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## SPOTLIGHT NEWS

### **\*\*DYCD Launches a New Out-of-School Time (OST) Model\*\***

OST creates an efficient and accountable system for school-aged youth that emphasizes high quality programs, comprehensive and diverse services, and access for families through a broad geographic reach of program sites.

Under the new OST System:

- All programs will begin in September to coincide with the start of the school year.
- Programs will offer a wide range of services, incorporating youth development principles, including academic skills enhancement, culture, recreation and community building.
- New York City's OST programs will provide:
  - Free, safe programs in a supportive environment
  - A schedule that meets the needs of working parents
  - Separate programs for elementary, middle school, and high school students
  - Trained staff, familiar with the strengths and needs of young people
  - Healthy snacks
- 58 zip codes were targeted using a composite formula that included five variables: youth population; youth poverty rate; rate of youth ages 16-19 years that are not in school, not high schools graduates, and not in the labor force; number of ELL students in public school; number of single parent families with related children under 18 years of age. More than 60% of all OST programs will be located in targeted zip codes.
- 140 of the City's zip codes will host an OST program.
- 320 programs (almost 60 % of OST programs) will be in public schools.
- 29 programs will operate in New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) facilities.
- 13 programs will operate in City Parks and Recreation facilities

On June 13th, DYCD notified over 200 community-based organizations that they had been determined eligible to negotiate for OST awards. Over 550 sites were selected throughout the City, with 321 programs located in New York City public schools. DYCD anticipates that the OST program will reach over 45,000 young people in the 2005-2006 school year and over 65,000 in subsequent years.

On June 29th, DYCD hosted the initial Out-of-School Time (OST) contractor orientation for organizations that were invited to negotiate OST awards. The event was held at the Borough of Manhattan Community College and was attended by close to 500 people representing 200 community based organizations. Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav welcomed and congratulated the organizations, and reiterated the goals of OST.

Assistant Commissioner Chris Caruso and the OST staff lead the participants through the various steps that they must take to register their contracts and begin operating in September. OST staff will meet individually with the provider organizations for Contract Development Sessions during the week of July 11-15.

### **\*\*Youth Guide to Summer Fun 2005 Released\*\***

During the week of June 27th, DYCD released *The New York City Youth Guide to Summer Fun 2005*, which organizes hundreds of youth-friendly events and activities available in all five boroughs. All of the activities listed in the guide are either free or provided at a very low cost to participants. This year the Guide also includes a tear-out with OST information for parents. DYCD distributed copies of the guide to schools, community boards, libraries and offices of elected officials, among others. *The Youth Guide to Summer Fun 2005* is available online at the DYCD Web site: [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd).

### **\*\*Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) Holds Annual Public Hearing\*\***

On June 30, DYCD hosted the final ICC quarterly meeting of 2005 as well as the annual ICC public hearing. Commissioner Mullgrav reviewed the year's ICC accomplishments and listened to the testimony of interested speakers, including participants representing youth advisory boards from around the City. Prior to the public hearing, DYCD held an orientation for youth who would be giving testimony, on the role of government. In the upcoming year, the ICC will work with the DYCD Youth Board and Youth Council to address the needs of disconnected youth.

### **\*\*Youth Workforce Development Concept Paper\*\***

In advance of the anticipated release of a Request for Proposals for youth workforce development programs funded by the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA), DYCD will issue a Concept Paper. The WIA Concept Paper will be posted on DYCD's Web site later this month. Please monitor the website at [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd) for the release. There will then be a short period of review with public comment invited.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

### **\*\*2005 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Enhanced\*\***

July 5 marks the beginning of the 7 week Summer Youth Employment Program in which over 42,000 youth have been enrolled. SYEP debit card training videos have been distributed to service providers; the videos provide a youth-friendly demonstration on how to use SYEP debit cards and how to avoid paying unnecessary fees.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

The **Merck Family Fund** supports work by communities with few resources who are confronting significant social, economic, and environmental challenges. They focus on two areas: creation of green and open space; and supporting youth as agents of social change. The Fund supports programs that involve youth in the design, operation and evaluation of a project: train youth to learn skills, develop relationships, and gain experience while making a positive impact on the community; support youth to research issues of concern, design strategies for change and implement action plans; and identify youth as important stakeholders in the health and well-being of the community. Letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time. Hard copy format is preferred over fax or email transmission. Obtain additional guidelines and information at: <http://www.merckff.org/grantguidelines.html>.

The **Janus Foundation** announces funds to support programs that focus on the following areas: 1) at-risk youth through education; and 2) community service and volunteerism, to help communities reach greater levels of self-sufficiency, and impact the lives of many in each community. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. For further information, contact the foundation at (303) 333-3863 or [janusfoundation@janus.com](mailto:janusfoundation@janus.com); or, go to: <http://ww4.janus.com/Janus/Retail/StaticPage?jsp=jsp/Janushome/JanusFoundation.jsp>.

**Mattel** and the **Mattel Children's Foundation** announces funds to assist projects that address either: supporting the physical and mental health of children or increasing the access to health care for children in need; increasing access to education, promoting literacy in children in need and resources that promote after-school educational achievement; and promoting self-esteem among girls. The application deadline is September 30. For additional information, go to: [http://www.mattel.com/about\\_us/Comm\\_Involvement/ci\\_mcf\\_philanthropy\\_grantmaking.asp](http://www.mattel.com/about_us/Comm_Involvement/ci_mcf_philanthropy_grantmaking.asp).

The **Palmer Foundation** seeks to empower young people to reach their potential and become responsible contributors to their families and communities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for Letters of Intent is July 31, 2005. For further information, contact Diane Pavela at (262) 842-0079; or go to: <http://www.thepalmerfoundation.org/default.asp?id=1>.

The **Mockingbird Foundation** will award funds to assist projects that encourage and foster creative expression in any musical form. Of special interest are programs that benefit disenfranchised groups, including those with low skill level, income or education; with disabilities or terminal illnesses; and in foster homes, shelters, hospitals, prisons, or other remote situations. The deadline for applications is August 1. Go to: <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/> online.

The **Hasbro Children's Foundation** is committed to improving the emotional, social and physical well-being of the neediest children, birth through age 12, through the support of innovative direct service programs in the areas of health, education and social services. The Foundation strives to encourage organizations to think beyond the status quo and develop programs that not only meet a need, but bring about systemic change to benefit other children in the future. They support: innovative programs with local impact; national replication/adoption, or expansion of innovations in direct services; and innovative programs with national impact. For guidelines, go to: [http://www.hasbro.org/pl/page.what\\_we\\_fund/dn/hcf/default.cfm](http://www.hasbro.org/pl/page.what_we_fund/dn/hcf/default.cfm) .

The goal of the **NFL Grassroots Program** is to provide non-profit, neighborhood-based organizations with financial and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields. The NFL Grassroots Program provides grants of up to \$200,000 for capital improvement projects. The application deadline is August 20. For additional information, go to: <http://www.lisc.org/whatwedo/programs/nfl/rfp.shtml> .

The principal focus of the **Tony Hawk Foundation** grants is to encourage and facilitate the design, development, construction, and operation of new quality skateboard parks and facilities, located in low-income communities in the United States. Grants will be awarded from \$1,000 to \$25,000. The application deadline is September 1; go online for more information and guidelines: [http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant\\_application.asp](http://www.tonyhawkfoundation.org/grant_application.asp) .

The **Bikes Belong Coalition** is sponsored by the American bicycle industry, with the mission of putting more people on bicycles more often. Bikes Belong provides grants of up to \$10,000 to nonprofit organizations and public agencies at the national, regional, and local level for facility, capacity, and education projects. Priority is given to organizations that are directly involved in building coalitions for bicycling by collaborating with the efforts of bicycle industry and advocacy groups. Requests are reviewed quarterly and the remaining deadlines in 2005 are August 29, and November 28. For application guidelines and more information, visit the Web site: <http://bikesbelong.org/site/page.cfm?PageID=21>  
**\*\*COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT\*\***

The **Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy** has announced its 2006 national grant competition. The foundation's program seeks to develop or expand U.S. projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000. To be considered eligible for a grant, an organization must: have current nonprofit or public status; have been in existence for two or more years as of the date of the application; and must have maintained fiscal accountability. The organization must operate an instructional literacy program that has been in existence for at least two years and includes one or more of the following components: literacy for adults; parent education; pre-literacy or literacy instruction for children pre-K to grade 3; and intergenerational literacy activities. The application deadline is September 9. Application guidelines and form are available on the foundation's Web site: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/>

**Keep America Beautiful** is accepting entries for the *Graffiti Hurts National Award* to recognize programs that are bringing innovation and best practices to erase graffiti vandalism. Graffiti Hurts, a community-based graffiti prevention program developed in 1997 through a partnership between Keep America Beautiful and the Sherwin-Williams Company provides resources to help community leaders assess the graffiti problem, initiate graffiti prevention activities, and educate youth and adults about the impact of graffiti vandalism on neighborhoods. The program is open to all anti-graffiti projects that have taken place within the last twelve months. Funding is available in three award categories: 1) \$1,000 cash award for

communities under 100,000 population; 2) \$1,000 cash award for communities over 100,000; and 3) \$500 cash award for Paint Brush Mural awards for projects that use one or more paint brush mural(s) to respond to persistent graffiti. The application deadline is September 16. Visit: [www.graffitihurts.org](http://www.graffitihurts.org).

The **Barker Welfare Foundation** awards grants to qualified charitable organizations whose initiatives improve the quality of life, with an emphasis on strengthening youth and families. They accept proposals of funding from institutions and agencies operating in the fields of health, welfare, education, cultural activities, and civic affairs. A brief letter or telephone call is suggested to determine if the organization seeking to apply for a grant falls within the current general policy of the Foundation. Inquiries should be made to Sarane H. Ross, President, The Barker Welfare Foundation, P.O. Box 2, Glen Head, NY 11545 or (516) 759-5592.

The **Allen Foundation** supports educational nutrition programs, with priority given to training programs for children and young adults to improve their health and development. The Foundation's priorities are to 1) fund relevant nutritional research; 2) support programs for the education and training of mothers during pregnancy and after the birth of their children, so that good nutritional habits can be formed at an early age; 3) assist in the training of persons to work as educators and demonstrators of good nutritional practices; 4) encourage the dissemination of information regarding healthful nutritional practices and habits; and 5) make grants, in limited situations, to help solve immediate emergency hunger and malnutrition problems. Past grants have ranged from \$2,000 to \$1,000,000. There is an open deadline. For additional information, view: <http://www.allenfoundation.org>.

The **JEHT Foundation** provides support to nonprofit organizations that focus on human rights, social justice and community building. The Foundation provides grants through three distinct programs: the *Criminal Justice Program* works to strengthen the voice for systemic criminal justice reform in the U.S.; the *International Justice Program* seeks to expand the constructive role the U.S. can play in promoting international justice, human rights and the rule of law both at home and abroad; and the *Democratizing the Electoral Process Program* works to reform the electoral process in this country. Applications are accepted throughout the year. For more information, visit the Web site: <http://www.jehtfoundation.org>.

The **Business Wire Literacy Initiative** supports organizations that provide services and solutions for adult and child literacy and education, specifically organizations that provide effective, innovative literacy programs serving children and adults in the five boroughs of New York City. Grants are made for core organizational programming -- new, expanding, or sustaining. The program awards a single grant of \$5,000 to one 501(c)(3) organization per calendar year. At the end of the grant year, the grant recipient will be expected to submit a written report documenting program achievements, lessons learned, and a detailed list of grant expenditures. The nonprofit must provide programs that benefit underserved communities and not discriminate in hiring staff or providing services on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sex, or disability; and not be religious, political, or fraternal organizations. The application deadline is August 1. Organizations should contact the Business Wire Literacy Initiative for grant guidelines and an application form: <http://www.businesswire.com/>.

The **Mary Byron Foundation** is a public charity that funds programs throughout the United States that are working to stop domestic violence. The foundation is accepting nominations for its *Celebrating Solutions Awards* program, which recognizes institutions that demonstrate an innovative approach to confronting and identifying solutions to the root causes of domestic violence with \$10,000 cash awards. The Mary Byron Foundation chooses four winners each year, yet reserves the right to choose fewer. Institutions that have applied in previous years are welcome to do so again. The awards are open to nonprofit or governmental programs that have been operating for a minimum of three years and specifically address the issue of domestic violence. The application deadline is September 16. Nomination materials are available on the foundation's Web site: <http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/>.

The **Verizon Foundation** reviews unsolicited proposals on a continuous calendar-year basis from January 1 through November 30. In 2004, the Verizon Foundation awarded more than 26,500 grants totaling \$71,400,000 to charitable and nonprofit agencies that focus on improving basic and computer literacy, enriching communities through technology, and creating a skilled work force. To be eligible for funding consideration, organizations must focus on one or more of the following priority areas: Verizon Reads (Literacy); Verizon Connects (Technology); and/or Verizon Wireless HopeLine (Domestic Violence Prevention). For more information, go online: <http://foundation.verizon.com/04008.shtml>

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

Each year, the **Gap Foundation** donates a limited number of *Appreciation Cards* to public schools and youth-serving, nonprofit public charities for use as raffle or auction prizes at fundraising events, or as student incentives. To request Appreciation Cards, please submit a one-page letter on your organization's letterhead to the appropriate address c/o Appreciation Cards: *Old Navy*, 610 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY 10011; *Gap*, 50 West 34th Street, 2M, New York, NY 10001; *Banana Republic*, 237 West 35 Street, Floor 12A, New York, NY 10001. Organizations are eligible to receive one Appreciation Card donation per year. If they find that an organization has sent requests to multiple brand and/or zone offices, it will not be eligible for future Appreciation Card donations. For more information and guidelines, go to: [http://www.gapinc.com/public/SocialResponsibility/sr\\_com\\_giftcards.shtml](http://www.gapinc.com/public/SocialResponsibility/sr_com_giftcards.shtml) .

**RadioShack Corporation**, through its *RadioShack StreetSenz Community Grant Program* will conduct four grant cycles: the next application deadline is September 15. This program is designed to offer answers - answers that produce community impact through programs or projects conducted by local nonprofit organizations. The program currently focuses on two areas: prevention of family violence/abuse and child abduction. To be considered for a StreetSenz Community Grant, an organization must offer solutions to help prevent family violence/abuse and/or child abduction that directly impacts or benefits, through programs and/or services, a RadioShack community. Grants are limited to \$500. For more information, go online: <http://www.radioshackcorporation.com/cc/contributions.html>

## **RESOURCES**

**Spitfire Strategies** has created *SmartChart*, a free online tool to help organizations create and implement communications plans. For further information, go to: <http://www.smartchart.org/> .

**Gifts in Kind International** is accepting membership applications to receive product donations, including computer, software, office supplies, clothing, and personal-care products. For more information, go to: <http://www.giftsinkind.org/NewHome/default.asp> .

The **Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development** offers tool kits and downloadable publications to help change and improve the way foundations, youth organizations, and community groups do business. *Reflect and Improve: A Tool Kit for Engaging Youth and Adults as Partners in Program Evaluation* and *Learning and Leading: A Tool Kit for Youth Development and Civic Activism* are just two examples. For more information on youth leadership, and planning and evaluating programs, go to: <http://www.theinnovationcenter.org/events.shtml#learningandleading> .

The **School Administrator** Web site offers valuable downloadable articles from their School Administrator publication: *After-school Hours - Sustaining Student Participation in Academic-Linked Programs*. Go to: [http://www.aasa.org/publications/sa/2005\\_05/contents.htm](http://www.aasa.org/publications/sa/2005_05/contents.htm) online.

**Techsoup** believes that databases should not be the concern solely of technologists in nonprofit organizations. Careful, thoughtful involvement by staff on many levels is needed to help assure that system improvement through database development, use, and management is successful. Their Web site provides a comprehensive overview of everything you ever wanted to know about databases. Access their guidelines and solutions online at: <http://www.techsoup.org/howto/articlepage.cfm?ArticleId=379&topicid=6>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\* July 15\*\*** - 9:00 A.M. to Noon. The Delacorte Theater in Central Park will be the site of Leadership Day. The entrance is at 81st Street & Central Park West; follow the path to the theater. The program is: Shakespeare Interactive! There will be a panel discussion and Q&A with members of the Cast and Creative Team. Ten talented young people will be chosen to read their sonnets aloud on the stage of the Delacorte Theater at Leadership Day. The program is appropriate for ages 12 and up, and is Free. Bag lunches will be provided; free book compliments of SparkNotes will be distributed: *No Fear Shakespeare – As You Like It*. Tickets are available on a first come basis. If your organization would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity, please go to:

[www.GrantRequest.com/SID\\_312?SA=SNA&FID=35071](http://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_312?SA=SNA&FID=35071) and complete the RSVP form. You will receive a confirmation package shortly after you RSVP. Study Guides will be sent in your confirmation notice. Contact Darren Smith at (212) 270-1718.

**\*\*July 21-22\*\*** - The Institute for Youth Development (IYD) will teach area organizations how to win federal grants at a Federal Grants Educational Conference to be held at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel, 128 Frontage Road, Newark, NJ. In addition to providing on-going assistance, IYD will award approximately \$1.5 million in sub-awards in 2005 to help local organizations prepare for competition for federal assistance. Anyone interested in learning the federal grants process is welcome to attend. The conference is free; continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks are provided. Parking is \$5.00. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. the first day; the conference runs from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The second day the conference is held from 8:30 A.M. to noon. Register online or contact Joanne Jones (703) 433-1640 ext. 133.

**\*\*August 3\*\*** - The Foundation Center has scheduled a Proposal Writing Seminar. Attendees of the Proposal Writing Seminar will learn, among other things, techniques for writing proposals, how to foster working relationships with grantmakers, how to resubmit a grant proposal, and how to develop an organized, focused approach to conducting funding research on the Web. The class costs \$195. It will be held at the Foundation Center's New York City office, located at 79 Fifth Avenue. For more information, visit [www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org), or call (800) 424-9836.

**\*\*August 11\*\*** - at 1:30 P.M., the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will air the 90-minute satellite videoconference, "Communities Respond to Youth Gangs in America." The videoconference, which may be viewed online, will feature community programs and strategies that effectively address the youth gang problem. It will explore strategies to leverage existing resources, provide examples of partnerships across disciplines, highlight innovative strategies, and share information on faith-based responses. To access further information and register online, visit <http://www.trc.eku.edu/jj>. Please address questions to Jenny McWilliams at [ekujitap@aol.com](mailto:ekujitap@aol.com) or 859-622-6671.

**\*\*August 23-25\*\*** - The State of New York Police Juvenile Officers' Association and the NYS Office of Children and Family Services will hold a *Gang Awareness 101* seminar at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, Albany, New York. Registration will be taken for either August 23 or August 24 (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) Registration will also be taken for the Gangs Train the Trainer session on August 25 (9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon). The seminars cost \$35. each day including refreshment breaks, lunch, Certificate of Attendance, Gang Awareness Manual, and related hand-outs. Send your check to: State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association, Inc., P.O. Box 401, Orlean, New York 14760, Att: William J. Aiello (716) 373-1011.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

**Saving Antiquities for Everyone (SAFE)**, a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to ending the destruction of our shared cultural heritage and undiscovered past by raising public awareness, invites entries for a student competition. The purpose of the competition is for advertising and design students to create public awareness ads for SAFE. All students enrolled in accredited two- or four-year colleges and other institutes of higher education anywhere in the world are eligible to enter. First-, second-, and third-prize winners will be chosen; the first-prize winner receives a \$250 award. Winning entries will be posted on the SAFE Web site and distributed worldwide, and all winners will be offered an opportunity to intern with SAFE. The competition deadline is October 3. Visit the SAFE Web site for application information and to learn more about the program. <http://www.savingantiquities.org/>

Since 1993, the **Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks** have presented the *SeaWorld/Busch Gardens/Fujifilm Environmental Excellence Awards* to recognize the outstanding efforts of K-12 students and teachers across the United States who are working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. In 2004, the awards program was expanded to include community groups who are protecting planet Earth. The program provides school and community groups with a monetary award, national recognition, and other prizes. Because this is an awards program and not a grant, project applicants should be able to demonstrate significant accomplishments that have occurred prior to the

application deadline of November 30. See the Web site for complete program and application information: <http://www.nsta.org> .

The **Alston/Bannerman Fellowship Program** is committed to advancing progressive social change by helping to sustain long-time activists of color. The program is designed to give ten activists the financial support and freedom to "take a break and recharge. Fellows have the freedom to use their sabbaticals however they think will best re-energize them for the work ahead. A qualified applicant must be a person of color; have more than ten years of community organizing experience; be committed to continuing to work for social change; and live in the United States. Both individuals for whom organizing is a full-time job and those for whom it is voluntary work done outside of their employment are eligible to apply; the application deadline is December 1. For more information, go online: <http://www.alstonbannerman.org/> .

The **Bronx District Public Health Office** is creating a Youth Advisory Board consisting of 20 teens. If you live, or go to school in Morrisania, Highbridge, Tremont, Crotona, Hunts Point, or Mott Haven (Zip Codes 10451-10457, 10459, 10460, and 10474), and are 13 – 18 years old, and would like to give feedback on teen health issues, you may be eligible. The Board will meet every other Friday from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the Bronx District Public Health Office, 1826 Arthur Avenue at 175th Street. There will be free dinner, free gear, free metrocards, leadership training, trips, and new friends. For more information, contact: Cándida A. Bidó, Public Health Educator Liaison to The Youth Advisory Board, (718) 466-9178 or email: [cbido@health.nyc.gov](mailto:cbido@health.nyc.gov) .