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SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****DYCD, NYC City Council Announce Funding for Immigration Services**

On July 17, DYCD Commissioner Mullgrav stood with New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn at City Hall to announce \$18 million in Council funding to assist New Yorkers eligible for federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). A majority of the funding will be given to community-based organizations through DYCD to provide immigrant legal services and add an additional 16,000 seats to adult education classes. Under DACA, certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several key guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and would then be eligible for work authorization.

****DYCD Cornerstone Mentoring Program Climbs to New Heights!**

From July 22 through July 26, DYCD joined Brooklyn Boulders in hosting a week of rock climbing, bouldering, expert demonstrations, and climbing certification for more than 150 young people and their mentors. The event supports DYCD's Cornerstone Mentoring program—part of Mayor Bloomberg's Young Men's Initiative—which engages youth in grades five through nine to help them transition into middle and high school and become involved in their communities. Participants are provided with opportunities to learn life skills while developing positive relationships with caring adults outside their families.

****Summer Campers Enjoy Bronx Zoo**

On July 25, DYCD held its seventh Annual Summer Camp Day at the Bronx Zoo. More than 4,500 children who are attending summer camp at Beacon, OST and Cornerstone programs had a delightful day exploring the zoo, learning about conservation and making new friends. This year, programs also participated in a lecture on career options at the Zoo as part of the DYCD College and Career Awareness Week activities.

****DYCD Partners with the US Soccer Foundation**

On July 26, DYCD joined the US Soccer Foundation in Washington, DC as they trained local coaches who are participating in the Soccer for Success Program. This initiative is being launched in DYCD afterschool programs for the 2013-2014 school year. The Soccer for Success Program is a tool to teach youth in grades K - 8 the importance of nutrition and exercise while they also learn soccer skills. The program will serve more than 2,000 young people from DYCD OST, Beacon, and Cornerstone programs.

****DYCD and Bikes for Kids**

On July 30, DYCD, in partnership with On Target Teams and nearly 500 corporate volunteers from Bank of America Merrill Lynch, distributed bikes, helmets and locks to children who live in communities impacted by

Superstorm Sandy. What the volunteer bike builders didn't know was that the 72 children came to the Armory on the Hudson/New Balance Track & Field Center to thank them personally. The youth were selected by the Police Athletic League (PAL) and Action Center of Far Rockaway.

****Provider Community Responds to Runaway and Homeless Youth Requests for Proposals**

On August 1, nonprofit organizations interested in providing services to meet the myriad of needs of runaway and homeless youth submitted proposals. Contract awards are expected to total \$4.59M and include four service options: borough-based drop-in centers, crisis shelters, Transitional Independent Living (TIL) programs and street outreach services. DYCD stressed the importance of addressing family issues and encouraged programs to establish links to resources networks as well as seek out opportunities for family reunification where feasible. Twenty-nine proposals were received, with programs expected to commence July, 2014.

****Summer of Service Marks Another Year of Giving Back**

On August 8, DYCD Commissioner Mullgrav and the Center for Family Life wrapped up the fifth annual Summer of Service Initiative with a visit to the 64th Street Community Garden and P.S. 503/P.S. 506 in Brooklyn, one of 14 Summer of Service events citywide involving nearly 120 elementary, middle and high school youth volunteers and 100 area residents. Young people at community-based organizations across the five boroughs participated in service projects addressing an array of community needs—from painting a colorful mural on Staten Island and growing produce in the Bronx to hosting fitness and Zumba classes in Queens and a leadership and service retreat in Manhattan. Generous support for the program was provided once again by the Neuberger Berman Foundation.

****DYCD and Aviator Sports Team Up for “Fun on the Rock”**

On August 9, Commissioner Mullgrav and DYCD programs based in the Rockaways celebrated the 8th annual “Fun on the Rock” day, held indoors at Aviator Sports and Event Center, the largest facility of its kind in New York City. The event addresses the unique challenges of the Rockaway providers, including ongoing recovery in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, and being in an isolated community that has limited social and recreational venues for youth. “Fun on the Rock” gave young people an opportunity to ice skate, shoot some hoops, connect with their neighbors, and make new friends.

****SYEP Provides 35,000+ Young People with Summer Jobs**

August 16 marks the culmination of another successful Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), with more than 35,000 teens and young adults landing summer jobs at over 6,100 diverse worksites in the five boroughs. This year, participants formed teams to educate New Yorkers about the proper and safe use of fire hydrants, and assisted in the ongoing recovery from Superstorm Sandy, with generous support from the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17/18 – Harlem Week: NYC Children's Festival. Enjoy the last days of summer by celebrating Harlem's rich culture at this annual event that delivers live music, dance troupes, step shows, double-dutch competitions, arts and crafts and storytelling. Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18 at noon on W. 135th St between Malcolm X and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvds. <http://harlemweek.com/>

August 23 – Brooklyn Storymakers. Brooklyn Public Library and Hive NYC Learning Network are teaming up to host a free event for kids ages 10-18, featuring hands-on activities that celebrate the fact that stories are as much fun to read as they are to make! Kids will have the opportunity to create an online comic strip, design and playtest video games, make a stop-motion animated short, and retell/remix their favorite story using digital media and the web, and more. Friday, August 23, from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Brooklyn Public Library Information Commons, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn. <http://explorecreateshare.org/hivesummer2013/#bplstory>

August 24 – Arthur Ashe Kids' Day. This annual family fest always involves free outdoor tennis workshops, autograph signings with pros competing in the U.S. Open, plus fun for those less tennis-inclined like hair braiding, face painting, an obstacle course and storytelling. Saturday, August 24 at 1:00 PM at the USTA Billie Jean King National Center. <http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/National-Tennis-Center/National%20Tennis%20Center/>

August 28 – The Foundation Center's workshop, *Improving Board Effectiveness: Do-it-Yourself Tools for Board Development*, will be held Wednesday, August 28, from 10:00 AM – noon at the Foundation Center, 79 Fifth Avenue, between 15th and 16th Streets, Second Floor, New York, NY. The workshop provides an overview of management structures essential to nonprofit board effectiveness. An expert will discuss surveys used to identify strengths and weaknesses in board dynamics, as well as recruitment tools and practices. For more information, go to <http://grantspace.org/Classroom/Training-Calendar/New-York/Special-Event-Improving-Board-Effectiveness-Do-It-Yourself-Tools-for-Board-Development-2013-08-28-New-York-NY>

September 10 – Starting a social enterprise that generates earned income is fast becoming a way for nonprofits to increase revenue. But is this the right solution for you? *Creating Critical Long-Term Revenue Streams through Social Enterprise* will help you determine if social enterprise is right for your organization. Presenters will discuss techniques used for developing and screening entrepreneurial ideas. Tuesday, September 10, from 10:00 AM – noon at the **Foundation Center**, 79 Fifth Avenue, between 15th and 16th Streets, Second Floor, New York, NY. <http://grantspace.org/Classroom/Training-Calendar/New-York/Special-Event-Creating-Critical-Long-Term-Revenue-Streams-Through-Social-Enterprise-2013-09-10-New-York-NY>

September 25 – If your nonprofit uses Facebook, Twitter, or other social media outlets for fundraising, it is crucial that you stay on top of the necessary legal protocol as carefully as you would with any other method. During the free workshop, *Raising Money through Social Media: Legal Issues to Consider*, experts will discuss protocols in online registration and solicitation, and other legal aspects of social media fundraising. Wednesday, September 25, from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM at the **Foundation Center**, 79 Fifth Avenue, between 15th and 16th Streets, Second Floor, New York, NY. Registration information at <http://grantspace.org/Classroom/Training-Calendar/New-York/Special-Event-Raising-Money-Through-Social-Media-Legal-Issues-to-Consider-2013-09-25-New-York-NY>



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FOR YOUTH

The **Lexus Eco Challenge**, a program of automaker Lexus and children's publishing company Scholastic, is an educational program and contest designed to inspire and empower middle and high school students in the United States to learn about the environment and take action to improve it. In its seventh year, the program will award a total of \$500,000 in grants and scholarships. The competition is open to students in grades 6-12, who are either registered and home-schooled or enrolled in a public or accredited private school, and who are legal residents of the U.S. or the District of Columbia. Teams of students can enter if they are part of an afterschool science or environmental club; the challenge is not open to clubs outside of school. Registration begins September 2. <http://lexus.scholastic.com/>

Want to make a difference? Take action? Solve a tough community problem? **Youth Service America (YSA)** can help. Whether you're a kid, teen, educator, or adult mentor, YSA Grants power youth-led service and service-learning projects with funding, training, and resource support. Through YSA Grants, you can harness the creativity, energy and unique perspective of young people to grow stronger communities, foster student achievement, and build workplace readiness skills. Harris Wofford Award deadline is September 8; ABC Summer of Service Awards on September 1. <http://www.ysa.org/grants>

The Westinghouse Electric Company is accepting applications from schools in the United States working to provide creative hands-on projects related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Through its N-

Visioning a Brighter Future program, Westinghouse will award \$1,000 grants to three schools for any project with a STEM-based focus. An additional \$2,000 grant will be awarded to each school's science department for general needs. To be eligible, applicants must be elementary, middle, or high schools located in the U. S. The deadline is November 15. For more information, go to http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/docs/n_vision_grant.pdf

World We Want Foundation is accepting applications from organizations that represent youth making positive social change in their communities and around the world. Eligible partner organizations must be recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, must have a project team of one or more youths, a partner organization that supports and sponsors the team, and a project mentor to guide and advise the team. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference through a range of social action activities, including community service projects, service-learning projects, and social ventures. There is a rolling deadline. To obtain additional information and an application, visit: <http://www.theworldwewantfoundation.org/start-your-project>

The Foundation for Technology and Engineering Educators, in partnership with Pitsco/Hearlihy & Company, is accepting applications for technology and engineering education programs at any grade level. Through its Excellence in Teaching Technology and Engineering grant program, the foundation will award grants of \$2,000 each to K-12 technology and engineering teachers to encourage the integration of a quality technology and engineering education program within their school's curriculum. To be eligible, applicants must be teachers (elementary or secondary) who are successfully integrating technology and engineering education within their school's curriculum. In addition, teachers must be ITEEA members and be registered for the ITEEA annual conference. The deadline is December 1. For more information go to <http://www.iteea.org/Awards/granthearlihy.htm>

The Captain Planet Foundation is accepting applications from K-12 schools for environment-based education projects to be implemented in the spring and summer of 2014. Seed grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to high-quality educational programs that help children and youth understand and appreciate the world through hands-on projects designed to improve the environment in their schools and communities. Grants are generally awarded to U.S.-based schools with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. To be eligible, schools or sponsoring agencies must be recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The deadline is September 1. For more information, go to <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

The Toshiba America Foundation is accepting applications from K-5 grade school teachers with innovative science or math projects. The foundation awards grants of up to \$1,000 to K-5 teachers in public or private nonprofit schools in support of hands-on science or math education projects. Grant funds may be used for project-related materials only. The foundation strongly encourages projects planned and led by individual teachers or teams of teachers for their own classrooms. Summer projects or afterschool programs will not be considered, nor will salaries, facility maintenance, textbooks, video production, audio-visual equipment, and education research be funded. Applications are due October 1; complete application and eligibility guidelines and information about past recipients are available at the Toshiba America Foundation Web site. For more information, go to http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5_teachers.jsp

GTECH's After School Advantage Program provides nonprofit community agencies and public schools with up to \$15,000 in computers, online technology, computer software, and volunteer hours to afterschool programs in inner-city communities. Applicants must be a nonprofit organization, community agency, or school with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status; have an existing afterschool program in need of a computer lab; serve disadvantaged youth between the ages of 5 and 15; and have staffing and monetary support systems in place to sustain the lab. The application date is rolling. For complete application and eligibility guidelines, visit the GTECH website: <http://www.gtech.com/> .

The **Lego Children's Fund** is accepting grant proposals for programs dedicated to inspiring and encouraging youth creativity. The fund supports programs serving in children from birth to age 14, with priority consideration for disadvantaged or at-risk youth. Each quarter, the fund awards grants ranging between \$500 and \$5,000 to organizations working with disadvantaged children. In addition, \$100,000 per year is awarded to a single organization identified and selected by the fund's board of directors. Qualified grantees must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations that require support for projects in the areas of early childhood education and development; technology and communications that help advance learning opportunities; and sports or athletic programs on underserved youth. To ensure that a request is considered for a particular trustee meeting, proposals must be

received by the following dates: April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15. For more information, go to <http://www.legochildrensfund.org/>.

FOR COMMUNITIES

The **2013 Community Schools Grant Initiative** RFP is available at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/funding/2013-community-schools-grant-initiative/home.html>. Questions are due by August 23, 2013, and should be sent via email to commschool@mail.nysed.gov. Applications are due by September 18.

The **North Star Fund** invites New York City social justice nonprofits to apply for community organizing grants. The central focus of the fund's grants programs is to support groups organizing people to participate in the political life of their community. The fund only supports nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations (or groups with an eligible fiscal sponsor) working in the five boroughs of New York City. Deadline is September 13. <http://northstarfund.org/grants/grant-categories-new.php#GAG>

The **National Art Education Foundation**, the philanthropic arm of the National Art Education Association, is accepting applications from NAEF members for programs that support classroom-based arts education. Grants are made only to NAEA members (including student and retired members), state/province associations, and recognized NAEA affiliates. Qualified applicants must have been active NAEA members for at least a year prior to the date of application. Deadline: October 1. <http://www.arteducators.org/grants/national-art-education-foundation>

The **William T. Grant Foundation's Youth Service Improvement Grants (YSIG)** program supports community-based organizations in the five boroughs of NYC as they work to improve their services for youth ages 8-25. The program focuses on small- to medium-size organizations that have already had some success, but lack the funds to make needed improvements. Awards are \$25,000 over a maximum of two years, and the [application](#) deadline is September 11. Applicants should read the [YSIG guidelines](#) before beginning their proposals.

The **Brooke Astor Fund for New York City Education**, which is administered by The New York Community Trust, has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for projects with the potential to generate widespread, systemic improvement in the reading skills of disadvantaged NYC students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. There are three grant categories: planning grants to develop new initiatives or create new components of existing programs; expansion and replication grants to increase the scope and scale of existing programs with documented evidence of success; and research grants for applied research projects that help increase understanding of what works in NYC schools for improving the reading skills of disadvantaged students in the early grades. Grant recipients in all categories are eligible for renewal grants in fall 2015-spring 2016. [Proposals](#) are due by September 12, and organizations that plan to apply must also send an email by August 15 to Astor@nyct-cfi.org with the information requested on page 7 of the RFP.

MINI-GRANTS

The **Kids In Need Foundation**, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free school supplies to economically disadvantaged school children and underfunded teachers, is accepting applications from K-12 teachers for grants to support classroom projects. Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to educators for projects that strengthen creativity, critical thinking skills, and/or core knowledge by engaging students in the learning process. Grant awards are based on the creativity of the projects being proposed. Typically, 300 to 600 grants are awarded each year. All certified K-12 teachers in the United States are eligible. September 30 deadline. <http://www.kinf.org/grants/index.php>

In collaboration with FoodCorps, the **Whole Kids Foundation** is accepting applications for the School Garden Grant Program, which supports school garden projects that help students learn about complex topics such as nutrition and health, sustainability and conservation, food systems, and community awareness. To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be a nonprofit K-12 school (public, private, or charter) and/or a 501(c)(3) organization that is developing or currently maintaining a garden project on school grounds with the goal of interesting children in fresh fruits and vegetables. Grants will provide \$2,000 for projects lasting a year and will be limited to one per school. Applications will be accepted from September 1 until October 31. <http://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/schools/school-garden-grant-program>



NEW YORK CITY

The **CUNY Fatherhood Academy** is seeking fathers between the ages of 18 and 24 who are unemployed or underemployed and looking to move forward in their lives. The CUNY Fatherhood Academy is a free, four-month program that can help dads earn a G.E.D., prepare for college, get work experience, learn about parenting, and receive valuable information on their rights as fathers. Apply through September 10. For more information, contact David Speal at 718-730-7336 or dspeal@lagcc.cuny.edu or visit: http://www.laguardia.cuny.edu/uploadedFiles/ACE/pdf/CUNY-fatherhood-2ndversionFALL12_Layout%201.pdf

Still looking for some last-minute summer activities? Published annually by DYCD, the **New York City Youth Guide to Summer Fun** is a broad citywide calendar of family-oriented events and resources. The vast compilation includes activities that range from the artistic to the athletic, from the literary to the musical, and can be enjoyed at indoor and outdoor locations – most for free or at low cost. Visit www.nyc.gov/dycd to view or download the 2013 Guide.

August is National Child Support Month. Many children depend on child support payments to keep them out of poverty. The **NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA)** has released a new video on the Child Support program, and the ways they work with moms and dads to ensure children get the support they need. <http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/services/child.shtml>

Free Summer Meals continue through August 30. Any child 18 years of age and under can enjoy a free healthy and great tasting breakfast and lunch at hundreds of schools, pools, parks, New York City Housing Authority complexes and other locations around the city. No registration, documentation, or ID is required. Finding a summer meals site is easy. Visit http://www.opt-osfns.org/schoolfood/sch_search/SummerMeals.aspx to view a list of open sites, call 311, or *text "NYCMEALS" to 877-877 for information about the free breakfast and lunch summer meals program and to locate a convenient site near you.

CUNY and the **NYC Department of Education (DOE)** have collaborated to create the NYC College Line, an Internet directory of NYC-based college access and support programs that help New Yorkers prepare for, get into, and complete college. Whether you are a high school student seeking tips and tools to guide your college search, a college student on the hunt for internships, a caregiver looking to help a student, or an advising professional looking for upcoming workshops in your area, NYC College Line is designed to help parents, students, and student advisors alike access the right resources quickly. For more information, go to <http://nyccollegeline.org/>.

NEW YORK STATE

Resources for Working Families. New York State agencies and departments have many resources available to help working families make ends meet. Visit <http://otda.ny.gov/workingfamilies/> for a complete list.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

It's almost **back to school!** For tips on getting children ready for the new school year, visit <http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Back-to-School.shtml>

The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** and other federal agencies provide grants, benefit programs for individuals and families, loans, and contracting opportunities. To find and apply for a grant, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/grants/>

Special Notice to Federal Grant Seekers: All Federal grant seekers must register their organization in the new System for Acquisition Management (SAM), which has replaced the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). If you are looking to apply for a Federal grant, double check your organization's record in SAM at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM> to confirm that all of its information was correctly migrated into the new system. To register in SAM, you will need to have your organization's Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number. If you already have a DUNS number, the full registration process in SAM can take 3-5 days. If you don't have a DUNS number, you can obtain one at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Assistance with the SAM system is available via the Federal Service Desk at www.fsd.gov or via phone at 866-606-8220 (toll free) or 334-206-7828 (internationally).



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The [National Girls Collaborative Project](#) works to strengthen the capacity of girl-serving STEM programs to effectively reach and serve underrepresented girls in STEM. To assist programs to reach girls with disabilities, the NGCP website now includes a [comprehensive listing of disability resources](#) including: links to publications, resources, and organizations focused on including, advocating for and serving youth with disabilities. This resource is organized into three groups: K-12 Education, Higher Education, and Career Information.

The **Wallace Foundation** recently released a report on a conference on city afterschool systems that was held in February 2013 in Baltimore, MD and attended by 57 United States city teams. These systems coordinate the work of programs, government, funders, and other key afterschool players so they can together build more and better programming for kids. The report, [Better Together: Building Local Systems to Improve Afterschool](#), captures clear themes about how systems can open the way to strong afterschool programming for more disadvantaged children – by improving program quality, collecting and using data for informed decision making, getting the mayor on board, and even finding creative solutions to transportation problems.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, AND AWARDS

The **Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Award** encourages library users in the United States to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, and college librarians. Administered by the American Library Association, with support from Carnegie Corporation of New York and the *New York Times*, the program seeks nominations that describe how a librarian is improving the lives of people in a school, on a campus, or in a community. Deadline is September 6. <http://atyourlibrary.org/ilovemylibrarian>

The **Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** is seeking nominations for the 2014 Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards, a series of annual grants that recognize inspiring teachers in the United States. To be eligible, nominees must be legal residents of the U.S. Nominations must be based on experience as a full-time classroom teacher in a K-12 school in the U.S. or as a college or university instructor in the U.S. In addition, nominators must be at least 18 years of age and have been a student of the nominee. Deadline is December 15. For more info: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=QHFZVKFZLBMMDLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=430900029