



## MARCH @DYCD

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### DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- \*\* **March 14** – In celebration of Women's History Month, DYCD hosted a brown-bag luncheon panel discussion at 161 William Street, 7 Floor Conference Room, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M. entitled: Focus on Women in Non-Traditional Careers. Panelists included outstanding women working in fields where women make up less than 25% of the workforce, including construction, law, finance, technology, small business, and art. The conversation focused on opportunities for women in non-traditional fields and how to help young women access these opportunities.
- \*\* **March 15** –The NYS Task Force on School Community Collaborations- New York City Interagency Committee (DYCD, The Office of Children and Family Services, the NYS Education Department, the NYC Administration for Children's Services, the NYC Department of Education, the NYS Office of Mental Health and the Mental Health Association) is sponsoring an all day free conference entitled "No Child Left Behind: School and Community Collaboration" for parents, parent advocates, youth, educators, social workers and a community service providers interested in supporting multiple needs and multiple services for youth and families in New York City. This conference, to be held at LaGuardia Community College, 31-10 Thompson Avenue, LIC, NY, will feature Dr. Edward T. Joyner, School of Development Program at the Yale Child Study in New Haven, Connecticut. Please call Nitza V. Monges at DYCD at 212-676-8183 for further information.
- \*\* **March 23** – The next quarterly meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC), sponsored by DYCD, will be held at the Central Park Zoo Auditorium from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The featured speakers will be Itai Dinour of City Year, and Iris Chen of Teach for America. Members of the ICC may contact Eduardo Laboy at [elaboy@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:elaboy@dycd.nyc.gov) to RSVP.
- \*\* **April 2** – The Hans Christian Andersen Art Project Award Ceremony for DYCD's participating Beacon programs will be held at Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, beginning 12:30 P.M. In addition to the ceremony, a celebration of the 200th birthday of Han Christian Andersen will take place from 11:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. featuring storytellers, songs, videos, birthday cake, and more, made possible by the Hans Christian Andersen Storytelling Center of New York, the American-Scandinavian Foundation, and the Hans Christian Andersen 2005 Foundation. Reservations for the storytelling and birthday party are recommended: (212) 879-9779.

## SPOTLIGHT NEWS

### **\*\*DYCD Commissioner Appointed to the Commission on Construction Opportunity\*\***

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and U.S. Congressman Charles B. Rangel have established the Mayor's Commission on Construction Opportunity to ensure that all New Yorkers (particularly minorities, women, returning veterans, and new high school graduates) can gain access to training and the projected permanent jobs in construction in New York City expected over the next 10 years.

### **\*\*Second Immigrant Family Literacy Summit Held\*\***

On February 9th, DYCD, the New York Times Company Foundation, the Altman Foundation and the Literacy Assistance Center convened the second Immigrant Family Literacy Summit. These groups comprise the new Immigrant Family Literacy Alliance which aims to improve the quality of literacy courses. They intend to share best practices, and increase the quantity of services by advocating for increased public and private resources. Participants included Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott, DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, Deputy Chancellor of the Department of Education Carmen Farina, and Commissioner of Immigrant Affairs Guillermo Linares, as well as leaders from the non-profit, corporate and foundation sectors.

The summit was successful in building momentum towards establishing a well-coordinated system of family literacy services. Deputy Mayor Walcott used the opportunity to announce that the City is adding \$1.8 million into DYCD's budget for Immigrant Family Literacy efforts. The summit, and this financial commitment, were featured in a March 10th *New York Sun* article.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

The **NASD Investor Education Foundation** invites nonprofit organizations to submit grant proposals for research projects and/ or educational programs that empower young adults who are about to enter the workforce to better prepare for initial investment decisions and for investing goals, including retirement. The deadline for applications is April 13; for further information go to: <http://www.nasdfoundation.org/grants.asp>

The **Catalog for Giving** offer funding to New York City Youth Organizations with operating budgets of less than \$1 million serving young people who have been adversely affected by poverty, drugs, crime, and violence. Organizations funded receive three years of unrestricted financial support. The application deadline is March 25; to learn more or to request an RFP, contact the program's offices. View online at: <http://www.cfgnyc.org> .

**GTECH's After School Advantage Program** provides state-of-the-art computer labs to organizations in inner-city communities. GTECH supports after school programs targeting disadvantaged youth and at-risk children aged 5-15. There are no deadlines for applications. Awards include up to \$15,000 worth of computers, on-line technology, computer software, and volunteer hours. Go to: <http://www.gtech.com> for more information.

Sponsored by the **Mailorder Gardening Association**, the **International Flower Bulb Center**, **Dutch Bulb Exporters**, and the **North American Flower Bulb Wholesalers Association**, this eleventh annual award supplies 500 schools and organizations with a package of 200 premium

Dutch flowering bulbs. Selection criteria include student involvement, curriculum integration, and administrative support. Annual application deadline is April 1. For information and online application, go to: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/awards.asp> .

**Summer Schools in the Arts** supports rigorous, challenging summer arts-education programs that enable children and youth to acquire knowledge and skills in the arts and gain lifelong interests in the arts and culture. All organizations that are interested in applying must submit a statement of interest through Grants.gov, the federal government's online application system. The Grants.gov system will accept statements of interest through May 23, 2005. Following review of these statements, it is anticipated that no more than 100 organizations will be invited, by July 18, 2005, to submit formal applications. Formal applications must be submitted through Grants.gov and will be accepted through September 12, 2005. The award floor is \$15,000; the award ceiling is \$35,000. Go to: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/SummerSchools.html> online.

The **Tommy Hilfiger Foundation** offers funding for educational and cultural grants. Proposals must address the following priorities: target K-12 and college students, expose students to career opportunities; develop skills in new technologies; leverage teacher/administrator; parental, and community involvement; lead to comprehensive, systemic change on a regional and/or national basis; involve collaborative partnerships; demonstrate capacity to gain continuing support; will result in dissemination and replication of lessons learned; have broad and positive impact on diverse populations with a special emphasis on women, minorities, and at-risk students; and develop evaluation component with measurable results. Proposal seekers must submit a 3-5 page letter with detailed budget information. All proposals must be received by April 1 for funding July 1. Go to: <http://www.tommy.com/info/foundation.jsp> for more specific instructions and additional information.

**Mattel, and the Mattel Children's Foundation** have announced the launch of a new Domestic Grants Program. Two types of grants will be considered: program-specific grants, which provide funding for the launch of new programs or expansion of existing programs; and core operating support, which provides support to organizations to sustain their programs. Funding priority is given to organizations or programs that creatively address a locally defined need directly impacting children in need and that align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities, which include health, education and girls' empowerment. Grant awards will range between \$5,000 and \$25,000, depending on program, organization and individual community need. The application deadline is April 8; visit <http://www.mattel.com> for complete program information, funding priorities and restrictions. Applications must be submitted online through the Mattel web site.

The purpose of the **Women's Educational Equity Act program** is: (a) To promote gender equity in education in the United States; (b) to provide financial assistance to enable educational agencies and institutions to meet the requirements of title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; and (c) to promote equity in education for women and girls who suffer from multiple forms of discrimination based on sex, race, ethnic origin, limited English proficiency, disability, or age. Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply is April 1; the application deadline is April 18. For additional information, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/4wcfk> .

The **National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts** and the **Metlife Foundation** have announced the launch of a major national initiative to improve teaching and learning in the arts by advancing sustainable partnerships between community schools of the arts (CSA) and public schools. Through the project, the Guild will publish and distribute the *Partners in Excellence*

*Handbook*, a guide to best practices, present two partnership training institutes, and award grants of up to \$15,000 to support exemplary CSA-public school partnerships during the 2005-06 school year. Application deadline is April 22; program information and grant applications are available online at: <http://www.nationalguild.org> .

The **President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities** (PCAH) is inviting nominations for its *2005 Coming Up Taller Awards*. Offered in partnership with IMLS, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Coming Up Taller Awards recognize the accomplishments of after-school and out-of-school programs and activities across the country. The \$10,000 Coming Up Taller Awards assist organizations, further knowledge, and encourage development of future programs. Nominations must be postmarked by March 24, 2005. View information online at: <http://www.cominguptaller.org/> .

Nonprofits with a community program to promote preventive dentistry can compete for funds from the **American Dental Association's Council** through its *Community Preventive Dentistry Award*. School programs, initiatives for high-risk groups, community education activities and tobacco-use cessation initiatives can all vie for the award. The first-place winner will receive a \$2,500 check and a wall plaque. A \$500 second-place prize is available as well. The deadline is May 14. View: [http://www.ada.org/ada/prod/ada/prog\\_access\\_awards.asp#community](http://www.ada.org/ada/prod/ada/prog_access_awards.asp#community) .

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

**Amazon.com** is now accepting applications for the Amazon.com Nonprofit Innovation Award, which recognizes and rewards nonprofit organizations whose innovative approaches most effectively improve their communities or the world at large. Ten finalists will be profiled on their own Amazon.com pages, where customers will be invited to vote for their favorites by making monetary donations. The organization that receives the largest amount of customer contributions by the deadline will receive the award, along with a matching grant of up to \$1 million from Amazon.com. Application deadline is April 28; obtain an application online at: <http://www.amazon.com/nonprofitinnovation> .

Up to \$5.1 million in grant funds are available from the **Corporation for National and Community Service** to support organizations that engage people with disabilities in national and community service especially in the areas of engaging disabled veterans in service to their communities, and assisting young people with disabilities in the transition from school to adult life. Applications are due April 12, 2005. Complete application materials for this Disability Outreach competition are available on the Corporation's website under "Funding and Initiatives." Go to: <http://www.nationalservice.org/> online.

**Black Entertainment Television** (BET), the **Black AIDS Institute**, the **Henry J.Kaiser Family Foundation**, and the **YWCA USA** have launched the 2nd Annual *Rap-It-Up/ Black AIDS Short Subject (RIU/BASS) Film Competition*. This year, submitted entries are expected to evoke fresh and culturally unique storylines that encompass HIV/AIDS issues within the black community. The winner will receive up to \$25,000 to produce his/her winning short film. The winning film will air on BET sometime around World AIDS Day on December 1, 2005, and be submitted to independent film festivals around the world. The RIU/BASS competition is open to all races and ethnicities; however, submissions must address the issue of HIV/AIDS and the black community. Early submission deadline is May 2 (\$50 entry fee); the final submission deadline is May 27 (\$75 entry fee). Go to the Web site, for more information and the application: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/723/rap> .

The **Bronx Cash Register Consulting Company** is pleased to announce its Bronx Grant awards. Three \$1000 grants in pro-bono consulting services are awarded to small to medium-sized non-profit organizations and socially responsible businesses in the hope that this grant program will help organizations use technology more efficiently and effectively in serving their constituents. Those applying do not have to be located where BCRCC is headquartered. The next application due date is June 13; view: <http://www.bronxconsulting.com/2005bgrants.htm> .

The **Gardener's Supply Donation Program** provides cash or product donations to nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. The company focuses support on causes related to gardening, sustainable agriculture, food, environment, and hunger. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Visit the Web site for more information: [http://www.gardeners.com/gardening/content.asp?copy\\_id=5152](http://www.gardeners.com/gardening/content.asp?copy_id=5152)

The *Kodak American Greenways Awards Program*, a partnership of the **Eastman Kodak Company**, **The Conservation Fund**, and the **National Geographic Society**, provides small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout America. Grants may be used for activities such as mapping, ecological assessments, surveying, conferences, and design activities; developing brochures, interpretative displays, audio-visual productions, or public opinion surveys; hiring consultants, incorporating land trusts, building a foot bridge, planning a bike path, or other creative projects. In general, grants can be used for all appropriate expenses needed to complete a greenway project, including planning, technical assistance, legal and other costs. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available; most grants range from \$500 to \$1,500. The application period for this program runs from March 1, 2005 to June 1, 2005. Applications will only be accepted online. Visit: <http://www.conservationfund.org> online.

The goal of the **Fujifilm Corporate Giving Program** is to enhance the quality of life in the communities where company employees live and work. Contributions are concentrated in the areas of the environment, education, arts and culture, and health and human services. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Fujifilm also makes product donations to educators and educational institutions. For more information, view online at: <http://www.fujifilm.com/JSP/fuji/epartners/AboutGiving.jsp> .

Since 1983, the **MetLife Foundation** has provided more than \$10 million in contributions, in-kind services and loans to support programs emphasizing substance abuse prevention and education, particularly for young people, the poor and needy. Requests are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. For more information, view:: <http://www.metlife.com/> or mail applications to MetLife Foundation, 27-01 Queens Plaza North, Long Island City, NY 11101.

The **First Data Western Union Foundation** supports nonprofit organizations that improve and enhance the lives of individuals, families and communities most in need. Grants are provided for educational, health, and human services programs, especially in support of initiatives that address literacy, healthcare for the uninsured, poverty alleviation, language barriers and cultural adjustment. The next application deadline is June 1, 2005. Visit the Web site for more information: <http://www.firstdatawesternunion.org/>

The **HSBC – North America Corporate Giving Program** priority is given to requests that address issues related to financial and credit education, economic development, youth development, and education, particularly for low-income and minority populations. Proposals

are reviewed on a rolling basis from January 15 through December 15, annually. For more information, go to: [http://www.household.com/corp/hiau\\_community\\_commit.jsp%20](http://www.household.com/corp/hiau_community_commit.jsp%20) .

A program of the New York Foundation for the Arts, **Building Up Infrastructure Levels for Dance** (BUILD), aims to assist the development of the organizational environment so that time and resources are available to create, conceive and advance dance companies' artistic missions. BUILD awards operating grants to small and mid-sized dance companies based in New York City. These grants of \$10,000 and \$20,000 provide funds to choreographers seeking to enhance their companies' infrastructure and management capacity. The next deadline is April 29, 2005. There will be a free application seminar on April 6th, 2005 at 6pm at NYFA's office; no RSVP required. Additional information may be found online at: <http://www.nyfa.org> .

The **Association of Fundraising Professionals** (Greater NY Chapter) has announced the availability of 26 Maurice Gurin Memorial Scholarships, which are designed to enable professionals new to the development field to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fundraising Day in NY (June 24). Applications are due May 2. To request an application, or for more information, email: [info@frdny.org](mailto:info@frdny.org), or call (877) 693-7367.

The **Ms. Foundation for Women** supports the efforts of women and girls to govern their own lives and influence the world around them. They will be offering grants that explore new community-based, prevention-focused strategies to end gender-based violence within a broader framework of safety and justice for all women and all communities. The proposal should demonstrate significant engagement from survivors and marginalized communities to actively change the conditions that give rise to violence; to prevent violence before it starts. The closing date for applications is April 1. For detailed information go to: [http://www.ms.foundation.org/user-assets/PDF/Program/Safety\\_guidelines\\_spring2005.pdf](http://www.ms.foundation.org/user-assets/PDF/Program/Safety_guidelines_spring2005.pdf)

## RESOURCES

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

The **ThinkCollege.net** Web site features a searchable database of postsecondary education programs that support youth with intellectual disabilities, designed to allow individuals to submit information about additional postsecondary education programs; a discussion board designed by students -- for students who are interested in sharing college experiences; a listserv; and a resource section that contains web-based resources with links to other sites and a bibliography listing related publications. View online: <http://www.thinkcollege.net>

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

**AICPA** launched a consumer Web Site, *360 Degrees of Financial Literacy*, which can help consumers access comprehensive guidance to support solid financial decision-making for every stage of life. Focused on the financial issues that people face as they enter major life stages, the new site offers consumers easy-to-use tools and information. Each life stage, from childhood to retirement, contains articles, financial planning and assessment tools and frequently asked questions. Visit <http://www.360financialliteracy.org> for all the tools you need to make more informed financial choices for every stage of life.

The **National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion** has released a publication, *Improving the Health of Adolescents & Young Adults: A Guide for States and Communities*, designed to help State and local agencies and organizations deal with public health

processes that address important adolescent health and safety issues. It is divided into three sections: building national efforts to improve adolescent health, building state and local efforts to improve adolescent health, and resources. To download this publication, go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/nationalinitiative/guide.htm>

**FASTEN** has released a guide: *Best Practices Checklist: Youth Substance Abuse Prevention*. The checklist contains practical recommendations to ensure the effectiveness of local youth substance abuse programs. For the complete document and information about FASTEN, go to:

<http://www.fastennetwork.org/Display.asp?Page=BestPracticesChecklistSubAbusePrevention>

**Public/Private Ventures** has released a report, *Capturing the Essential Elements*, which draws on P/PV's experience with different programs to show how to define a model's essential elements to increase the chances of successful replication. It contains lessons for program developers, funders and practitioners interested in adopting model programs. For the complete report, view the PDF file at: [http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/179\\_publication.pdf](http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/179_publication.pdf)

The **Compassion Capital Fund's** new *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 2005 Grant Opportunities Notebook* is now available for downloading. It is a guide to this year's federal funding opportunities for faith - and community-based organizations. Included in the notebook is information on over 40 grants in the following areas: Community Development, At-Risk Children and Youth, Seniors, Health, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health programs. HHS block and formula grant opportunities are listed in the Partnership Opportunities section. Also included is information on the Compassion Capital Fund, how to be a grant reviewer, how to make a Freedom of Information request, and Web resources for organizations interested in federal funding. This is also an excellent resource tool for upcoming training conferences. Please note that the HHS CFBCI is not distributing printed copies this year; to obtain a copy you must download it from the Web site.

<http://www.industrymailout.net/Industry/Redirect.aspx?u=5269&q=2244307&lm=2748610&r=4134&qz=8bc976e6f4d0f3de4b0c9eaf746750c5>.

The **Corporation for National Community Service** has published, *The Effective Practices Collection*, as a means to disseminate good ideas, widely replicable practices and findings from evidence-based studies that can improve programs and lead to successful outcomes. The site contains effective practices related to the Corporation for National and Community Service issue areas of education, environment, public safety and other human needs, along with service-learning and common program management topics (such as recruiting, volunteer management and sustainability). Go to: <http://nationalserviceresources.org/epicenter/> online.

An updated manual addressing residency, naturalization, and service options on HIV/AIDS and Immigrants by the **National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild** and the **San Francisco AIDS Foundation** is available online at:

<http://nationalimmigrationproject.org/HIV/HIV.htm#H2>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\*March 30** – The School of Public Affairs at **Baruch College** (CUNY) will be presenting *Consulting Day for New York City's Nonprofit Community* at 55 Lexington Avenue, 14 Floor, Room 14-220. Consultants will be able to meet to discuss various topics of particular interest to nonprofits. To obtain a list of consultants, and to make free 45 minute one-on-one appointments

(which must be made in advance) email: [nonprofit\\_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu) with "Consulting Day" in the subject line.

**\*\*March 22** – The **Brooklyn Arts Council** presents a free program: the *Making Art Work Series: Working with Boards of Directors for Non-profit Organizations* at St. Francis College, Founder's Hall, 182 Remsen Street, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Designed for both established and forming non-profit organizations, this seminar addresses the many roles of a board, including fiscal duties and board giving, legal responsibilities, board-staff interaction and insurance requirements. RSVP (718) 625-0080

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

The **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** seeks nominations for its 2005 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,000 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination deadline is April 30. For more information and to nominate, visit: <http://www.barronprize.org> .