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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

** **October 19**– A conference on “No Child Left Behind: School and Community Collaborations” will be held from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the Police Athletic League Harlem Center, 441 Manhattan Avenue. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Edward T Joyner, Professor of Education and Director of Urban Initiatives, Sacred Heart University, New Haven Connecticut. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For reservations, contact April Chambers (212) 442-5894; for information, contact Nitza Monges (212) 676-8183.

** **November 3** – Reminder: 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 free conference, “You Think You Know: Voices and Positive Lessons from Runaway and Homeless Youth.” Youth presenters, supported by relevant providers, will share experiences and provide practical tips for youth professionals to identify and serve runaway and homeless youth, with a focus on prevention techniques. It will be held at the Harlem PAL, 441 Manhattan Avenue, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Contact Robyn Causey for additional information: (212) 676-8260.

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

DYCD’s Approach to serving Disconnected Youth Presented at Hofstra Conference

On September 16, Miguel Almodovar, Assistant Commissioner for Youth Employment Programs, participated in a panel at the “Youth in the Global Economy” conference hosted by Hofstra University’s Center for the Study of Labor and Democracy. Mr. Almodovar presented DYCD’s coordinated and comprehensive program for disconnected youth that emphasizes job training coupled with continuing education for this difficult-to-reach population.

PROGRAM UPDATES

**Out of School Time (OST) Program Management Tool Goes Online

On August 31, DYCD’s enrollment and attendance tracking system - *OST Online* -went live on the internet at www.nycoutofschooltime.com. *OST Online* is a comprehensive web-based enrollment and attendance tracking system; service providers at all 558 OST programs will be directly inputting participant and program data, including demographics and attendance records. The system, specifically developed with OST providers in mind, can be used as an administrative and programmatic management tool.

September 19 marked the beginning of OST programs. There is currently open enrollment for registration; to locate a program in a specific neighborhood, or for other information on OST, go to the Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd> .

**** DYCD Youth Board/Youth Council Presents CAPITAL and Tackles Challenges of Disconnected Youth**

On September 8, DYCD hosted the Youth Board and Workforce Investment Board Youth Council at the Economic Development Corporation. Youth Board Chair, Rich McKeon, provided an overview of CAPITAL 2006 (Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training, and Leadership), the Board and Council's initiative to seek corporate sector summer jobs for outstanding former Summer Youth Employment Program participants, concentrating on efforts to arrange corporate career orientations this fall.

Youth Council Chair, Reg Foster, described the plans to address disconnected youth. These strategies include: convening stakeholders for a series of policy breakfasts; coordinating with the Young Adult Task Force on the release of their disconnected youth report; and working with the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC).

**** ICC Creates Workgroup to Focus on Disconnected Youth**

On September 20, the Interagency Coordinating Council on Youth (ICC) met to begin a year-long focus on disconnected youth, the population of young people who are neither in the education system nor in the workforce. Mark Levitan, Senior Policy Analyst of the Community Service Society, presented his recent study: "Out of School, Out of Work, Out of Luck? NYC's Disconnected Youth". A lively discussion followed, and a new Disconnected Youth Workgroup was formed to determine how the City's youth-serving agencies can address this concern.

****Beacon Program Offers Mosaic as Gesture of Appreciation for DYCD Support**

On September 15, the University Settlement Beacon program presented a large mosaic artwork, "The Giving Tree" to DYCD as a gesture of solidarity and gratitude for its support of the Beacon program. The project was created by 5th, 6th, and 7th grade girls under the guidance of renowned mosaic artist, Valarie Carmet, and was inspired by Shel Silverstein's book, "The Giving Tree." Commissioner Mullgrav accepted the artwork on behalf of the Department; it is now hanging in the 6th floor reception area.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****YOUTH****

Nike announces funds to assist community-based, youth-oriented organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks (*Bowerman Track Renovation Program*.) Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. Approximately \$200,000 is available to fund awards up to \$50,000. A match is required. For further information, go to:

<http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=giving>

Home Depot and **KaBOOM** announce the availability of funds to support community projects that enlist volunteers and individual donations to build and renovate recreational spaces to encourage children to engage in physical activities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is November 30. Awards ranging from \$2,000-\$47,000 are available. For further information, contact Sarah Pinsky at spinsky@kaboom.org; or go online to:

<http://www.kaboom.org/index.html>

Tiger Woods Foundation grants provide opportunities to children who are underserved, focusing on programs and projects that enhance the learning process for children and transitional programs for young adults to become productive adults. Maximum Award: \$25,000. Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations; The deadline for applications is Nov 1. See the Web site for further stipulations:

<http://www.twfound.org/grants/deadlines.sps?itype=7610>

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area announces that programs for children, schools, and non-profit organizations looking for funds to support activities that benefit children in the areas of health, education, civic and social services may apply for a grant. The deadlines are

December 1st for February meeting, April 1st for June meeting, August 1st for October meeting. For more information, contact: 973-403-0390 or <http://www.rmhcnyj.org/>.

Lowe's, International Paper, and National Geographic have launched an *Outdoor Classroom Grant Program* to fund outdoor learning environments for K-12 public schools around the United States. Ranging from flower, vegetable, and Butterfly gardens to small ponds, nature trails, or bird sanctuaries, outdoor classrooms can vary in complexity based on a school's available resources. More elaborate outdoor learning environments may include a laboratory for testing water and soil quality, a greenhouse, wetlands, an arboretum, or a shelter. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis and will be reviewed three times a year. For complete information, go to: <http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowes/Community>

2006 **SeaWorld/Busch Gardens/Fujifilm Environmental Excellence Awards** recognize the outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the country who are working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. Maximum Award: \$10,000. Eligibility: All schools (grades K-12). The application deadline is Wednesday, November 30, 2005. Go to: <http://www.seaworld.org/conservation-matters/eea/about.htm>

The **Environmental Protection Agency** has announced the release of the *2006 Environmental Education Grants Program*. This document solicits grant proposals to support environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop aware and responsible students, teachers, and citizens. The grant program provides financial support for projects which design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques as described in this notice. The application deadline is November 23. For additional information, view the solicitation online at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/05-19708.htm>

The goal of the **W.K. Kellogg Foundation Youth and Education Program** is to improve learning outcomes for vulnerable children and youth. These grants focus on innovation-supporting new ideas about how to engage children and youth in learning and new ways to bring together community based systems that promote learning. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with 501c(3) status. There are rolling deadlines. More information is available online at: <http://www.wkcf.org/Programming/Overview.aspx?CID>

The **National Education Association (NEA) Foundation** offers NEA Fine Arts grants to NEA members. Available to elementary (grades K-6) school art specialists through local NEA affiliates, the grants allow fine arts educators to create and implement programs that promote learning among students at risk of school failure. The application deadline is February 1, 2006. For complete information, go to: <http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/finearts.htm>

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

The **Twenty-First Century Foundation (21CF)** supports national and local programs that serve black America. In the last 30 years, 21CF has awarded more than 350 grants to dynamic community organizations that make a difference in the lives of black children, families and communities. The Foundation is committed to supporting organizations claiming equity, equality and the integrity of all black people. For complete information, view online at: <http://www.21cf.org/GrantmakingGuidelines.html>

Singer Jimmy Buffet's **For Change Charitable Foundation** is interested in funding projects that improve the quality of life for people and empower individuals to effect positive change in their communities. Most likely to be considered are organizations that keep their overhead and low collaborate with other groups in their community to find innovative ways of solving common problems. Grants awarded usually fall in the \$500 to \$10,000 range. Letters of interest preferred. Initial letters of interest may be submitted at any time and are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Contact Judith Ranger Smith, SFC director, 916-363-8132, Email info@singingforchange.com

The **New York State Department of State** has announced the availability of funding through the *New York State Quality Communities Program*. Funds are available for planning projects that revitalize downtowns, develop strong economies and protect environmental resources. Eligible applicants may

apply for grants by submitting proposals that incorporate one or more of the following programs: Inter-municipal Growth, Community Growth, Community Open Space, Mountain Communities, and Community Center. Counties, towns, cities, villages, local public authorities, public benefit corporations, Indian tribes/nations, and not-for-profit corporations are eligible. The application deadline is November 28. Requests for applications and forms along with other pertinent information are available for downloading from the Quality Communities Clearinghouse Web site, <http://www.qualitycommunities.org/>. Other information is available by calling (518) 473-3355 or by sending an e-mail to QC@dos.state.ny.us.

The **Allstate Foundation** provides support to national programs as well as local programs in company communities. Proposals must address needs within one of the following three focus areas to be considered for funding: Tolerance, Inclusion, and Diversity, including teaching tolerance and ending discrimination and hate crimes; Safe and Vital Communities, including disaster response, ending youth violence, and neighborhood revitalization; or Economic Empowerment, including financial education and business skill development. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Visit the website listed above for application guidelines:

<http://www.allstate.com/foundation/>

LEAP (Leadership and Enhanced Assistance Program) provides assistance to grassroots environmental groups to build their organizational capacity and make a "leap" forward. The program provides training, support, and funding to help groups establish and meet capacity building goals, learn from each other, and build understanding among peer groups. Each year, LEAP selects a class of six organizations to begin the two-year program. (All workshop travel, lodging, and meals expenses are covered by LEAP.) The application deadline is November 18; visit the Web site for complete program information, eligibility restrictions, priority funding considerations, and application procedures: <http://www.envsc.org/>

The **NEC Foundation of America** makes cash grants to nonprofit organizations in support of the development, application and use of technology by and for people with disabilities. Eligible proposals must demonstrate national reach and impact. Nonprofit with innovative assistive-technology programs for children and adults with disabilities can secure funding. The next deadline for full proposals is March 1. Preliminary proposals can be submitted online at: <http://www.necfoundation.org/toapply/toapply.htm> but full proposals should be in paper form.

The History Channel began the *Save Our History National Grant Program* to encourage educators and historical organizations to join forces to educate students on the history of their local communities. Projects must focus on a significant aspect of community history, such as preservation of a building or historic site/event. The end product must be a permanent resource to be shared with the community, including oral histories, exhibits, a notebook or research documentation or photo/video documentaries. Grant applicants should develop a Save Our History project in partnership with a school or community group. Grants will range from \$1,000-\$10,000. The deadline is Oct. 21. See the THC web site for details: www.saveourhistory.com

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. CCHD's mission is to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education. communities. CCHD provides two distinct grant opportunities to community- and faith-based organizations. Community Organizing Grants focus on projects in which people work together to address the needs of their community and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Economic Development Grants support Economic Development Institutions that develop assets for low-income people that are owned by families and communities. Both grant applications are due February 1, annually. Visit the Web site for more information: <http://www.usccb.org>

For the second year in the United States, three women will be honored with the **Yves Rocher Foundation Women of the Earth Awards** (*Terre de Femmes Award*). Any woman age 18 and above who is working within an organization, and is conducting a program that benefits nature and humanity is eligible to compete. To do so, one must fill out the Terre de Femmes "Women of the Earth" Awards application form and provide a written and visual detailed description of her program, its accomplishments, funding requirements and long-term prospects, before October 31st. For additional

information and an application, go to:

http://www.yvesrocherusa.com/shop_app/app_US/jms.jsp?&nav=topic&topicId=577&noFrame

The **JPMorgan Chase Foundation** provides support to nonprofits in the United States and globally in the following program areas: Community asset development - to encourage community development and economic empowerment. Youth education - to enhance educational initiatives for public education, from early childhood programs to pre-collegiate schooling. Community life - to enrich communities with sponsorships and events focused on arts and culture. The grant application process involves two phases - a preliminary inquiry and, if accepted, an invitation to apply. Inquiries are only accepted through local grants officers. There are no deadlines for submission. Use this link to locate the nearest JPMorgan Chase office: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/cm/cs?pagename=Chase/Href&urlname=jpmc/community>

American Association of University Women (AAUW) is offering two types of *Community Action Grants*: one-year grants provide seed money for new projects (\$2,000-\$7,000 over one year.) Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equity for women and girls. Two-year grants provide start-up funds for longer-term programs that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities (\$5,000-\$10,000 over two years.)

The application deadline is: January 15, 2006. For more detailed information, go to:

http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm.

Annually, **Men's Wearhouse** stores are allocated a certain budget to contribute through gift cards, merchandise or tuxedo rentals to local nonprofit organizations for their fundraising efforts. Every Men's Wearhouse store is given its own donation budget. To obtain a donation from a local store, please click on donation form, and print it. Once completed, send it or drop it off at the store nearest you, attention to the store manager. At the corporate level, Men's Wearhouse has teamed up with organizations that help men who have faced homelessness, addiction, and poverty, and conquered them.

<http://www.menswearhouse.com/>

The **Bikes Belong Coalition Grants Program** is dedicated to creating a network of communities throughout the United States where people of all ages will have the ability to bicycle for recreation and transportation. Its mission is to put more people on bicycles more often. Their maximum award is: \$10,000; the application deadline is November 28. View additional information online at:

<http://bikesbelong.org/site/page.cfm?PageID=21>

Domino's Pizza Charitable Events Program offers donations for charitable organizations seeking pizza donations for a specific event. Organizations are encouraged to submit written requests to local Domino's Pizza stores in their communities. Local franchised owned stores welcome the opportunity to participate in community-related and activities. Use the store locator on their Web site to find the Domino's Pizza store in your neighborhood: <http://www.dominos.com/>

The **Doris Duke Foundation** strives to improve the quality of people's lives by preserving natural environments, seeking cures for diseases, nurturing the arts and helping to protect needy children from abuse and neglect. The foundation welcomes two page Letters of Inquiry from non profit organizations working in the foundation's areas of interest. Although a majority of the foundation's grants are awarded through competitive (Request for Proposal) processes or by invitation, staff members continuously research opportunities for the foundation's programs. Staff will respond to Letters of Inquiry within two months. Info: <http://www.ddcf.org>

The **Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People** announces the availability of funds to support efforts on the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people in the U.S. seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. For further information, contact the Presbyterian Committee at sdop.ctr.pcusa.org, or go to:

<http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/applicationprocess.htm>.

BoatU.S. Foundation announces funds to develop innovative projects that promote safe boating on local waterways. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is November

1. Awards range up to \$4,000. For further information, contact BoatU.S. at (703) 461-2878; or go to: <http://www.boatus.com/foundation/>.

****MINI GRANTS****

Youth Leaders for Literacy is an initiative of the National Education Association (NEA) and Youth Service America (YSA) to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. The National Education Association will award 20 grants of \$500 each to student-led initiatives. Grant applications should propose youth leadership in developing and implementing a literacy project that begins on NEA's Read Across America Day, March 2, 2006 and culminates on National & Global Youth Service Day, April 21-23. To be eligible for grant funds, applicants must include a scheduled activity (read aloud session, trip to the library, book-making, etc.) each week of the project period as part of the proposed service project. Applicants ages 21 and younger are eligible to apply as individuals or as groups. Grant applications must be postmarked by November 21, 2005. For more information or to download an application, visit <http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/youthleaders.html>

The **HEAR ME Project** has teamed up with **Think MTV** to launch the second annual National HIV/AIDS Story-Writing Competition for youth at-risk. The contest was created to get young people thinking about their personal vulnerability to HIV/AIDS. The story-writing competition invites young people ages 14-22 to send in original stories about vulnerability to HIV and AIDS. Eligible applicants: all youth ages 14-22. Funding amount: the winner will receive a \$500 prize and the winner's story will be turned into a short educational film and distributed nationwide to schools, government agencies, community groups, and youth-serving organizations. The story may also be published in print and in online anthologies with other selected entries. The application deadline is December 1. For more information, contact Tyree Oredein at (212) 941-2309 or visit: <http://www.hearmeproject.org>

150 child-centered, outdoor garden programs will receive **Home Depot** gift cards. The *Youth Garden Grants Program* emphasizes education, plant-to-food connections, environmental awareness, entrepreneurship, or social aspects of gardening. The maximum award is \$500 gift cards for the purchase of gardening materials and supplies. Eligibility: Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States. Applicants must plan to garden in 2006 with at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 years. Deadline: November 30, 2005. <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp>

RESOURCES

The **National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth** (NCFY) produces technical assistance and educational publications on behalf of the Family and Youth Services Bureau. Each document is available for downloading in HTML and Adobe Acrobat. For access to all documents and publications, go to: <http://www.ncfy.com/TA-pub.htm> .

No Child Left Behind fact sheets are available on one Web page. Topics covered include academic subjects, information for parents, material on student achievement, and fact sheets on the supplemental educational services pilot programs and charter schools. A Supplemental Educational Services Tool Kit is available online at <http://www.tutorsforkids.org/> or by calling toll-free 866-544-8686. View online: <http://www.ed.gov/news/opeds/factsheets/index.html?src=gu>

The **Verizon Foundation** has launched a Nonprofit Resource Center that offers online and offline training in planning, technology, communications, fundraising, recruitment and evaluation. The center is powered by five nonprofit partners that offer a total of roughly 100 classes a year, plus online resource libraries. Qualified 501(c)3 organizations can apply each quarter, with 1,200 training seats available the first year, and will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. The center is designed to help nonprofits increase their technology capacity and create sustainable positive change in the communities they serve. For more information, go online to: <http://foundation.verizon.com/resourcecenter/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The New York State Alliance for Arts Education (NYSAAE) has received a grant from the Dana Foundation to help teaching artists and arts specialists work effectively in schools and communities throughout the State. Part of the grant will help NYSAAE produce a toolkit of resources for arts in education (integrating the arts) and art education (teaching the arts as their own discipline). To ensure that the toolkit's contents respond to diverse needs, they are asking a sample of New York State practitioners to fill out a survey at the link below. Please go to:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/recipient/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB224M4TUG8Q8> or contact: Lainy Slyder at (518) 486-7329.

****October 18 – Baruch College (CUNY) Nonprofit Programs** will hold a seminar, “Real Estate for Nonprofit Organizations,” from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at 135 East 22nd Street, Third Floor, Room 301. Space is limited and an RSVP is required. Call Aditi Aggarwal: (212) 646-660-6743 or email: nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu for reservations.

****October 18 – ArtSPAES** will hold a Roundtable Meeting at the Capital Repertory Theatre, 23 Monroe Street, Albany, NY from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M. (lunch will be provided). This meeting is for arts education professionals working with special populations and in alternative educational settings. Contact Amy Williams at director@nysaae.org or Lainy Slyder, exec@nysaae.org; or call (518) 473-0823 for more information.

****October 19 – Families Together in NYS, Inc.** and the **NYS Education Department - VESID** will be sponsoring a meeting to discuss the State Performance Plans and Annual Performance Plans newly required for children with special education needs in NYS. It will be held from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Families Together in NYS Offices, 737 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. Registration is required; call Laurie Rivera at (518) 432-0333 ext. 20 for a reservation.

****October 20** – more than 7,500 communities and 1 million Americans will rally for afterschool by participating in the 6th annual *Lights On Afterschool*, a project of the **Afterschool Alliance**. This nationwide event calls attention to the importance of afterschool programs and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open. All programs that register an event will receive 10 free posters, helpful tips and emails, and their events will be promoted to media and the public. To sign up to be an event host or find an event, please go to: www.afterschoolalliance.org/lights_on/index.cfm

****October 20** – Thanks to a grant from The Richmond County Savings Foundation, the **Staten Island Children’s Museum** is free to the public in commemoration of Sukkot. Other free school holidays for the year are: Election Day: November 8th; Veteran’s Day: November 11th; and the Winter Recess: December 26th and 30th. For more information, please contact the Children’s Museum at (718) 273-2060.

****November 1 – Governance Matters** will be sponsoring a conference, “Ethics Matters! The Dilemma of Decisions,” from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Kimmel Center, at New York University. The Keynote Speaker will be Ben Cohen, Co-Founder of Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream. For registration and additional information, go to the Web site: <http://www.governancematters.org/web/web/Events/Conferences/2005ConferenceAgenda/tabid/110/Default.aspx>

****November 14** – The **Foundation Center** is holding a Proposal Writing Seminar at the Center's New York City office, located at 79 Fifth Avenue; the cost is \$195. The class will teach attendees techniques for writing proposals, how to foster strong working relationships with grantmakers, new trends in grantmaking, and more. For more information, visit <http://www.fdncenter.org/>, or call (800) 424-9836.

****November 20-22 –The Partnership for After School Education (PASE)** will hold its 2005 national conference, “Shaping Our Future in Out of School Time,” at the New York City Ritz Carlton Hotel. Educators and leaders or coordinators of after-school programs are encouraged to attend. The conference will cover such topics as research, innovative after-school programs, and support and resources for such programs. It is designed not only to educate participants but also to generate ideas

and capitalize on group brainstorming. The registration fee is \$311.50 for PASE members and \$363.00 for nonmembers, and participants get a special \$239 rate at the Ritz Carlton. For more information, visit www.pasesetter.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Do Something 2006 Brick Awards honors young leaders for their work in the areas of community development, the environment, and health. Eligible Winners in the under-18 age category will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship, as well as a \$5,000 grant to be used toward continued community service. Winners in the 19-25 age bracket will each receive a \$10,000 community-service grant. For further information, contact Do Something at (212) 254-2390 or brick@dosomething.org; or go to: <http://www.dosomething.org/>