplicate funding for any or all part or parts of the same project. Additionally, the applicant must file a final report, within sixty days of receiving the grant, providing proof that the funding was used as provided in the grant. For additional information and application guidelines, go to: <http://www.iwvf.org/> .

The **Open Meadows Foundation** is a grant-making organization for projects that are led by and benefit women and girls. Open Meadows Foundation funds projects that do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national

origin, sexual orientation, age or ability. It offers grants up to \$2000 to projects that: are designed and implemented by women and girls; reflect the diversity of the community served by the project in both its leadership and organization; promote building community power; promote racial, social, economic and environmental justice; have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. Organizational budget should not exceed \$150,000. Small and start-up organizations are strongly encouraged to apply. The deadlines for proposals are February 15 and August 15 of each year. Please e-mail questions or comments to openmeadows@igc.org.

The primary mission of the **Tony Hawk Foundation** is to promote high-quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States. While they realize that not every area can afford to build big, expensive skateparks, they feel strongly that public skateparks should be designed and constructed by experienced contractors. They also believe that local officials should treat public skateparks the same way they treat public basketball courts or tennis courts, meaning that anyone may show up and use them anytime, unsupervised. Eligible entities are: city or township governments, independent school districts, non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, and community-based organizations. Award will be available up to \$25,000 with a required match. The submission deadline is March 1. For additional information, go to Web site: http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant_application.asp.

Ronald McDonald House Charities and its global network of local RMHC Chapters provide grants and program services designed to make an immediate, positive impact on children in need around the world. RMHC provides grants to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations whose national or global programs help improve the health and well-being of children. Programs that focus on a specific community or area should submit grant requests to a local RMHC Chapter for consideration. To be considered for funding, an applicant must be designated a not-for-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization. The RMHC board of trustees is most interested in national or international organizations that have a specific program related to children's health and well-being. Organizations seeking funding should have a specific program that directly improves the health and well-being of children; addresses a significant funding gap or critical opportunity; has long-term impact in terms of replication or reach; and produces measurable results. Organizations seeking funding should have a broad base of funding support, management capacity to effectively execute the project, and a clear, concise plan for project evaluation with outcome measurement. RMHC does not fund advertising or fundraising drives; partisan, political, or denominational programs; ongoing general and administrative costs (including salaries, travel, and overhead); intermediary funding agencies; endowment campaigns; individual funding requests; programs that are strictly local in focus and not replicable; or medical research. Deadlines are April 28, 2008; and September 8, 2008 (Letters of Inquiry). Visit the RMHC Web site for complete application procedures: http://www.rmhc.org/search_cm/.

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT**

Through the *MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards*, the **MetLife Foundation** and the **Local Initiatives Support Corporation** seek to identify and honor partnerships that exhibit tangible accomplishments in their efforts to advance the process, outcome, and/or evaluation of potent police-community collaborations. There are two award categories: 1) Neighborhood Revitalization Awards: Six monetary awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000 each will recognize exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yields crime reduction as well as economic development outcomes; and 2) Special Strategy Awards: Five monetary awards of \$15,000 each will recognize exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yield significant public safety outcomes in one or more of the following areas: Applied Technology; Aesthetics and Greenspace Improvement; Diversity Inclusion & Integration; Drug Market Disruption; Gang Prevention & Youth Safety; Seniors & Safety; and School Safety. Eligible applicants are community organizations, community development corporations, police/sheriff's departments, community partnerships, weed & seed programs, and collaboratives comprising more than one of these elements. Public agencies (including police departments and public schools) must apply in conjunction with at least one nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that was a leading partner in the collaboration and will serve as a fiscal agent for award funds. Applicants must be U.S.-based. The deadline for preliminary applications is February 29. Visit the LISC Web site for complete program information: <http://www.metlife.org/>.

The *Union Square Awards* is a project of the **Tides Center** and makes annual grants to grassroots organizations working in New York City. Established in 2006, the awards recognize arts organizations working with youth and families in low-income communities throughout New York City in ongoing, innovative, and creative ways. All artistic disciplines — dance, theater, music, visual arts, film, media arts, and creative writing — are eligible. The goal is to identify arts projects and organizations making a significant impact and contribution to the lives of participants and their communities. Candidates are identified through a nomination process. Anyone familiar with an organization's work may submit a nomination detailing the reasons why the organization should be considered for an award.

Grants will range from \$15,000 to \$30,000 each. Nominations are viewed in the order received. For award guidelines, nomination forms, and details on the program's awardees, visit the Union Square Awards Web site: <http://www.unionsquareawards.org/v2/home.asp> .

The **Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation** supports organizations that work to improve the daily lives of people living with paralysis, particularly spinal cord injuries. Funding is provided in the following categories: accessibility, advocacy, arts, assistive technology, children, counseling, education, employment, independent living, practical services, sports and recreation, therapeutic riding and health promotion. Grants have addressed such needs as scholarships to adaptive outdoor programs, Web sites that promote self-esteem for children who use wheelchairs, and outreach programs. Non-profit organizations are eligible for awards up to \$25,000. The application deadline is March 3. For additional information and to apply online, go to the Web site: <http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.gelMLPOpGjF/b.1029295/> .

The **WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others** nationally supports grassroots charities serving the overlooked needs of women and children. Grants are provided to organizations serving women and/or children in the United States and Puerto Rico. The foundation's priority is funding specific projects and programs addressing health and social service needs. The foundation recognizes the value of new programs created to respond to changing needs and will consider funding projects of an original or pioneering nature within an existing organization. In order to qualify for funding, an organization must have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and be qualified to receive deductible charitable contributions. Organizations must have been incorporated for a minimum of three years prior to application. Preference will be given to organizations with an operating budget of \$3 million or less, those not dependent on government grants, and those with greater organizational program costs than personnel costs. The submission deadline is September 9. Complete program guidelines and the 2009 funding application form are available at the foundation's Web site: http://www.whofoundation.org/WHO_Funding.htm .

The **Employment and Training Administration (ETA)** invites applications for its *2008 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 Workforce to Serve Emerging Industries; Building a Regionally-Focused Workforce Strategy; Leveraging the Power of Partnerships; Tapping the Talents of Special Populations in the Workforce; and Connecting America's Youth to the Workforce. The submission deadline is March 28. For additional information, visit: http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?docn=2578.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2008 – In celebration of *Black History Month*, **PBS** will broadcast a lineup of new and encore presentations honoring and exploring African-American history. In addition, PBS KIDS GO!sm will feature fun and educational "GO! Figure" facts during favorite children's programming. Online, pbskidsgo.org will feature games and e-cards related to African-American history and the contributions of famous African Americans. For scheduling, more information, or questions, please call UnityFirst.com Direct at 413.734.6444 or send an email to: info@unityfirst.com .

February 15 –The **William T. Grant Foundation** is holding a bidders conference from 9:00 am to 10:30 am for youth service providers to learn more about their Youth Service Improvement Grants; it will be held at the Shorin Performance Studio (Room 802), Helen & Martin Kimmel Center for University Life, New York University, 60 Washington Square South. The grants support activities conducted by nonprofit community-based organizations in the New York metropolitan area to improve the quality of services for young people ages 8 to 25. A brief overview of the grants program will be provided as well as a discussion about the elements of strong proposals. Applicants to encouraged, but not mandated, to attend. Please RSVP: smartino@wtgrantfdn.org and include the number of people who will be attending from your organization.

February 19 – The Museum of Modern Art will be offering monthly Art in Sight access programs. The February program is entitled: *75 Years of Architecture at MOMA* to be held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 11 West 53rd Street. Art in Sight programs are free of charge and a flyer is available in Braille upon request. Please contact (212) 408-6347 or accessprograms@moma.org to register. Wheelchairs and walkers, portable stools, FM headsets for sound enhancement, and large print and Braille information brochures are available. Service animals are welcome.

February 20 – PASE and New York City Department of Education, Office of Accountability is offering a workshop, *Parent Involvement and the DOE Learning Environment Survey* from 10:00 am to Noon at PASE, 120 Broadway, Suite 230 (between Cedar & Pine Streets). Train with specialist David Osborne and learn about the New York City Department of Education Learning Environment Survey, the online submission process and find out constructive way to engage parents in this process. Participants will create an action plan to implement at their sites. CBOs can use this opportunity to connect with the families from their afterschool programs and serve as an advocate for their community! This training is FREE and open to the field. SACC Regulations: (3) Child day care program development. Links to NYSAN QSA Elements: (3) Relationships; (6) Linkages between day and after-school; (8) Parent/Family/Community Partnerships. *Coffee will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring breakfast or a snack with them. Participants will receive certificates upon completion of the session.* For more information on the survey process, please go to <http://schools.nyc.gov/surveys>. Training Code: SSS-PS1; register at: <http://www.pasesetter.org/training/calendar.html> .

February 21 – Nonprofit Outsourcing—A Vital Option will be sponsored by the **Center for Non-Profit Strategy and Management at Baruch College** and will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at 135 East 22nd Street, Room 301. The Keynote Speakers will be Laurence A. Pagnoni, Founder and President Laurence A. Pagnoni & Associates; Gail A. Magaliff, Chief Executive Officer, F.E.G.S Health & Human Services System; and David Terrio, President, BTQ Financial and President, Hudson Planning Group. Space is limited and an RSVP is required. Email: nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu or phone: 646-660-6743.

February 28 – Building Capacity for Maximum Impact—Charity Effectiveness Symposium II, sponsored by the **Better Business Bureau Foundation, New York Community Trust, United Way**, and the **Center for Non-Profit Strategy and Management at Baruch College** will be held from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Baruch College, 55 Lexington Avenue at 24th Street, 14th floor. The Keynote Speaker will be Gara LaMarche, President and CEO of the Atlantic Philanthropies. For event details, contact Melissa Popper, Director-NYPAS, BBB Foundation at mpopper@newyork.bbb.org or 212-358-2873.

March 13 – Jobs First NYC and the **Workforce Professionals Training Institute** will be holding a 10 hour training program for organizations with disconnected youth and young adults ages 16-24. For further information contact Amy Landesman at alandesman@workforceprofessionals.org or (646) 278-5687, or David Nidus at david_nidus@yahoo.com or (646) 723-0756. *This is not an endorsement by DYCD.*

April 14, May 11-16, June 6 – Columbia Institute for Not-for-Profit Management offers a *Middle Management Program for Youth Service Organizations*. This program is intended for nonprofit professionals with 2-5 years of management experience, including program directors, mid-level managers, as well as executive directors of smaller organizations. Participants study essential management disciplines – strategic management, administration, financial management, marketing, fund development, and organizational behavior – and work on strategic analysis projects to implement at their organizations. For smaller organizations that are unable to fully sponsor attendance, INM offers tuition assistance. The application deadline has been extended to February 28. To apply or to learn more, please visit their Web site: www.gsb.columbia.edu/execed/inm or contact them at inm@columbia.edu or 212.854.6018.

Spring, 2008 - The Paul A. Kaplan Center for Educational Drama, the outreach and professional development program of the Creative Arts Team, offers courses, workshops, and graduate certificates designed for teaching artists, teachers, and youth development and social service professionals. There is still space available in two spring courses: *Directing Devised Plays with Young People* and *Literacy, Drama, & Dramatic Writing*. In partnership with the Creative Arts Team, the CUNY School of Professional Studies has developed a new Master of Arts in Applied Theatre. This degree, the first of its kind in the United States, is scheduled to launch in September 2008, pending approval by the New York State Education Department. For more information, call the Kaplan Center at 212.652.2820 or email Lisa.Barker@mail.cuny.edu.

June 19 - The YEF Institute continues its series of free, hour-long audio-conferences with a focus on innovative efforts in cities and towns throughout the nation. Municipal officials are invited to register for these calls, which feature discussions between Institute staff, national policy experts, and city officials on best practices and opportunities for municipal leadership on behalf of children, youth, and families. These audio-conferences generally attract 100-200 listeners from across the country, and participants have the opportunity to ask their own questions to panelists during each call. An upcoming audio-conference includes: *“How Much Do High-Quality Afterschool Programs Cost? Findings from the Wallace Foundation Out-of-School Time Cost Study”*. To register for a call,

please e-mail or fax your full contact information, including name, title, organization, mailing address (including street, city, state, and zip), telephone, fax, and e-mail. Registrations can be sent by fax to the YEF Institute at (202) 626-3043 or by e-mail to iyef@nlc.org. Please note the audio-conference(s) for which you are registering. Participants will receive an email with instructions for dialing in at least one day prior to the call. Recordings and transcripts of past audio-conferences are available on the YEF Institute's Web site at <http://www.nlc.org/iyef>.

RESOURCES

LawHelp.org/NY, the award-winning and principal Web site for low-income New Yorkers seeking legal advice and referrals, is launching a new section devoted to combating Internet crime and providing victim resources. The *Internet Fraud: Crimes & Prevention* section is funded by a Consumer Cyber-Awareness Grant from the New York State Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission. The statewide public education campaign includes free, in-person and online training for human service providers, not-for-profits, government agencies, legislative staff, and community organizations, on how to effectively navigate the Web site to assist their clients and constituents. Go to: <http://www.lawhelp.org/ny> for additional information.

The **US Census Bureau** provides useful statistical information for grant applications. The *American FactFinder* on the census Web site can be a primary tool for accessing data on population, income, education, and the labor force in a community: http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en. Grant writers can use *American Community Surveys* (ACS) to find more up-to-date information than the decennial census: <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>. The American Community Surveys are ongoing, yielding population and housing information every year, instead of every ten. These surveys provide dynamic information on how the US population is changing. The Census Bureau's *Faith-based and Community Initiatives Tool Kit* is meant to facilitate obtaining census information for grant writing and community needs assessments: <http://www.census.gov/field/www/faith/>. This is a good place to start if you are new to looking at online census data.

The City's **Annual Earned Income Tax Credit** (EITC) program for low income families and individuals is now underway. This year's EITC Campaign will also provide information and access to assistance to low income families regarding the City's new Child Care Tax Credit Program. The EITC tax credit is available to families with dependents who earn less than \$ 40,000 annually and individuals who make less than \$ 20,000. For more information about the EITC and Child Care tax credit programs call 311 or go online to www.nyc.gov/eitc or <http://www.nyc.gov/accessnyc>. These sites will provide information as to the nearest free tax assistance centers/sites in your neighborhood as well as information about accessing EITC information and materials in 12 different languages.

To kick off the New Year, **ACCESS NYC** is highlighting the free training and outreach options offered. They have many different ways to learn about ACCESS NYC and the training and outreach team is available to visit your sites, anywhere within the 5 boroughs of New York City. This month they are also proud to feature the Earned Income Tax Credit, one of the many programs on ACCESS NYC. To learn more about ACCESS NYC, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/accessnyc>.

The latest issue of the "*Journal of Youth Development: Bridging Research and Practice*," published by the **National Association of Extension 4-H Agents**, is now online. The publication seeks to enhance knowledge about matters of current interest to professionals in youth development, as well as the clientele. Published articles are developed to further the mission of the youth development profession by facilitating the transfer and application of researched-based knowledge. To access the current issue, visit <http://www.nae4ha.org/directory/jyd/index.html>. NOTE: Registration is required to access the free publication.

National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center Web site is a central source of information on prevention and intervention programs, publications, research, and statistics on violence committed by and against young people. It offers current information developed by Federal agencies or with Federal support, and tailored towards professionals, parents, teens, and others interested in learning about youth violence. Resources include fact sheets, best practices documents, funding and conference announcements, statistics, research bulletins, surveillance reports, and profiles of promising programs. To view the Web site, visit: <http://www.safeyouth.org/scripts/index.asp>.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Launches Web site to Serve Researchers, Practitioners, and Policymakers. The NIDA announced the launch of its Networking Project Web site which facilitates information

sharing and research collaboration among those concerned with drug abuse through access to locations, people, expertise, and resources from NIDA's research networks. To view the Web site, visit: <http://nnp.drugabuse.gov/>.

Target sponsors the following free events at New York City museums: Brooklyn Museum – Saturday art and entertainment programming 5:00 – 11:00 pm, <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org> (718) 638-5000; Children's Museum of Manhattan, Friday nights from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, <http://www.cmom.org>, (212) 721-1234; Museum of Modern Art – Friday nights from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, <http://www.moma.org>, (212) 708-9400; New Museum of Contemporary Art, Saturdays for families – free admission and programming from 10:00 am to Noon beginning March, 2008, <http://www.newmuseum.org> (212) 219-1222.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The **American Young Ambassadors Program** is a global leadership program for thirty exceptional U.S. high school students (ages 15-18) who have been recognized for the work they have accomplished in their communities. The youth selected for the program are of significant accomplishment academically, athletically, and/or through public service efforts in their community. They will represent the United States as Young Ambassadors-at-Large at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. All applicants must be U.S. citizens. The application deadline is March 3, 2008. Visit the American Young Ambassadors Program Web site for complete information: <http://www.americanyoungambassadors.com/>.

Although Spring Break seems far away, there are things you can do now to plan for an *Alternative Spring Break* (ASB) with **United Way** -- and experience one of the most rewarding weeks of your life. Join United Way as they rally young people across the country to travel to the communities of Lake Charles LA, Detroit MI, and Biloxi MS to participate in Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Gulf Coast. From late February through the month of March, young people (18-24) everywhere are invited to help rebuild communities in the Gulf Coast and impact community issues at play in American cities. This is a \$150 program fee to help cover the costs of food, local transportation, and building materials for service projects. In addition, participants will be responsible for covering the cost of transportation to and from the ASB site. The anticipated flight costs average around \$200-\$375 roundtrip, depending on where you are coming from. United Way provides each ASB participant his/her own webpage which includes a fundraising tool to help generate the resources needed to cover these expenses. Reimbursement of funds raised to off-set travel costs are granted after the week of service is completed. For more information on the Alternative Spring Break Program, go to: <http://unitedwaynyc.org/?id=51&pg=asb&xt=faqs> or email ASBquestion@unitedway.org.

The **Princess Grace Foundation- USA** has announced the availability of applications for the *2008 Princess Grace Awards in Theater, Playwriting, Dance Performance, Choreography, and Film*. The foundation is dedicated to identifying and assisting emerging artists in theater, dance, and film and awards grants to individual artists across the United States. Theater Awards take the form of scholarships, apprenticeships, and fellowships. Grants are awarded based on the quality of the emerging artists' past work, their potential for future excellence, and the impact the collaboration between the nominating organization and the artist will have on the individual's artistic growth. The *Playwriting Award* includes a residency at New Dramatists, Inc. in New York City. Individuals may submit an unproduced, unpublished full-length play for consideration. The deadline for playwriting is March 31.

Dance Performance Awards take the form of scholarships and fellowships. Awards are based on the applicant's artistic merit, significance of the award to her/his current artistic development, and the potential for future excellence and impact on the field. *Choreography Fellowships* offer emerging choreographers the opportunity to create a new work with a company with which they have little experience. The deadline for dance is April 30. Some theater and dance companies who host apprenticeship and fellowship recipients receive an additional grant to be used for general operating expenses.

Film Scholarships, awarded to both undergraduate and graduate students, are by invitation only. Universities, colleges, and schools are invited to submit applicants via their department chairs, deans, or professors. Film scholarships provide funding toward the filmmaker's thesis film. A complete list of accepted schools is on the foundation's Web site. Deadline: June 2.

All Princess Grace Awards applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status. In addition, all applicants (except playwriting) must be nominated by a nonprofit organization (school or company) with which they will be affiliated during the grant period (September 2008-August 2009). Full guidelines and applications are available at the foundation's Web site: <http://www.pgfusa.org/>.

The White House invites applications for its *Internship Program*. The program is designed to provide interns the opportunity to experience day-to-day life at the White House while working on a variety of tasks and projects. To qualify, applicants must be: at least 18 years of age before the first day of the internship; enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university, or graduated the previous semester; and be a U.S. citizen. The application deadline is February 26. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/wh-intern.html>.

The **2008 Workforce Leaders Academy** is accepting applications for its April 2008-March 2009 program. Preference will go to those involved with the employment of disconnected youth. The application deadline is February 29. For more information, go to: <http://www.ppv.org> .

On Tuesday April 8, 2008 at Pier 60 in Manhattan, **The Partnership for After School Education (PASE)** will host its *10th ANNUAL PASEsetter Awards* to honor afterschool educators whose commitment, energy and creativity have had an indelible impact on the children and youth of New York City. A PASEsetter is a staff person at a youth-serving agency in New York City whose *primary work* is directly with young people in afterschool, in the evenings, and/or during the summers. Nominees must be paid staff, not volunteers, working either full or part-time and have worked a minimum of 3 years at their current agency. No nominations will be accepted from an agency that has had a PASEsetter Award winner within the last three years. Executive Directors are NOT eligible. To nominate a PASEsetter, you must be a PASE member. Any afterschool program, however, may become a PASE member simply by signing up on the PASE Web site at <http://www.pasesetter.org> . To nominate a PASEsetter, fill out the form by going online to: <http://www.pasesetter.org/documents/pdf/NominationForm2008.pdf> and mail, email or fax the form to PASE by February 22, 2008. Please be sure to include the name and signature of your executive director at the bottom.