



**JULY @DYCD**

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## DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

### \*\* June 26 - Summer Fun Guide Released for 2006

The New York City Youth Guide to Summer Fun 2006, an annual DYCD resource of free and low-cost activities and events throughout the five boroughs, is now available online at <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>. The guide also includes a listing of New York City pools and barbeque sites in public parks, and "Places to Explore".

## SPOTLIGHT NEWS

### \*\* Commissioner Mullgrav Chosen as Aspen Ideas Fest Fellow

On July 6-9, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav participated in the Aspen Institute's Aspen Ideas Festival as an Ideas Fest Fellow. The gathering convened leading policymakers, scholars, artists, historians, and journalists to address critical social issues; twenty-one individuals are chosen by the Institute for their leadership and accomplishments in the public sector.

### \*\* Scottish Delegation on a Study Tour Visits DYCD

On June 21-23, DYCD hosted 25 students and 2 advisors from the University of Glasgow, Bachelor of Community Learning and Development Program, engaged in an enquiry of community leadership, social action, and sustainable change. Following an extensive site visit to the PAL Brownsville Beacon program where they observed a demonstration of the ComNET initiative, the group was given an overview by DYCD staff on Beacons, Runaway/Homeless, Adult Literacy, Youthline, Neighborhood Development Areas, Neighborhood Advisory Boards, and the Community Action Board.

### \*\* Commissioner Mullgrav Provides OST Update at PASE Funder's Breakfast

On July 12, Commissioner spoke at the Partnership for After School (PASE) annual Funder's breakfast, spotlighting the successes of the first year of the redesigned OST system: participant rolls exceeded expectations, the OST Online project (the web-based management system) has expanded and continues to be developed, and a five-year business plan has been completed. Funders in attendance included: The Wallace Foundation, The New York Community Trust, Moody's Foundation, Aetos Capital, Greyhawke Capital Advisors LLC, JP Morgan Private Bank, Picower Foundation, SI Bank and Trust Foundation, The Atlantic Philanthropies, Stella & Charles

Guttman Foundation, The Jean & Louis Dreyfus Foundation, Tiger Foundation, The Starr Foundation, The Pinkerton Foundation and The Fund for the City of New York.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### **\*\*Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Gets Underway**

On July 5, the 2006 SYEP began, with enrollment expected to match the same number as last year (41,600). Over 4,300 public and private worksites located throughout the City of New York will employ participants in the program (including JP Morgan Chase, JC Penney's, NBC Universal, the Princeton Review, UPS and the Staten Island Yankees and Brooklyn Cyclones baseball teams). Youth will again be paid with Visa logo debit cards which may be used at ATMs or to make in-store purchases; debit-card training videos have been updated and new financial literacy workshops have been added to the program. The first payroll is scheduled for Friday, July 21.

### **\*\*NASDAQ Hosts Launch of DYCD's CAPITAL Program**

On June 26, DYCD held a breakfast reception and press conference to announce the launch of CAPITAL (Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training and Leadership). A new youth workforce development program, it provides paid corporate summer internships to promising New York City high school juniors and seniors. It is an outgrowth of the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). This model program provides young people with real-life workplace exposure while private sector companies reap the benefits of an enthusiastic and diverse pool of future employees.

The event was well attended by stakeholders and CAPITAL participants. Edward Knight, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of NASDAQ delivered welcoming remarks. He was joined by Richard F. McKeon, DYCD Youth Board Chairman and senior philanthropic advisor at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, and Andre Harrell, recording industry entrepreneur and SYEP alumnus. Steven Orr and Joshua Rosario, CAPITAL participants expressed their appreciation for this unique opportunity. For more information, and to view a slideshow of the CAPITAL 2006 Launch at NASDAQ, go to:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/resources-capital-nasdaq-slideshow.html>

### **\*\*GirlsREACH Program Ramps Up**

On July 5, 6, and 7, NYC GirlsREACH participated in orientation sessions at DYCD. A joint effort of the Commission on Women's Issues and DYCD, the program connects high school students with internships in the public and private sector. The interns created a code of conduct for the program, toured City Hall, visited their worksites, and heard presentations on health issues, rights on the job, workplace etiquette and attire, as well as the current state of the labor market and career exploration. Participants have started their work assignments and will attend employment-related workshops every Friday throughout the summer. For more information on the GirlsREACH program, go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/news-20060322.html> .

### **\*\*OST Summer Programs Underway**

On July 3, the OST summer program began, serving over 10,000 elementary and middle-school children throughout New York City. These programs will stay open 10 hours a day for 8 weeks, providing educational, recreational and cultural activities for youngsters and meeting the needs of working parents.

### **\*\*Building Bridges Forum Held in Bushwick**

On June 29, DYCD, in collaboration with Assemblyman Vito Lopez, organized a Building Bridges forum for the community of Bushwick. Opening remarks were made by DYCD staff members and information was disseminated regarding access to public and private resources.

Representatives from the Community Resource Exchange, Independence Community Foundation, Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island, Lawyers Alliance for New York, New York Foundation, Nonprofit Connection, and the Robin Hood Foundation, participated in a panel discussions, as well as authorities on organizational development and financial management.

### **\*\*ICC Public Hearing Centered on Disconnected Youth**

On June 29, the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) convened its annual public hearing at the Department of City Planning with welcoming remarks from Commissioner Mullgrav, Director of the ICC. In keeping with the ICC focus this year on the issue of disconnected youth in New York City, DYCD requested that testimony from stakeholders and the general public also focus on this topic of concern. DYCD reached out to youth leaders for their informed views.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

The **Ruddie Memorial Youth Foundation** aims to identify and disseminate innovative and effective practices for helping under privileged youth reach their full potential. The Foundation accomplishes its mission by offering grants to help identify innovative methods that are effective. Eligible organizations include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is August 1. Awards ranging from \$5,000 - \$20,000 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.rmyf.org/grants.cfm>.

**Captain Planet** announces funds to support hands-on environmental projects that empower children and youth (6 through 18) around the world to work to solve environmental problems in their communities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is September 29. Awards ranging from \$500 - \$2,500 are available. Go to: <http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html> for further information.

**Mattel**, and the **Mattel Children's Foundation** announces funds to assist projects that address: 1) supporting the health and well-being of children through programs that directly address the physical or mental health of children or increase access to health care services for children in need; 2) increasing access to education, promoting literacy to children in need, and resources that promote after-school educational achievement; and 3) promoting self-esteem of girls and increasing access to health, education, and community resources for girls. The deadline for applications is September 30; awards ranging from \$5,000 - \$25,000 are available. 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 **Mockingbird Foundation** announces 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 levels, income, or education; with disabilities or terminal illnesses; and in foster homes, shelters, hospitals, prisons, or other remote or isolated situations. The deadline for applications is August 1. Awards ranging from \$50 to \$5,000 are available. View online at: <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding/guidelines.html> .

**Best Buy** supports local communities through charitable donations made by stores. Each Best Buy store has an annual donation budget to contribute to youth-oriented, nonprofit organizations. If your organization fits within the focus area, please visit the store nearest you to pick up a Store Donation Application. Store personnel will review all applications and make funding decisions. Store based funding is limited. All decisions are made at the discretion of the store and all decisions are final. The store donation request process generally takes six to eight weeks for a decision. For additional information on this process, go to:

<http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/storedonations.asp>

The **National Gardening Association** (NGA) announces that The Home Depot has returned as their Youth Garden Grants sponsor for 2007. NGA awards 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 or curricular/program integration; 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. Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible. Applicants must plan to garden in 2006 with at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 years. Winning programs will receive education materials from NGA and Home Depot gift card. November 1 is the application deadline. View information online at: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

**Hilton Hotels** provides grants ranging from \$2,000-\$10,000 for education, health and youth programs in areas where it has operations. There are no deadlines, but applications are reviewed each fiscal quarter. E-mailed or faxed applications are not accepted. Applications must be mailed to Contributions Review Committee, Hilton Hotels Corp., 9336 Civic Center Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Nonprofits can download the grant application at:

[http://www.hiltonworldwide.com/en/ww/company\\_info/philanthropy\\_citizenship.jhtml](http://www.hiltonworldwide.com/en/ww/company_info/philanthropy_citizenship.jhtml) .

The **Starbucks Foundation** offers funding for youth literacy programs through its *Voice Program* and will support programs for youth, ages 6-18 that integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live. The Starbucks Foundation invites Letters of Inquiry from qualifying organizations that work with underserved youth in one of two areas: 1) Arts & Literacy — programs that innovatively address literacy and learning for the 21st century, provide high standards of excellence in mastering basic skills, and promote youth voices through a variety of venues; and 2) Environmental Literacy — programs that offer place-based approaches to addressing environmental literacy and empower youth to be heroes for a sustainable environment in their own communities. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. September 1, 2006 (and March 1, 2007) are the deadlines for letters of inquiry. For more information, go online to:

<http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grantinfo.asp?cookie%5Ftest=1&fav%5Ftest=1>

The **National Football League Youth Football Fund** (NFL YFF) provides nonprofit, neighborhood-based organizations with financial and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields. Projects must be sponsored by non-profit community-based organizations registered as tax-exempt under IRS Section 501(c)(3), or middle or high schools. In addition, all organizations applying for funds must be located specifically and exclusively within NFL target markets and serve low- to moderate-income areas within those markets (see Web site for details). Grants of up to \$200,000 for capital improvement projects will be awarded. The application deadline is August 31; for more information and guidelines, go to:

<http://www.lisc.org/section/areas/sec3/youth/request/> .

The **Teammates for Kids Foundation** support the on-going work of operating organizations that help needy children in the areas of health, education and inner-city services. To qualify for a grant from the Teammates for Kids Foundation, an organization must: be a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service; have a record of outstanding service in effectively and efficiently delivering programs and services that improve the lives of needy children; serve children's needs in the areas of health, education or providing inner-city services; deliver services which impact the lives of children, both short and long-term; and ensure that 100% of grant monies received from the Teammates for Kids Foundation are used for the exclusive benefit of children. Grants are offered at a maximum of \$50,000. February 1, 2007 is the application deadline. For guidelines, go to: [http://www.touchemall.com/apply\\_for\\_grant/apply\\_grant.htm](http://www.touchemall.com/apply_for_grant/apply_grant.htm)

The **Ford Motor Company** announces funds to assist programs and projects that focus on the following areas: education, including K-12 and higher education; community development, including diversity, youth, and cultural exhibitions; and auto-related environment and safety. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is no deadline for applications. For further information, go to: <http://www.ford.com/en/goodWorks/fundingAndGrants/fordMotorCompanyFund/default.htm> .

**Office Depot's** mission is to support programs that directly impact the health, education, and welfare of children. Eligible applicants include independent school districts, nonprofits, faith- and community-based organizations. There is no deadline date for submissions. Go to: <http://www.community.officedepot.com/local.asp> for additional information.

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

The **Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy** announces funds to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The application deadline is September 8. Approximately \$650,000 is available. For further information, contact Kisha Briscoe at [kbriscoe@cfncr.org](mailto:kbriscoe@cfncr.org); or go to: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>

The *Graffiti Hurts National Award program*, run by **Keep America Beautiful**, now is offering funds to stop graffiti vandalism. The goal is to erase the damage graffiti has caused. Funding will be provided in three categories: \$1,000 award for communities under 100,000, \$1,000 award for communities over 100,000, and \$500 awards for the creation of murals in response to graffiti. Graffiti Hurts is a community-based graffiti prevention program, developed in 1997 through KAB and the Sherwin-Williams Company, maker of Krylon paint, popular with graffiti artists. Graffiti Hurts provides resources to help community leaders assess the graffiti problem and initiate graffiti prevention. September 15 is the deadline. Schools, community organizations, nonprofits, and business/professional organizations are eligible. Go online to: <http://www.graffitihurts.org> .

The **Orchard Foundation** provides support for projects in New England and New York in the following areas: environment; children, youth and families; and campaign finance reform. Total funding available for these three program areas is approximately \$400,000 annually. The next concept letter deadline is January 15, 2007. For additional guidelines, contact: Executive Director, P.O. Box 2587, So. Portland, ME 04116, or [orchard@maine.rr.com](mailto:orchard@maine.rr.com), or view online: <http://www.orchardfoundation.org/> .

The **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops** is committed to supporting groups of low-income individuals as they work to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities through

*Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Programs (CCHD)*. By helping the poor to participate in the decisions and actions that affect their lives, CCHD empowers them to move beyond poverty. This organization has funded non-profit projects throughout New York State. Organizations pursuing Community Organizing or Economic Development grants that are not currently receiving such support from CCHD may now submit an Eligibility Quiz online. Eligibility quizzes will be accepted between August 1 and November 1; quizzes for the respective programs as well as instructions for complete application submissions are available through the Web site: <http://www.usccb.org/cchd/grant.shtml>.

**HSBC In The Community Foundation:** HSBC in the Community Inc. was established by the international holding company to support two critical issues: education and the environment. The foundation defines education in its broadest terms and concentrates on underprivileged young people and schools in economically deprived areas. Its focus is on K-12 public schools and postsecondary institutions, as well as adult education, such as public-library programs and welfare-to-work programs. The foundation, as well, will award grants to nonprofit organizations that have programs targeting conservation, sustainable development or environmental education. In addition, public schools and school districts or other government agencies are eligible to receive grants. Deadline: Rolling. Information on Community & Philanthropic Services can be found in the About Us section of the Web site: <http://www.HSBCUSA.com> .

The purpose of The **McKenzie Foundation** is to encourage and support non-profit programs primarily in the areas of education, health, human services, and cultural and environmental concerns. Special consideration will be given to charitable efforts that inspire excellence and encourage personal development. In addition, the Foundation recognizes the power of arts and culture to nurture the vitality of people of all ages and backgrounds.

**American Masterpieces: Choral Music** will celebrate the extraordinary and rich evolution of choral music in the United States. The **National Endowment for the Arts** will provide grants to up to six organizations to host regional choral festivals that will highlight selected repertoire by American composers and include the participation of choral directors, composers. The Arts Endowment anticipates awarding up to six grants, generally ranging from \$25,000 to \$75,000. All grants require a nonfederal match of at least 1 to 1. Nonprofits may apply. The deadline for applications is September 21. Go to: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/AMChoral.html> online.

**American Masterpieces: Musical Theater** will celebrate the collaborative genius, evolution, diversity, and cultural contribution of the American musical theater. Through this component, musical theater work of the highest quality -- that otherwise would not be available -- will be experienced by Americans in communities across the nation. The Arts Endowment anticipates awarding grants in two areas: (1) Home-based or Touring Performances: Up to ten grants generally ranging from \$25,000 to \$75,000. All grants require a nonfederal match of at least 1 to 1. (2) Tour to College and University Presenters: The Arts Endowment anticipates that one award of up to \$150,000 will be made. Additional awards are at the discretion of the agency. A 1 to 1 nonfederal match is required. The deadline for applications is August 28. For additional information and guidelines, go to: <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/AMMusicalTheater.html> .

The **J. Jill Compassion Fund** considers written proposals for cash grants from nonprofit organizations within the United States. Organizations serving homeless or at-risk women and children by providing job training, transitional and/or affordable housing, education, emergency shelter, or other types of aid will be considered upon submission of a grant proposal. Organizations requesting grants must provide proof of 501(c)(3) IRS tax-exempt status, a mission statement, an annual report, a budget for the specific program for which it is requesting

funding, and a description of all services and programs it provides. The J. Jill Group will consider recommending grants only for existing programs; requests should be between \$250 and \$15,000. All grants are made on a one-time basis. The application deadline is December 15; for more information, go to: <http://www.ijill.com/about/community.asp?ArealD=OL> .

The **Nutrition Consortium of NYS** (NCNYS) is the contract administrator of the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP). NCNYS will be releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) this summer to identify agencies that work with low-income populations, and to provide successful applicants with the funding and the training to allow them to conduct food stamp outreach and provide food stamp application assistance to eligible people in their communities. NOEP contracts will be awarded to community-based agencies annually, for up to four consecutive years, starting July 1, 2007. Community-based agencies with 501(c)(3) status providing services in New York State are eligible. A required letter of intent is due in late July 2006, and Questions are due in early August. The deadline for the final application is tentatively set for mid-September. Visit <http://www.hungerNYS.org> for program details and to access the e-form required to request a copy of the RFP.

**Microsoft Community Affairs** announces funds for improving lifelong learning for disadvantaged young people and adults by providing technology skills through community technology centers. A community technology center is a free or low-cost place (in a community center, school, library, housing facility, etc.) where people of all ages and abilities can come to learn about computers, use the Internet, explore new careers, further their education, or participate in community activities. Eligible participants include nonprofit organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. Go to: <http://www.microsoft.com/citizenship/giving/> for more information.

The **KeySpan Foundation** supports educational opportunities that assist people of all ages advance their opportunities for self sufficiency. Grants are made on a competitive basis to non-profit organizations for programs and projects that fall within their major areas of focus: education and environment. They seek to develop partnerships with outstanding organizations that benefit the communities in which they make grants. While grants may be made below the following threshold, in general the KeySpan Foundation will review proposals in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 range depending on the potential impact of the grant, the status of their budget and the worthiness of competing proposals being evaluated. Proposals will be accepted and reviewed on a first come/first served basis through October 31. For guidelines and more information, go to: [http://www.keysenergy.com/corpinfo/community/proposal\\_all.jsp](http://www.keysenergy.com/corpinfo/community/proposal_all.jsp)

The **Cigna Foundation** focuses and support community and civic affairs, culture and the arts, education and health and human services. There is no deadline date for applications. For guidelines, go to: <http://www.cigna.com/general/about/community/index.html> .

The **Citigroup Foundation** provides support to organizations that focus on programs for families and young people: educating the next generation, improving educational opportunities for low-income; and/or building communities and entrepreneurs for the revitalization of low-income communities. There is no deadline date for applications. Go online for information, to: <http://www.citigroup.com/citigroup/corporate/foundation/index.htm> .

The **Ludwick Family Foundation** focuses it's funding on tangible items that tend to remain with an organization such as new vehicles or equipment, equipment replacement and modernization, improvements to facilities, and educational materials. Although many requests fall within the guidelines and certainly merit support, the Foundation is only able to make grant awards to

approximately 20-25 organizations each year. All Foundation grants are to be used exclusively for charitable public benefit purposes. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and are made for a single year. August 31 is the application deadline. View guidelines and more information online at: <http://www.ludwick.org/guide.html> .

The **Environmental Protection Agency** will fund at least one grant of \$50,000 in each of EPA's 10 regions through the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. Community nonprofits are eligible. As with most environmental-justice grants, funds are used to help develop local strategies ensuring minority or low-income communities do not bear more than their fair share of exposure to pollutants. Funds may be used for new activities or to improve existing ones. All projects must help create or develop collaborative partnerships which help educate the community and develop community-based EJ strategies. Applicants must address more than one pollution problem (e.g., air, water, solid waste). The deadline is October 23. Information may be obtained from the EPA regional office; Sheila Lewis, Office of Environmental Justice, 202/564-0152; e-mail: [lewis.sheila@epa.gov](mailto:lewis.sheila@epa.gov); or on the Web site: [www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/publications/ej/grants/rfa-sg-grant-6-13-06.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/publications/ej/grants/rfa-sg-grant-6-13-06.pdf);

The **Avon Foundation** has two key areas of focus: breast cancer and domestic violence. To accelerate its commitment to ending domestic violence, in 2004 the Avon Foundation launched the new *Speak Out Against Domestic Violence* program, which expands a long history of Avon grassroots support of the domestic violence cause. The new Speak Out program supports awareness, education, direct services and prevention programs while developing new community outreach and support for victims. Since launching the new Speak Out program, more than \$1.6 million has been awarded to domestic violence organizations across the US. Grant amounts range from \$1,000 - \$25,000. August 1 is the application deadline. View online: <http://www.avoncompany.com/women/speakout/index.html>

**Building Skills in New York State (BUSINYS)** provides funds to train employed workers in specific skills needed by the applicant business or the industry in which it operates and that lead to potential career growth and increased wages for the trainees. Funds may be used to pay for outside vendors or in-house trainers to provide on-site training, off-site training or distance learning. The position targeted for training must exist and be filled at the time that the application is submitted. The applicant must demonstrate that the training will result in the workers' acquisition of transferable skills. Any award must be expended on program activities in New York State and the employees must be trained to work in New York State upon completion of the training. Total Funding: \$15 million, Amount per Grant: up to \$50,000. Contact: Andrew Gehr, Office of Program Development, (518) 457-0361. The application deadline is December 31. For additional guidelines and information, go to: <http://www.workforcenewyork.org/rfa37-l/rfa37-l.htm>

The **Women's Sports Foundation** is now accepting applications for the *RYKA Women's Fitness Grant Program* to provide financial assistance to fitness programs that: 1) empower and enhance the self-esteem of women aged 25 and older; 2) combine fitness activities and health education; and/or 3) serve women recovering from health and/or emotional challenges. All proposals must demonstrate that the applicant will conduct education programs, produce educational materials, provide fitness participation opportunities, or provide other services that increase women's participation in fitness activities and empower women, enhance their self-esteem and self-sufficiency, and positively impact their lives. Programs must primarily serve women aged 25 and over and may be new or existing. The foundation will provide one \$10,000 grant and eight \$5,000 grants. The deadline is September 8; program guidelines and application are available at the Women's Sports Foundation Web site: <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org> .

The **American Psychiatric Foundation** is making up to \$750,000 in grant funds available over the course of three years (2005-2007) to fund public education, information and outreach initiatives that promote the early recognition and treatment of mental illness. Grants from the foundation can support a wide variety of public education activities in this arena. Eligible applicants include organizations that have been in existence for at least two years and currently maintain a 501 (c) 3 charitable status; American Psychiatric Association District branches and subsidiaries; and organizations need not be mental health programs. Grants may be sought for new initiatives or expansion of current programs. Requests must be for educational, informational or outreach efforts. Efforts may focus on a specific mental disorder, mental illness in general, or target a specific population. The next deadline for funding requests is September 1. For additional information, go to: [http://www.psychfoundation.org/call\\_for\\_proposals.cfm](http://www.psychfoundation.org/call_for_proposals.cfm)

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

**Youth Service America** and **Disney** are offering the *Disney Minnie Grant*, for youth across the globe. These grants of \$500 are for youth (ages 5-14), or the teachers and organizations that engage them, to implement service projects in their community or region. Disney and Youth Service America (YSA) know that youth of all ages can be involved in volunteer service projects and programs. Youth can solve community problems by working with their families, schools, friends, and neighbors. Join hundreds of thousands of young people across the globes that are impacting their communities through service. Grants are available to fund community service projects taking place between Sept. 1 and Sept. 30, 2006. To learn more, download an application and grant guidelines at <http://www.ysa.org/awards> or email [MinnieGrant@ysa.org](mailto:MinnieGrant@ysa.org).

## **RESOURCES**

The **Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2006 KIDS COUNT Data Book** is available in an online database that contains more than 75 measures of child well-being, including the 10 measures used in the annual KIDS COUNT Data Book. It also includes timely data on Education, Employment and Income, Poverty, Health, Basic Demographics, and Youth Risk Factors for the U.S., all 50 states and D.C. Custom graphs, maps, ranked lists, and state-by-state profiles may be generated from the database. To access the database or order a free copy of the report, go to: <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp> .

**Grant Proposal.com** is a site created by Elizabeth Howell Brunner, devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grantwriting consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff. <http://www.grantproposal.com/>

The **Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** has released a guide for child welfare workers to assist caseworkers in effectively involving fathers in case planning and service provision to ensure fathers are having a positive impact on their children's lives. *The Importance of Fathers in the Healthy Development of Children* is the first guide for professionals that focuses specifically on how they can more effectively engage fathers whose children come to the attention of the child welfare system. View this manual on their Web site: <http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/fatherhood/> .

**The New York and New Jersey Grantwriters Network: New York City Opportunities Fund.** A new network of grantwriters who work with nonprofits has formed, called "The New York and New Jersey Grantwriters Network." Through this network, you can search for information on available consultants who can help with grantwriting. This service is free to the nonprofit community and can be accessed through a website called Nonprofit Central NY/NJ at <http://www.npocentrl.net> . After visiting this web site, you can search the 'Quick Consultant

Search' for a grantwriter. You can also click on "Resources," then "Where You Can Find a Consultant" and then select "NY & NJ Grantwriters Network."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\* July 27 – The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities** will hold a *Disability Mentoring Day 2006 Seminar* from 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. at City Hall, City Council Chambers, New York, New York 10007. Learn more about Disability Mentoring Day (this year on October 18) and job readiness. To register for the workshop, contact: Mkada Beach at (212) 788-2830 or email: [DMD@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:DMD@cityhall.nyc.gov). For security purposes, you must confirm your attendance and present valid photo I.D.

**\*\* July 28 – DUE DATE EXTENDED:** Due to the impact of recent flooding across many areas of New York State, both to affected or responding organizations and individuals, the application deadline for the *Prevention of Childhood Overweight and Obesity - Activ8Kids!* RFA # 0601261256 is extended to JULY 28, 2006 by 4:00 P.M. For information regarding this RFP, go to: <http://www.health.state.ny.us/funding/rfa/0601261256/index.htm> .

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

**Target Stores** and the **Tiger Woods Foundation** have restructured *Start Something*, a program that helps young people pursue their dreams and goals and encourages youth leadership and community stewardship. The program is designed to help students identify their goals and choose and prepare for an Action Project based on one of those. Young people between the ages of 8 and 17 can participate in the program. Participating youth who complete the program can apply for a Start Something scholarship ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 that can be used to help winners continue to pursue their goals. Examples include music lessons, sports camps, special educational programs, travel, and the purchase of equipment. Deadlines: Three times a year, the next is Sept. 1. Over the course of the year, the program will award scholarships totaling \$300,000. View more information online at: <http://startsomething.target.com> .

Youth ages 5 to 17 and 18 to 23 are eligible to apply for the *William R. Simms Awards for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy*, awarded by the **Association of Fundraising Professionals** (AFP). The Simms award will be made in each age categories to youth who show "outstanding commitment to the community through direct financial support, development of charitable programs, volunteering and leadership in philanthropy," according to the AFP. Nominations can be made by individual AFP members, an AFP chapter, or a member of the awards committee. Deadline for applications is Sept. 13. Visit the Web site for more information and access to the nomination form: [http://www.afpnet.org/ka/ka-3.cfm?folder\\_id=891&content\\_item\\_id=7967](http://www.afpnet.org/ka/ka-3.cfm?folder_id=891&content_item_id=7967) .

The makers of **Angel Soft®** toilet paper believe that kids who have dedicated themselves to acts of kindness should be rewarded for their efforts. That's why they created the *Angel Soft® Angels in Action® Program*. Children and teens, ages 8-18, will be recognized and rewarded for executing exemplary acts of service to benefit their community, a charity or cause. The "Program of the Year" title will be awarded to the most outstanding service project, regardless of the nominee's age, and the winner will receive \$15,000. Two (2) Grand Prize winners, one in each age category, will receive \$10,000 and five (5) First Prize winners will receive \$1,000. All winners will receive a year supply of Angel Soft® toilet paper. Nominations must be received by October 1, 2006. View form online: <http://www.angelsoft.com/angelsinaction/awardsprogram2006.asp> .