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**DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS**

- \*\***May 22** – In recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Brown vs. the Board of Education decision, DYCD, the Human Rights Commission and the Brooklyn Children's Museum have collaborated and will present a youth-written and performed dramatic presentation and mural at the Museum, 1:30 PM and 3:30 PM.
- \*\***May 25** – An award ceremony will be held at City Hall at 9:00 AM to recognize outstanding members of the Community Action Board (CAB).
- \*\***June 4 –A** YouthFUSION Q Summit (modeled after the YouthFUSION Summit held by DYCD on October 12, 2003) will be held at the HANAC Beacon, I.S. 204, 36-41 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Island City from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. DYCD is collaborating with the Northwest Queens Community Connection to present this event.

**SPOTLIGHT NEWS****\*\*Summer Youth Employment Program Highlighted in Fox 5 News and WABC Channel 7 News\*\***

On April 19, the Director of the Summer Youth Employment (SYEP) was interviewed about the SYEP program by Fox 5 TV News. He described the youth application process. Airing April 26, Commissioner Mullgrav was interviewed by WABC Channel 7 News on the topic of SYEP.

**\*\*DYCD Announces Three Neighborhood Development Areas\*\***

Sections of Bronx #8 (Kingsbridge), Bronx #10 (Co-op City/Throgs Neck) and Brooklyn #18 (Canarsie/Flatlands) have been designated as Neighborhood Development Areas (NDAs). These areas meet the criteria for receiving federal Community Services Block Grant funds. Public hearings to ascertain the community's funding priorities for these three new NDAs were held on April 13, 15 and 20 respectively.

**\*\*DYCD/Daily News Citizenship Now Project\*\***

From April 26-30, 2004, the New York Daily News, with technical assistance from DYCD's Office of Immigrant Initiatives, provided a phone-in service that offered immigrants expert advice on how to become U.S. citizens. DYCD staff helped to design the program, gave informational materials and helped in the training of hotline operators. The hotline received over 125,000 calls during the time that it was in operation.

**\*\*New VENDEX Questionnaires and Submitting Procedures for Vendors\*\***

The Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS) has developed new VENDEX Questionnaires and submitting procedures for vendors. There are only two types of questionnaires: Vendor and Principal. The Not-for-profit, Business entity and Individual questionnaires no longer exist. However, if a vendor is currently working on old questionnaires, the vendor may complete that version and submit it any time prior to July 1, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, only new VENDEX questionnaires will be processed and accepted by MOCS. Visit [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd) for more information.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### **\*\*Summer Youth Employment Programming\*\***

During the week of April 12, the Summer Youth Employment (SYEP) Frequently Asked Questions section was posted on DYCD's website. Additionally, the Youthline telephone number (1-800-246-4646) was added to the listings as the official information line for inquiries about SYEP. Information is also available by calling 311, the City's call-in information line for non-emergency situations. For the first time, applications are available online at: [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd).

### **\*\*DYCD Releases Immigrant Special Initiative RFP\*\***

On April 15, DYCD released a Special Immigrant Initiative Request for Proposals (RFP) for funding to provide services to immigrants. Services will be funded in the following program areas: legal assistance, services to immigrant women, general youth development for immigrant youth, and legal services to undocumented youth in the foster care system. A Pre-Proposal Conference was held on May 5. The final date for submitting proposals to DYCD is May 21. Go to the DYCD website: [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd) to download the RFP.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **\*\*YOUTH\*\***

The **Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation** is now accepting proposals from not-for-profit organizations that specialize in working with and supporting children in need in the areas of health, education and inner-city services. The Foundation's giving cycle is semi-annual and the next application deadline is July 31. For more information, visit <http://touchemall.com/index.htm>.

**Office Depot** supports not-for-profit organizations, working to directly impact the health, education and welfare of children at the local level, with donations of products, contributions of funds and efforts to encourage employees and customers to become involved. To learn about opportunities for support, view <http://www.community.officedepot.com/local.asp>.

The **International Youth Foundation**, currently operating in nearly 50 countries and territories, is one of the world's largest public foundations working to improve the conditions and prospects for young people where they live, learn, work, and play. For more information, visit <http://www.iyfnet.org/>.

**NetAid**, a New York-based not-for-profit that works to mobilize people in developed countries to end extreme poverty, is inviting applications for its new **Global Action Awards** competition, which honors young Americans, ages 14 to 18, who have made significant contributions to the fight against global poverty. Applicants who run awareness-raising Internet campaigns or make innovative uses of media will be considered alongside those who raise funds or volunteer to have a direct impact on the lives of the world's poorest people. Awardees will each receive a \$5,000 prize to be applied to their higher education or to a charitable cause of their choice. Visit [http://netaid.org/youth/awards/global\\_action/](http://netaid.org/youth/awards/global_action/) for further information.

The **USTA Tennis & Education Foundation**, through its Building Lives through Tennis and Education program, is dedicated to improving the quality of life among our nation's youth. The Foundation supports organizations that use tennis as a vehicle to help youngsters, from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, finish high school and qualify for college scholarships. The Foundation is committed to reaching out to disadvantaged and at-risk youth as well as to people with disabilities. The Foundation will also support programs that provide positive role models, academic assistance and life skills in addition to tennis, to help prevent substance abuse, violence and school dropouts. For detailed information, visit the website <http://www.usta.com/communitytennis/fullstory.sps?iNewsid=14574>.

**The Public Welfare Foundation Makes Grants Available to Non-Profit Organizations**, ranging from \$25,000 and \$50,000, for youth leadership development, violence prevention, early intervention and employment, training and education. The grants are designed to address needs in disadvantaged communities, with emphasis on organizations that include service, advocacy, and empowerment. For information, contact Charisse Williams at (202) 965-1800.

The **National Endowment for the Arts** provides "Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth" grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$150,000. The application deadline is June 14. For more information, view <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/GAP05/LearningintheArts3.html> .

The **Milagro ("Miracle") Foundation** typically awards grants between \$2,500 and \$5,000 to community-based, grassroots organizations that support underrepresented and underprivileged children and youth in the areas of arts, education and health. Go to <http://www.milagrofoundation.org/apply.asp> for detailed information.

The **Hasbro Children's Foundation** is committed to improving the emotional, mental and physical well-being of children, birth through age twelve, and their families through the support of innovative direct service programs in the areas of health, education and social services. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. For details, visit <http://www.hasbro.org/hcf> .

The **Family and Youth Services Bureau** awards grants to private, not-for-profit agencies to conduct outreach designed to build relationships between grantee staff and street youth. The goal of these efforts is to help young people leave the streets. The local grantees provide a range of services directly or through collaboration with other agencies, specifically those working to protect and treat young people who have been, or who are at risk of being, subjected to sexual abuse or exploitation. The deadline is June 11; for more information please visit <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-9548.htm>.

#### **\*\*YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES\*\***

**Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation** seeks to help young people with disabilities maximize their potential and their participation in society through technology. Not-for-profit organizations are invited to submit concept papers. Organizations whose concept papers are approved will be invited to submit full proposals, which are due July 1 of every year. Multiyear funding will be considered, up to a maximum of three years. For more information and online-submission forms visit: <http://www.meaf.org>.

**VSA Arts** and **Volkswagon** have launched a call for artwork entries, from youth ages 16 to 25 with disabilities, to identify promising young artists. Fifteen finalists will be awarded a total of \$30,000. Selected artwork will be included in an exhibit in Washington, D.C., which will tour the United States for the following two years. Original artwork has to have been completed in the last three years. The deadline is August 6. Complete program and application information is available at <http://www.vsarts.org/programs/vw> .

The **US Department of Health & Human Services** seeks grant applications from not-for-profit organizations under the **Disability Family Support Initiative**. This grant will be used for planning and development of family support activities that contribute to the self-determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion of people with disabilities. The deadline to apply is June 8. For more information, contact Joan Rucker at (202) 690-7898.

#### **\*\*COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT\*\***

The **Wachovia Foundation** is a private foundation that is funded annually by Wachovia Corporation. They provide grants to eligible 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organizations in four primary areas: Education; Community and Economic Development; Arts and Culture; and Health and Human Services. Their mission is to build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life, and make a positive difference where we work and live. For more information and details, visit [http://www.wachovia.com/inside/page/0,,139\\_414\\_430,00.html](http://www.wachovia.com/inside/page/0,,139_414_430,00.html) .

**NPower** and **AT&T Wireless** Launch the Wireless Technology Grants Program aimed at educating, inspiring and offering the resources needed by not-for-profit organizations to utilize wireless technology in order to enhance community services. Individual organizations that plan to implement innovative wireless initiatives, which would serve as models for other not-for-profits across the United States, are eligible to

apply. The deadline is May 28. For more information, visit <http://www.attwsccommunityconnectionsaward.org> .

The **McKenzie Foundation** has selected four initiatives that will shape its grantmaking for the next few years. These are early childhood development, education, the environment, and arts and culture. The Foundation believes that assisting families is one of the most effective and lasting ways to strengthen communities and therefore supports opportunities and experiences that enrich learning for all ages. For more information about these initiatives, visit <http://www.mckenziefoundation.us/guidelines.php> .

Through its community involvement program, the **Walmart Foundation** provides funding to a number of not-for-profits working in the areas of children, community, education, and environment. Visit <http://www.walmartfoundation.org/wmstore/goodworks/scripts/index.jsp> for details.

The **Magic Johnson Foundation** is dedicated to serving the educational, health, and social needs of minority youth and underserved communities throughout the nation. For details, visit <http://magicjohnson.org/> .

The **Commonwealth Fund's** current four national program areas are improving health care services, bettering the health of minority Americans, advancing the well-being of elderly people, and developing the capacities of children and young people. The Fund makes grants toward enhancing the quality of life in New York City. For details, visit <http://www.cmwf.org/>.

The **Colin Higgins Foundation** has announced the availability for filing for a grant in 2004. Organizations may apply for either general or project support. The Foundation will only consider Letters of Inquiry from organizations with project budgets under \$500,000. Organizations with a focus on youth and/or demographically underserved communities, such as communities of color, transgender communities, or low-income communities, are eligible to apply. The Foundation generally awards grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The 2004 grant Letters of Inquiry are due by July 2. For more details, view <http://colinhiggins.org/> .

The **National Endowment for Financial Education** is dedicated to the mission of helping Americans acquire the information and gain the skills necessary to take control of their financial lives and funds organizations that provide financial education to young people; underserved segments of society whose financial concerns are not being addressed by others, or who have special needs; and the general public. To be considered for funding, a project must offer a practical and tangible solution for the unmet personal financial literacy need described by the applicant, including the ability to be replicated and a plan for distribution of the project deliverables in a manner that assures broad outreach to the target audience. The next deadline is August 3. For details, visit <http://www.nefe.org/pages/contents.html> .

The **Edler G. Hawkins Foundation** provides unrestricted operating and program support to not-for-profit arts organizations working to preserve African-American culture in the artistic disciplines of dance, theater, music, and visual arts. The Foundation also seeks to educate African-American families about the important role they play in providing support for the arts in underserved communities. To download guidelines and an application form, see <http://www.eghf.org/> .

The **Jim Henson Foundation** awards grants for the creation and development of innovative works of puppet theater. While the primary focus is contemporary puppet theater for adult audiences, the Foundation also encourages applications for new works for families and children. Project grants of \$3,000 to \$5,000 are awarded for the development of new works, and seed grants of \$2,000 are made for pieces in the earliest stages of creation. Not-for-profit organizations and individual artists with not-for-profit fiscal sponsors across the United States are eligible to apply. Letters of Intent are due June 1 and full applications are due September 13. Visit [www.hensonfoundation.org](http://www.hensonfoundation.org) for more information.

**Target Stores** offers funding, through the Community Giving Program, for local programs in the arts, reading and family violence prevention. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Interested not-for-profit organizations should apply early. The deadline is May 31. View [http://target.com/target\\_group/community\\_giving/local\\_giving.jhtml](http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/local_giving.jhtml) for details.

The **2004 SBC Excelerator Grant Program** will provide \$9 million in grants to help not-for-profits fully integrate technology into their ongoing operations and community outreach. SBC Excelerator will award

\$5 million in competitive technology-related grants to help organizations that focus on education, community development, health and human services or arts and culture build stronger communities. The application deadline is August 13. Visit <http://www.sbc.com/gen/corporate-citizenship?pid=58> for more information.

The **Linden Foundation** funds not-for-profit organizations in the greater New York City area, with emphasis on the Bronx, that strengthen disadvantaged and homeless families by helping provide them with the skills and support systems they need to become cohesive, internally supportive, and self-sufficient. Preference is given to comprehensive programs that most directly help those in need, involve multiple family members, provide sustained support to the participants, and are administered by community-based organizations. Letters of Inquiry are accepted throughout the year but must be received by June 1 to be considered for the fall grant cycle. For more information, contact: (617) 426-7080 or visit <http://www.lindenfoundation.org>.

**H. J. Heinz Company Foundation** gives priority to applications falling into its major program areas, including nutrition, youth and education, diversity, healthy children and families and quality of life. For detailed information, go to <http://www.heinz.com/jsp/foundation.jsp>.

The **Singing for Change Foundation** aims to improve the quality of life and enable individuals to make positive change in their communities. The Foundation offers competitive grants to progressive, community-based, not-for-profit organizations that address the root causes of social and environmental problems. For details, go to <http://margaritaville.com/sfc/index.htm>.

The **CVS Charitable Trust, Inc.** was established with the goal of positively impacting populations of people in the communities where CVS stores are located. The Trust focuses primarily on healthcare, education, and community involvement. Most of the giving is through targeted initiatives with schools and non-profit organizations. Proposals must be post marked no later than June 15. For information on proposals, visit [http://www.cvs.com/corplnfo/community/charitable\\_mission.html](http://www.cvs.com/corplnfo/community/charitable_mission.html).

#### **\*\*MINI-GRANTS\*\***

The **RadioShack Neighborhood Answers Grant** program is designed to offer answers – answers that bring community impact through programs or projects conducted by local not-for-profit organizations. The program currently focuses on two areas: prevention of family violence/abuse and/or child abduction. Grants are limited to \$500. February, May, August, and November are the grant cycle deadlines. For more information, visit <http://www.radioshackcorporation.com/cc/contributions.html>.

The **Southern Poverty Law Center** and the **Study Circles Resource Center** are accepting applications for the Mix It Up grants program, which gives awards of up to \$250 to support youth-led projects focusing on identifying, crossing and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. For more information, visit <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>.

The **Victor Clark Youth Incentive Program** offers \$1,000 grants for after-school not-for-profits wishing to create or maintain amateur radio programs for youth and children. Funds can be used for equipment, training materials, and publicity. Not-for-profits proposing to provide matching funds raised locally are ahead of the game. There is no deadline. The foundation reviews proposals throughout the year. Detailed information can be found at [www.arrl.org/arrlf/vicyip.html](http://www.arrl.org/arrlf/vicyip.html).

The **Time Warner Foundation** is inviting organizations to apply for a \$1,000 grant aimed at building the skills of underserved teens, between the ages of 13 and 19, using media, arts, technology and civic engagement. Interested not-for-profits should bring together a team of young people to create a project using writing, media or technology to highlight an issue of concern in the world and/or their local community. For details, visit [http://timewarnerfoundation.org/programs/summer\\_init2004\\_rfp.html](http://timewarnerfoundation.org/programs/summer_init2004_rfp.html). Applications are due May 14.

## **RESOURCES**

#### **\*\*FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES\*\***

The **U.S. Department of Labor Offers Employers Database of Qualified College Students with Disabilities**. The purpose of the database is to assist employers identify college students and recent

graduates with disabilities who are seeking summer and permanent job openings. For additional information, contact (202) 693-7880 or visit <http://www.wrpjobs.com/pages/1/index.htm> .

**Children with Disabilities: Grants and Funding** provides links to information on funding opportunities from the Federal agencies and offices represented on the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. It also presents suggestions for identifying funding opportunities from other Federal agencies and the private sector. For details and complete information, visit the website <http://www.childrenwithdisabilities.ncjrs.org/grants.html> .

**\*\*ADDITIONAL RESOURCES\*\***

Part of the **Foundation Center's Grant Guide** series, the **Grants for Children and Youth** guide provides subject-specific funding information. The cost of the guide is \$75. For details, visit [http://fdncenter.org/marketplace/catalog/product\\_directory.jhtml?id=prod30023](http://fdncenter.org/marketplace/catalog/product_directory.jhtml?id=prod30023) .

Through the **KidsGardening.Com : Youth Garden Grants** program, hundreds of schools and community organizations with child-centered outdoor garden programs receive seeds, tools, garden products, and educational resources generously donated by companies in the lawn and garden industry. Selection criteria include leadership; need; sustainability; community support; innovation; and educational, environmental and/or social programming. Applications are available beginning in February of each year: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp>. The application deadline is November 1.

The **Connect for Kids Toolkit for Funding** provides ideas for funding opportunities. Visit [http://www.connectforkids.org/content1549/content\\_show.htm?attrib\\_id=299&doc\\_id=45947](http://www.connectforkids.org/content1549/content_show.htm?attrib_id=299&doc_id=45947) to view this helpful information.

The **National Endowment for the Arts** has created a website to show that it isn't the only game in town when it comes to federal support for the arts. The site describes and provides links to grant programs in 23 federal agencies that have provided support for arts and cultural projects. The site offers descriptions of the federally financed grants that arts groups have received. Visit the site at <http://www.arts.gov/federal.html>.

Spring into action with **Free Training at the Foundation Center**. Offered workshops include Grantseeking Basics; Grantseeking Basics for Individuals in the Arts; Getting Started with Foundation Grants to Individuals Online; and Your Board and Fundraising: An Introductory Class for Small Nonprofits. For program details, visit [http://www.fdncenter.org/newyork/ny\\_training](http://www.fdncenter.org/newyork/ny_training) .

**The Dynamic Board: Self Assessment Tool** report includes a self-assessment tool to help boards evaluate their current performance against promising practices. There are three versions of the tool based on the time it takes to complete the assessment (30 minutes, 15 minutes and 5 minutes). For details, go to <http://www.mckinsey.com/practices/nonprofit/ourknowledge/dynamicboards.asp> .

The **Kellogg Foundation** is making a free resource available for not-for-profit professionals: an interactive CD-ROM called *Nonprofit Power* focusing on not-for-profit management. The CD-ROM includes sections on energizing your career, resource lists and information on not-for-profit management, education programs and not-for-profit trends. Free copies may be ordered from CenterPoint Institute at (815) 463-1300.

The **Foundation Center's Virtual Classroom** is a series of online tutorials that can assist the novice as well as seasoned grant writer. For example, The Proposal Writing Short Course, walks through the types of funding sources, types of proposals funded, and sections of a proposal in a straight-forward way that is a good introduction or review of the basics of putting together a complete grant proposal. Go to <http://www.fdncenter.org> and click on On-line Librarian and the list of Virtual Classroom options is on the right. Or click on View our Tutorials in the bottom left section of the home page that asks the question, "New to the Nonprofit Sector of Fundraising?"

In **Working with Start-Ups: Grantmakers and New Organizations**, a new guide from the **Ford Foundation's GrantCraft** - grantmakers from a wide range of foundations describe their experiences as supporters of new not-for-profits. Find out how they negotiated the path from idea to organization, and what they learned along the way about solving problems and helping an organization sustain itself. Download the guide (PDF): [http://www.grantcraft.org/catalog/guides/startups/key\\_startups.html](http://www.grantcraft.org/catalog/guides/startups/key_startups.html) .

The **Foundation Center's Electronic Reference Desk** allows grant seekers to question an online librarian. Grant seekers may also scan the website for information about upcoming grant training seminars, funding trends, publications, and location. The Foundation Center maintains cooperating collections of grant resources, including a database of funding organizations on CD-ROM called FC Search at libraries throughout the state. The FC Search is a tool that can cut down an enormous amount of research time. To access the list of libraries in New York that have the FC Search program, visit <http://www.fdncenter.org> and click on "Cooperating Collections" (under Locations). For more information, call (800) 424-9834 or (212) 620-4230.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\*May 13 *Diabetes in the Dominican Community***, one in a series of public health forums on Latino health, will take place at Hunter College, 68 Street and Lexington Avenue, Room 217W from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The event is hosted by the ***Latino Health Advocacy Coalition*** and ***El Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños at Hunter College*** and is free, but space is limited. Call Nuris Rodriguez (212) 584-9324 to RSVP.

**\*\*May 15 *The BATES (Brooklyn Association of Teen Educators) 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Conference and Theater Festival*** will take place on the SUNY Downstate Campus, 395 Lenox Road, from 11:00AM – 4:00PM. The goal of the Conference is for youth to empower teens to work towards positive goals in their lives. For more information, contact Robin Redmond at (718) 859-4595 or Marion Searchwell at (718) 270-3992 or visit <http://www.teenunit.com/momskids/teenunit/index.html> .

**\*\*June 4 *The New York State Task Force On School Community Collaboration*** and the ***New York Interagency Committee***, with sponsorship from the ***Gang Awareness Committee***, will host, "Gangs: Perspectives on Prevention and Intervention Strategies" at Fordham University at Lincoln Center. Workshops will explore effective intervention and prevention strategies and national trends and programs that target at-risk youth. For more information, contact Nitza V. Monges at (212) 676-8183.