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DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**** September 20 –** The first meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) for Fiscal Year 2006 will take place at the Department of Youth and Community Development, 156 William Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium, New York, New York from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The presenter will be Mark K. Levitan, Senior Policy Analyst for the Community Services Society. Mr. Levitan is the author of the report, *“Out of School, Out of Work, Out of Luck? New York City’s Disconnected Youth.”* Rich McKeon, Chair of the DYCD Youth Board, Reg Foster, chair of the Workforce Investment Board Youth Council, and Nancy Wackstein, Youth Board representative to the ICC, will present on the Youth Board and Youth Council’s efforts to address disconnected youth. This meeting will begin a year-long focus on disconnected youth by the ICC.

**** November 3 –** The Department of Youth and Community Development and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, in recognition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Prevention Month, will co-sponsor a conference for youth professionals and service providers at the Harlem PAL, 441 Manhattan Avenue, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Contact Robyn Causey: 212.676.8260 for additional information.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

****Last Call for Comments on the Runaway and Homeless Youth Concept Paper****

In advance of the release of an RFP for Residential and Non-Residential Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Services, the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) issued a Concept Paper on August 19 presenting the agency’s approach to this important field. Friday, September 16 is the last day to submit public comments. It is posted on the DYCD Web site: www.nyc.gov/dycd.

****Comprehensive Literacy Concept Paper to be Released****

In advance of the anticipated release of a Request for Proposals for Comprehensive Literacy (Adult, Family and Adolescent Literacy), DYCD will issue a Concept Paper. The Concept Paper will be posted on DYCD’s Web site early this fall. Please monitor the website at www.nyc.gov/dycd for the release. There will then be a short period of review with public comment invited.

****Youth Board-Youth Council Announces New Initiatives****

The DYCD oversight body, the Youth Board and Workforce Investment Youth Council, met on September 8. Youth Board chair, Rich McKeon, described a new initiative: Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training, and Leadership (CAPITAL) 2006, seeking corporate sector summer jobs for outstanding former Summer Youth Employment participants; corporate career orientations are to begin this fall. Youth Council chair, Reg Foster, announced plans for the group to address the crisis of disconnected youth in New York City (170,000 young people age 18-24 who have left school without graduating, are not attending school, and are not employed). A series of policy breakfasts are being planned.

PROGRAM UPDATES

**** Out-of-School Time (OST) Programs Commence in September**

Selected OST providers will operate programs in over 550 sites throughout the City, including 321 public schools, 32 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) facilities, 13 City Parks and Recreation sites and community-centers. A web-based OST enrollment and attendance tracking system has been developed, and is ready for the OST start date; trained service provider staff can directly input participant and program data. This database can be used as an important management tool for providers. In addition, it will allow DYCD staff to efficiently and effectively oversee OST, ensuring quality programming. For the most complete and up-to-date information on OST, go online to the DYCD Web site: www.nyc.gov/dycd.

****Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Demonstrates Successful Model****

September 2 marked the final pay date (reflecting the extra week of work provided to over 16,000 young people) of SYEP. In total, 41,601 youth were enrolled and payroll, via debit cards, ran smoothly. Wages for this summer's program totaled \$36 million. Private sector employees included: JP Morgan Chase, Maimonides Medical Center, VISIONS, All State Insurance, New York Life, the Staten Island Yankees Stadium, Oscar de la Renta, Park Avenue Medical Associates, Silvercup Studios, Princeton Review, Bolton's, and Remax Realty. Youth were also employed at City agencies and City schools.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****YOUTH****

The **New York Life Foundation** announces its 2006 *Award Program* for nonprofit organizations that serve youth. The Foundation will award six \$25,000 grants — one in each of New York City's five boroughs and one in Westchester County — to innovative programs that support the Foundation's *Educational Enhancement* category as part of its *Nurturing the Children* initiative. Applications will be reviewed and awarded on a competitive basis. *Educational Enhancement* programs include those that prepare young people for higher education or the workplace and equip them to be responsible citizens. Applications will be accepted online only from October 17 to December 1, 2005. Awards will be announced and made in early 2006. Complete guidelines for the *Award* are available at the Web site: www.newyorklifefoundation.org/award.

The **Women's Sports Foundation** will award \$200,000 for its *GoGirlGo! Grant and Educational Program*, aimed at improving the health and wellness of adolescent and early teenage girls. Girls in the 3rd to 8th grades are the focus of this program, which seeks to combine athletic instruction with educational information to reduce risky behaviors, especially among under-served and poor populations. Sports and physical-activity programs seeking to add or expand under these guidelines are welcome to apply. Deadline for application is Nov. 30. Eligibility is restricted to 501(c)(3) nonprofits that are able to deliver the required programming to girls for a minimum of eight weeks, with preference given to organizations working throughout the year. <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=30>

The **U.S. Soccer Foundation** announces funds for projects that: develop players, referees, and coaches, with special emphasis on the economically disadvantaged in urban areas; develop players, referees, and coaches, with special emphasis on the economically disadvantaged in urban areas, that contains a construction element such as field renovation, addition, or improvement of field equipment or lighting; and/or project consisting wholly of field development construction. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The online Letter of Inquiry deadline is September 30. For information, go to:

http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.gpLPJQOpHkE/b.879945/k.A80B/Grants_Overview.htm

YouthActionNet awards small grants to youth leaders (age 18 to 29) and their emerging projects that promote social change and connect youth with local communities throughout the world. These youth-led

projects should have clearly defined goals and have potential for growth or further replication. Individuals applying must have a leadership role in a youth-led initiative that works to create positive change in their community. Award recipients will receive \$500 and are eligible to participate in an international capacity-building workshop. Applications are reviewed two times per year. The next application deadline is October 1, 2005. View online: <http://www.iyfnet.org/document.cfm/39/562> .

First Book provides new books to children through eligible community organizations in the United States that serve children from low-income households. First Book does not provide direct financial support, nor does it provide books to individuals or to book drives. Most of the groups First Book serves are preschools, day care, after-school, and tutoring/mentoring programs. Groups must have an existing literacy component and predominately serve children from low-income households. There are three ways in which First Book distributes books: through a network of volunteer [Advisory Boards](#) located across the country, through the [First Book National Book Bank](#), and through the [First Book Marketplace](#). View information online: <http://www.firstbook.org/site/c.lwKYJ8NVJvF/b.674095/k.CC09/Home.htm> .

The **National Gardening Association** and the **Home Depot** will award *Youth Garden Grants* to schools and community organizations with child-centered, outdoor garden programs. In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements: educational focus and/or curricular ties (if applicant is a formal education program); nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and social aspects of gardening such as leadership development, team building, community support, or service-learning. Applicants must plan to garden in 2006 with at least fifteen children between the ages of three and 18 years. Youth Garden Grants will be awarded to: 1) start-up programs that are just beginning or have yet to break ground; and 2) established programs that have completed one or more outdoor garden seasons. Application deadline is November 30, 2005. View the Web site for additional garden grants for youth: <http://assoc.garden.org/grants/> .

Children's television network, **Nickelodeon**, has announced the launch of the 2005-2006 *"Let's Just Play" Giveaway Program*; the network will distribute more than \$1 million from September 2005 to June 2006. For ten months, Nickelodeon will award a minimum of 20 winners per month with \$5,000 each to help facilitate play in their community. To enter kids, (6-15 years of age), partnering with teachers and other community-based leaders, must tell Nickelodeon what they need for their public or private school (grades K-9) or community-based after-school organization to help them play better and why, and give three reasons why play is important. Once the entry form is completed and mailed to Nickelodeon, the winners will be randomly selected and announced via Nickelodeon Online at the top of each month, beginning in September. As a partner of the "Let's Just Play" Giveaway, the Kellogg Company will match a Nickelodeon grant of \$100,000 for September, enabling the network to award funding to 40 winners that month. The rolling deadline is over May 31, 2006. Go to: <http://www.nick.com> .

For the first time in over 5 years, the **Mattel Children's Foundation Domestic Grants Program** is accepting unsolicited grants for review, for funding from charitable organizations throughout the U.S. that directly serve children in need. One grantmaking focus area is increasing access to education, promoting literacy to children in need and identifying resources that promote after-school educational achievement. The maximum awards are \$5,000-\$25,000; the application deadline is September 30, 2005. For more information, log on to: http://www.mattel.com/about_us/Comm_Involvement/ci_mcf_philanthropy_Programs.asp .

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

The **Wachovia Foundation Corporation** provides grants to eligible 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations in these areas: Education and Community Development; Health and Human Services; and Arts and Culture. Their mission is to build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life, and make a positive difference where their employees work and live. Funding ranges from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and the application process is on a rolling basis. Applications and additional information may be found online at: http://www.wacovia.com/inside/page/0,,139_414_430,00.html .

The **Corporation for National and Community Service** announces funds to mobilize more Americans to observe the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a day of service to communities. Approximately \$500,000 is available to fund 5 awards; a match is required. The deadline for eGrants submissions is October 6. See the full notice for more information:

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/CNCS/OGM/OGM/CNCS-GRANTS-083105-001/Grant.html>

The **RadioShack Corporation's StreetSenz Community Grant Program** currently focuses on two areas: prevention of family violence/abuse and/or child abduction. To be considered for a StreetSenz Community Grant, an organization must be a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit (municipalities, including local police departments, also qualify for consideration); offer solutions to help prevent family violence/abuse and/or child abduction; directly impact or benefit, through programs and/or services, a RadioShack community; and limit grant requests to \$500 or less in value. An organization may receive only one StreetSenz Community Grant per calendar year, regardless of the number of eligible programs the organization may administer. Upcoming application deadlines are September 15 and December 15. Visit the RadioShack Web site for program information and application:

<http://radioshackcorporation.com/cc/contributions.html>.

The recipient of the first **James Patterson PageTurner Award** (of \$25,000) will be a person, group, company, or institution that spreads the excitement of reading books in an effective and original way. Within each yearly application cycle, there will be two awards of \$25,000 each plus twenty-five \$1,000 awards of merit for runners-up. The second \$25,000 award - the *PageTurner School Award* - goes to the elementary school, middle school, high school, or college that inculcates the joy of reading for pleasure in its students. The winning school will also win a visit from James Patterson for reading, signing, and talking about books. There will also be twenty-five \$1,000 awards of merit to individuals and organizations that have made notable contributions to promoting the excitement of books and reading. In honor of the two \$25,000 winners, First Book will donate 1,000 books to programs serving disadvantaged children in cities of the winners' choosing. There is one award cycle per year, with applications due this year by October 15, 2005. For more information, go to: <http://www.pattersonpageturner.org/>.

The **Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation, Inc.** (ELA) encourages distinctive projects where the organization is making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. They are interested in programs that are supported by the local community and meet the needs of people with disabilities in the areas of arts, advocacy or education. It is their vision to join with our grantees to "Change the Face of Disability on the Planet" through the implementation of cutting edge programs and projects. Application deadline is November 1. For complete information, go to: <http://ela.org/grants/grants.html> online.

The **Linden Foundation** funds non-profit organizations 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. For complete information, view: <http://www.lindenfoundation.org/> online.

The purpose of the *Accessible America 2005 Competition* is to recognize and promote replication of exemplary practices that communities use to facilitate the comprehensive involvement of citizens with disabilities in community life. Three cash prizes will be awarded by the **National Organization on Disability** and the program's sponsors, **UPS** and **Wal-Mart**: \$25,000 to the NOD/UPS Grand Prize Winner; \$20,000 to the NOD/Wal-Mart Community Winner; and \$10,000 to the NOD/Wal-Mart Honorable Mention. The award funds should be used to further the community's efforts in closing the participation gaps for citizens with disabilities. The application deadline is October 31, 2005. For more information, go online to: <http://www.nod.org/>

RESOURCES

The **National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke** (NINDS) is deeply committed to raising awareness among Hispanics about stroke and providing them with the necessary information and

resources to help them to lead longer, healthier lives. A newly released video is part of that commitment. It will help Hispanics understand how to reduce their risk of having a stroke, how to recognize stroke symptoms, and why it is so important to call 911 right away. To obtain a single free copy of the video, call toll-free 1-800-352-9424 (ask for a Spanish-speaking information specialist). Additional information about stroke prevention and treatment and about the NINDS is available at www.ninds.nih.gov.

Summit Collaborative Associates has prepared a compendium of *Fifty Fabulous Free & Low Cost Nonprofit Friendly Web Resources* that represents some of the best resources available on the Internet. These include links to Web sites with tips for technology assessment, training and support, free and low-cost technology tools, knowledge management and research, and connections to other organizations. Go to: <http://www.summitcollaborative.com/lowhangfruit.html>

KIDS COUNT, a project of the **Annie E. Casey Foundation**, is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S. By providing policymakers and citizens with benchmarks of child well-being, KIDS COUNT seeks to enrich local, state, and national discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for all children. For downloadable information useful to grant seekers, go online to: <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****September 15-16 – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** will sponsor a Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Grant Writing Workshop “The Art and Science of Grant Writing” at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building, 163 West 125th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 12601 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.. The training sessions will provide personal instruction from key HUD staff on how to become more competitive for federal grant funds, how to qualify for 501c3 nonprofit status, and how to structure an organization to secure government funds. Contact: Eugene Dobson (212) 542-7128 or Eugene_A._Dobson@hud.gov.

****September 22-23 – A Call to Men** will sponsor a conference: “Becoming Part of the Solution to End Violence Against Women” at John Jay College of Criminal Justice from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. each day. Sponsoring organizations are: Safe Horizon, the Altria Group, NYS Office of prevention of Domestic Violence, NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault, My Sister’s Place, NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. There is a two-day conference fee of \$150. For information, go to: <http://www.acalltomen.com>.

****September 23 – Governance Matters** will hold a “Meet and Greet Lawyers and CPAs” in NYC from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. They invite their colleagues, nonprofit executives, active board members, and other interested professionals to this networking event. Free to Council of Community Services of NYS (CCSNYS) members, \$15. for non-members.

****September 27 – Baruch College (CUNY) Nonprofit Programs** will hold a seminar, “Nonprofit and the Law: Start Up Basics,” from 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. at 135 East 22nd Street, Third Floor, Room 301. Space is limited and an RSVP is required. Call (212) 802-2988 or email: nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu for reservations.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

The *Samuel Huntington Public Service Award* provides an annual stipend of \$10,000 for a graduating college senior to pursue public service anywhere in the world. The program is designed to allow recipients to engage in a meaningful public service activity for one year before proceeding on to graduate school or a career. The award offers grants to two graduating college seniors on the basis of their academic record, personal accomplishments, and a proposal for a public service project. The proposal may encompass any activity that furthers the public good; it can be undertaken by the applicant alone or by working through established charitable, religious, educational, governmental, or other public service

organizations. The application deadline is February 15, 2006. Visit the **National Grid USA** Web site for application guidelines and form: http://www.nationalgridus.com/commitment/d4-1_award.asp .

One of the world's largest sources of funding exclusively for graduate women, the **American Association of University Women** Educational Foundation supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are under-represented. The foundation's *Community Action Grants* provide seed money to individual women, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations, as well as local community-based nonprofits, for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. The application deadline is January 15, 2006. Go to: <http://www.aauw.org/> .

The **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** honor young people in middle level and high school grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. Applications are solicited each fall through public and private middle-level and high schools and through officially designated local organizations across the U.S. Applicants must be individuals enrolled in grades 5-12 (groups and partners are not eligible) in any state, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico. Applicants must have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the twelve months prior to the date of application. Student applications must be submitted to a school principal or to the head of one of the officially designated local organizations.

The application deadline is October 31, 2005. For complete program information, go to: <http://www.prudential.com/overview2/0,2155,intPageID%253D8983%2526blnPrinterFriendly%253D0,00.html>

The **United Way of New York City** has announced that it will sponsor the *Senior Fellows Program*, a component of the Nonprofit Leadership Institute. Presented in partnership with Baruch College School of Public Affairs, the Senior Fellows Program helps high performing nonprofit professionals with five or more years of experience in the sector develop the skills necessary for advancement to the executive level. It is a two-semester, one-year, academic program at Baruch College School of Public Affairs that grants 12 credits towards a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree. The application deadline is November 1, 2005. For qualifications and complete information on this opportunity, go to the Web site: <http://www.unitedwaynyc.org/?id=48&pg=senior>.

The **First Data Western Union Foundation Scholarship Program** seeks individuals who have overcome challenges, exemplify initiative, exhibit a commitment to learning and working hard, and demonstrate financial need. The Foundation looks beyond criteria such as Grade Point Average, SAT scores, school rank, or career choice; special consideration is given to applicants who show academic promise and a strong desire for advancing their educational and career goals. A high school diploma or GED is required. Renewable and one-time scholarships range from \$500 to \$3,000. Scholarship deadlines are December 1 and June 1. For more information, go online to: <http://www.firstdatawesternunion.org> .

Black Excel has created a 200 organization scholarship list focused on the African-American community and first generation college attendees. Remember, most organizations provide scholarships on an annual basis, students are advised to target "good" scholarship sources and apply every year. For additional information, view: <http://www.blackexcel.org/25scholarships.htm>