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DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS

****Community Service Projects Focus of DYCD YouthWeek 2005****

YouthWeek is an annual event, sponsored by DYCD, which brings together young people, public officials, community groups and corporate leaders to focus on an issue of importance to the City's youth. This year YouthWeek will take place from April 8 to April 16 (see Kick-Off event, following in Spotlight News).

Beginning on Saturday, April 9, five DYCD-supported after-school Beacon programs, representing each borough, will respectively host a community service event, such as "Healthy Kids Day" and intergenerational projects that link youth and seniors in community activities. The schedule is as follows:

April 9	Queens – Flushing YMCA Beacon Center
April 12	Manhattan – El Faro Beacon Community Center, J.H.S. 45
April 13	Staten Island – Jewish Community Center, I.S. 49
April 14	Brooklyn – SCO Family Dynamics, I.S. 35
April 15	The Bronx – Pathways for Youth, Throgs Neck

YouthWeek 2005 will culminate on Saturday, [April 16](#) with National Youth Service Day, an event that is also being celebrated around the country. Organized in New York City in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Volunteers, City Year New York and Children for Children, the day will feature a large-scale environmental clean-up of Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx. Over 300 youth, city officials, corporate sponsors and community members are expected to participate in this community service project.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

**** DYCD Kicks Off YouthWeek '05****

On Friday, April 8th, the John Jay College of Criminal Justice hosted the Kick-Off for DYCD's YouthWeek '05. The theme for YouthWeek 2005 is connecting youth and communities through service. YouthWeek 2005 is being presented in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Volunteers, Children for Children and City Year New York.

The Kick-Off event featured a town hall meeting designed to inform young people about careers in public service, and a service-fair. Joining DYCD Commissioner Jeanne Mullgrav at the event were John Jay College President Jeremy Travis, City Year New York Co-Executive Director Ken

Grouf, and Fund for the City of New York Vice President Alfonso Wyatt. A panel discussion featured young New Yorkers who discussed how their participation in community service assisted them in pursuing successful public service careers. The panel, moderated by Nazli Parvizi, Executive Director of the Mayor's Volunteer Center, included: Eddie Bergman, Miracle Corners of the World; Chris Brown, National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship; Mickey Correas, City Year; and Raquel Wexler, United Nations Development Program. The 2nd Annual AmeriCorps Service Fair followed; it was open to high school and college students throughout the City.

****Beacon Program Art and Writing Project****

On April 2nd, DYCD's unique *Hans Christian Andersen Project* with the Beacon programs was highlighted at Scandinavia House in commemoration of the author's 200th birthday.

The project challenged Beacon participants to use the power of Andersen's words as inspiration for creative artwork and writing. Background training was provided to Beacon staff by the Unity Project. DYCD staff, members of the DYCD Youth Board, Queens Library staff and Sesame Workshop staff read Hans Christian Anderson stories at the Beacon sites to encourage and support the budding artists and writers. The youngsters at the Beacons then created personal artwork influenced by the Andersen stories.

The art and writing projects were on display at the birthday celebration and the Beacons received commendations and awards from DYCD and the Hans Christian Andersen Storytelling Center Foundation.

****Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth Features Community Service Programs ****

On March 23, the DYCD sponsored Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) meeting was hosted by the Department of Parks and Recreation at the Central Park Zoo Auditorium. The agenda, paralleling the theme of DYCD's YouthWeek 2005, featured programs that engage young people in community service. Eric Czupil of the New York State Office of Child and Family Services AmeriCorps Program; Itai Dinour, Chief of Staff of City Year; and Iris Chen, Executive Director of Teach for America New York, presented their respective programs.

****Youth Abilities Project Informs SYEP Providers****

On March 16th, DYCD, as part of the Youth Abilities Project, hosted a resource panel for the 22 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) agencies contracted to hire youth with disabilities. Matthew Sapolin, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities, Mo Rigley of the Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities and Everett Lo of the Regional Office of the Social Security Administration provided important information on the benefits and support services currently available to youth with disabilities and their families.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Application Released****

During the week of March 28th, over 20,000 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) applications were distributed to City Council offices, high schools, public libraries and SYEP contractors. The application was made available to the general public on the DYCD website on Friday, April 1st. The deadline for applications is May 16, 2005. The Summer Youth Employment Program runs from July 5 through August 19.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH

Target Stores Community Giving Grants Program funds early childhood reading programs (birth through third grade) that encourage children to read with their families and/or inspire young readers. Target also supports arts exposure to school children and family violence prevention. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$3,000. Applications must be submitted between March 1 and May 31 to a local Target store team leader. For complete guidelines visit: http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/arts_in_education_grants.html .

The **Captain Planet Foundation** provides grants of \$500 to \$2,500 for projects promoting the understanding of environmental issues and focusing on hands-on experiences for students ages 6-18. The Captain Planet Foundation does not make grants for endowments, general operating expenses, capital or building campaigns. Upcoming deadlines are June 30, Sept. 30, and Dec. 31. Applications must be submitted via an online application form; for more information, go to: <http://www.captainplanetfdn.org> .

The **World of Children Awards** honor ordinary people doing extraordinary work on behalf of children. The *Kellogg's Child Development Award* recognizes three individuals who greatly improve children's opportunities to learn and grow. The *Cardinal Health Children's Care Award* recognizes individuals who have made a lifetime contribution to the health and well-being of children. One honoree in each category will receive \$100,000. Two honorees in each category will receive \$10,000 each. In addition, the *Founder's Award* which carries a stipend of \$15,000 recognizes a young person (under 21) who is making extraordinary contributions to children. The application deadline is April 25. For more information, go to: <http://www.worldofchildren.org>

Open Meadows funds projects (up to \$2,000) designed and implemented by women and girls. They must reflect cultural and ethnic diversity, promote social change and promote the empowerment and well-being of women and girls. Applicants may have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. Submissions are due August 15. Visit the Web site for more information: <http://www.openmeadows.org> .

The **YMCA of Greater New York** has released a Request for Proposals for schools and youth service organizations that would like to apply to become Asset Lab sites beginning September 2005. Asset Labs foster positive support, clear boundaries, options for structured activities, value development and skill building for youth. Asset Labs receive a \$5,000 stipend, \$5-7,000 worth of consultant "coaching", training sessions, and quarterly peer learning sessions. Applicant teams must have participated in one Assets Training prior to final submission by May 31. The training schedule is available at: <http://www.pasesetter.org> .

The **Beaumont Foundation of America** grants state-of-the-art, wireless laptop computers and technology equipment to schools and community groups serving low-income populations and individuals. The Foundation distributes technology grants as follows: Education grants of technology equipment for eligible schools; Community grants of technology equipment to eligible community-based organizations; and grants of technology equipment to individuals. For complete information, go to: <http://www.bmfoundation.com/bfa/us/public/en/grants/> .

The **American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation** has established a permanent endowment fund dedicated to preventing dental caries and other oral diseases of children. Competitive grants are awarded to applicants whose oral health promotion programs are designed to improve children's oral health through community education programs. Oral health

promotion programs include dental health education conducted at schools and health fairs, among others. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. Proposals must be postmarked no later than July 8. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Lisa F. Barron, the ADA Foundation's Director of Programs, at barronl@ada.org .

The **Administration for Children and Families** (ACF) invites eligible organizations to submit applications for federal grants to build the capacity needed to expand services designed to promote positive youth development and stable and healthy marriages and families. This funding opportunity is a project of the *Institute for Youth Development* and is available through ACF's Compassion Capital Fund. Non-profit, faith- and community-based organizations may apply for this funding opportunity. Approximately \$1.5 million is available in funding. The application deadline is May 2, 2005. For more information on this funding opportunity, go to: <http://www.youthdevelopment.org/articles/pr050501>

The **Tiger Woods Foundation** grant-making process focuses on providing opportunities to children who are underserved. The following are approved programmatic areas for funding: education, youth development, geographic focus, and health & welfare. Organizations must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3). (Please note: public schools are not 501(c)(3) tax-exempt. Individual organizations within a public school that are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt may apply.) Average grant range is between \$2,500 and \$25,000. For more information, click here: <http://www.twfound.org/grants/default.sps?itype=7609> .

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

Price Fellowships for HIV Prevention provides three nongovernmental organization leaders with the opportunity to visit the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** in Atlanta to learn about HIV prevention on a national level. The Fellowship takes place during a four week period in August; applications are due April 22. For more information, contact Maestro A. Evans at mhe8@cdc.gov or Phyllis Storch at PUS7@cdc.gov

Bank of America developed the *Neighborhood Excellence Initiative* to provide participating communities with support through three programs: *Neighborhood Builders* - \$200,000 in grant funding and leadership training over the course of two years to two local nonprofit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods; *Local Heroes* - five community heroes whose achievements and leadership on local issues contributes significantly to neighborhood vitality will receive a \$5,000 contribution to an eligible nonprofit of their choice; and *Student Leaders* - five exemplary high school students in their junior or senior year with an interest in improving their neighborhoods will participate in an eight-week paid summer internship with a community-based organization, as well as a mentorship program arranged by Bank of America. The application deadline is June 30; program guidelines and applications are available at http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/index.cfm?template=fd_neighborexcell

The **Office of Disability Employment Policy** is inviting nominations for the New Freedom Initiative Award. The award recognizes public-private partnerships and programs that have had a positive impact on the employment of people with disabilities through access to assistive technologies, the use of innovative training, and hiring and retention techniques. It also recognizes organizations, businesses, or individuals who develop comprehensive strategies to enhance the ability of Americans with disabilities to enter and advance within the workforce of the 21st century. For more details and specific nomination criteria, go online to: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/welcome.html> .

The **Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)** has announced the availability of grants to eligible "grassroots" organizations with the ability to connect to the local One-Stop delivery system. The agency expects to award approximately 40-50 grants; the grant amount for each organization is expected to range between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Eligible organizations must be non-profit organizations which: have social services as a major part of their mission; are headquartered in the local community to which they provide these services; (a) have a social services budget of \$350,000 or less, or (b) have 6 or fewer full-time equivalent employees. The closing date for receipt of applications under this grant is April 28. For additional guidelines, view information online at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-5907.htm>

The **J.P. Morgan Foundation** is committed to using all their available resources to strengthen communities where JPMorgan Chase employees live and work. Priorities include housing, community development, the arts, culture and public education. For grant guidelines, go to: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/cm/cs?pagename=Chase/Href&urlname=jpmc/community>

The **Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program** actively contributes to programs that benefit non-profit organizations. Areas of emphasis for this program are education, and civic and social pursuits which include community economic development, environmental quality and preservation and public safety. For additional information and grant guidelines, view online: <http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/E2a.asp>

****MINI-GRANTS****

The **Camera Club of New York** announces its *2005 National Juried Photography Competition* open to all U.S. residents 18 years or older. The first place winner will receive \$300 and a one person show at the Alfred Lowenherz Gallery. Second, Third, and Honorable Mention prize entries will be displayed as a group at the New York Camera Club. The deadline for receipt of slides is June 17. For prospectus go online to: <http://www.cameraclubofnewyork.org> .

RESOURCES

****FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES****

The **National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth** has produced a series of quick reference guides on critical topics for administrators, youth service practitioners, and policymakers: Assessment; Benefits Planning for Youth with Disabilities; Hidden Disabilities; Universal Access; Workplace Success; and Youth Development and Youth Leadership. The packet of guides can be downloaded or hard copies can be ordered at: <http://ncwd-youth.info/resources & Publications/quick Reference Guides/index.html>

****ADDITIONAL RESOURCES****

The **U.S. Department of Education Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives** has produced a Web cast to provide an overview of how to write a quality grant proposal. The information contained in this Web cast will not only be helpful for writing a Department of Education grant, it will also provide tips that will be useful when applying for discretionary grants from other Federal agencies. Go to: <http://www.connectlive.com/events/edproposals/> .

The **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** is sponsoring *Got a Minute to Get Fit* Web site. It provides a confidential way for families to find information on

physical health, mental health, drugs, and alcohol. The resource incorporates messages of substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment into an overall strategy for health, wellness, and safety. Go to: <http://www.getfit.samhsa.gov>

The **Mentoring Partnership of New York** (MPNY), a non-profit, provides technical support and assistance to a network of over 150 mentoring programs in New York City. It has published a directory of its member mentoring programs. *The Guide to Mentoring Programs in New York City* is a unique resource that contains profiles and contact information for each of MPNY's community-based and faith-based member mentoring programs. For more information, or to receive a copy of the Guide, please call MPNY's mentoring hotline: 1-800-83-YOUTH.

The Beehive, sponsored by the non-profit organization, **One Economy Corporation**, is the place to go online for information and resources on money, health, jobs, school and family. Go to: <http://www.thebeehive.org/money> .

Under the **Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act**, each consumer is entitled to one free credit report a year from each of the three major credit reporting agencies. Those living in New York (and other eastern states) will be entitled to their free reports on September 1, 2005. For information on how to obtain your report visit: <http://www.annualcreditreport.com> .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****April 15 – City Year New York** is accepting applications for the 2005-2006 Corps Year. April 15 is the application deadline. If you are 17-24 years old and are interested in serving as a leader in the community, please contact Richard Winslow at (646) 452-3646 or rwinslow@cityyear.org

****April 20 – The Nonprofit Group of the School of Public Affairs at Baruch College** will present, *+Win Win Strategies to Bridge the Grantor/Grantee Divide* from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at 135 East 22nd Street (between Lexington and Third Avenues). Michael Seltzer, current president of the New York Regional Association of Grantmakers will be the speaker. RSVP is required : nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu or (212) 802-2988.

****April 20 – 22 Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture** presents Teatro Circulo's production of *Extremeses de Cervantes* at 7:00 P.M. in the Repertory Theater, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street. Admission is \$10, \$7 for students, seniors, and groups. For tickets and information call: (718) 518-4455 or go online to: <http://www.hostos.cuny.edu>

****April 22 – The New York City Coalition Against Hunger and the Children's Defense Fund – New York** will hold a free workshop from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at 16 Beaver Street, Manhattan: *Free Food for Afterschool Snacks & Summer Meals for Children*. Listen to nonprofit experts and government representatives speak on the rules, regulations and application procedures to get free food. RSVP: James Cubie (212) 825-0028 ext.202.

****May 13-15 and May 19-22 – The Rosetta LeNoire Musical Theatre Academy** presents *Footloose*, performed by the Academy Teen Ensemble. Performances will be held Fridays at 7:30 P.M.; Saturdays at 3:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Sundays at 3:00 P.M. and Thursday May 19 at 7:30 P.M. at the Lion Theatre, 410 West 42nd Street. Tickets are free; call for reservations: (212) 563-2565. For information online, go to: <http://www.amasmusical.org> .

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

The **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation** *Young Scholars Program* offers high-achieving young people financial assistance and educational services throughout their high school years. To be eligible to apply, applicants must be entering eighth grade in the fall of 2005 and be planning to attend high school in the United States. The application deadline is May 2. Go online for information: http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/jkcf_web/home.aspx?Page=Main .

The **Microsoft Corporation** *You Can Make a Difference* scholarship program, challenges secondary school students around the world to design technology-based projects to benefit charitable organizations. The program will award grants to 10 students who will receive a personal scholarship of \$2,500, as well as a budget of up to \$1,500 to implement the proposed project. A \$1,000 technology grant also will be awarded to each winning student's school. In addition, the 10 finalists will be paired with a mentor from Microsoft to help them implement their project. Each student who submits a proposal will receive a free copy of Microsoft's award-winning Visual Studio® .NET 2003 Academic development tool. The deadline for entries is April 30; entry proposals can be submitted at <http://www.thespoke.net/ycmd>

The **Reebok** *Human Rights Award* provides recognition and financial support to young people from the United States and around the world who have made significant contributions to the cause of human rights; a \$50,000 award is given to further the work of each recipient. Nominees must be 30 years of age or younger on December 31, 2005. Visit the Web site for nomination procedures and forms: <http://www.reebok.com/humanrights> .

VSA Arts, an international nonprofit dedicated to encouraging people with disabilities to participate in the arts, has announced "*Shifting Gears*" an annual art contest and exhibit with the support of Volkswagen of America. The program, (open to youth ages 16-25 living in the United States) will distribute \$60,000 to fifteen finalists who will be selected on aesthetic merit alone. Entries are due July 15. Download an application at: <http://www.vsarts.org/x267.xml> .