

## AUGUST @DYCD

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### DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

**\*\* August 8–16** - DYCD is sponsoring nine HIV Prevention theatre performances by The Nitestar Program/STAR Theatre Group of St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital Center. The NiteStar Program employs a unique blend of drama and peer education that has proven especially effective in reaching young people. All material is age-appropriate and culturally sensitive.

The schedule of remaining performances is:

2 Manhattan performances at Hunter College Health Sciences Campus – August 14

2 Brooklyn performances at NYC College of Technology – August 15

1 Staten Island performance at the College of Staten Island – August 16

**\*\* September 7** - The next New York City Youth Board/Youth Council quarterly meeting will be held at DYCD, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor auditorium from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

**\*\*September 12** – DYCD has begun to coordinate a series of local Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) Town Hall meetings. These forums signal a new approach for involving the local NABs in advising DYCD in the allocation of CSBG funding. The 43 local Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) help DYCD stay informed about community needs and service gaps, and help determine which programs will be funded. To get an application for membership either contact DYCD at 212-442-5880, or download one from the Web site at <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>. The next Town Hall will be held by Manhattan NAB 10 at 7:00 P.M. at the Harlem State Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Art Gallery.

**\*\* September 26** - Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB), Staten Island 1, has scheduled their first Town Hall Community Meeting at the American Legion Post located at 43 Van Duzer Street Staten Island, New York 10301, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

### SPOTLIGHT NEWS

#### **\*\*DYCD Commissioner Addresses Graduates at the CUNY Preparatory Graduation**

On August 4, DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav spoke at the Commencement Exercises for the CUNY Preparatory Transitional High School. CUNY Prep originated as a pilot project funded by DYCD with federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) youth dollars. The focus of the program is to provide younger high school drop-outs with instruction geared toward obtaining a GED in a youth-friendly, personalized environment. The academic piece is coupled with intensive case management and supportive services. This graduation ceremony marked CUNY Prep's third class of seniors, with 97 young adults receiving their GEDs this year.

### **\*\*DYCD Recipient of OCFS Workforce Investment Act Grant**

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has approved *A Partnership for Youth-WIA* Grant award of \$764,800 to DYCD. This funding will support DYCD's ongoing efforts to provide comprehensive educational and professional resources to vulnerable youth who aspire to rewarding careers, including those who are aging out of the foster care system, disabled, or court-involved.

### **\*\*DYCD Awarded Electronic Records Management Grant**

On July 18, DYCD was awarded a \$ 27,500 Records Management grant from the New York State Department of Education via the City Department of Records. The grant will allow DYCD to conduct a needs assessment for an electronic records management system in which data inputted by OST contractors and related records generated by the agency are compatible with its current Records Retention Schedule.

## **PROGRAM UPDATES**

### **\*CAPITAL Participants Meet to Share Workplace Experiences**

On July 24, DYCD staff held an after-work gathering for the CAPITAL (Corporate Allies Program for Internships, Training and Leadership) participants, hosted by Youth Board Chair, Richard F. McKeon, at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. The meeting was the first opportunity for the young people to get together and reflect on their experiences since beginning work. The evening was a success, with 30 interns able to attend and actively engage in a dialogue about workplace norms and ethics. They also received a presentation on financial literacy, including basic financial tools and the importance of saving.

### **\*\* NYC GirlsREACH Program Provides Unique Learning Opportunities**

On July 27, DYCD and the Mayor's Commission on Women's Issues (CWI) held a welcome reception to show appreciation to all the partners who are contributing to the success of NYC GirlsREACH. The reception was hosted by Ernst & Young and introduced the program participants, their parents and caregivers to the program sponsors, managers, DYCD, CWI and community based organizations. NYC GirlsREACH is a joint initiative of DYCD and CWI that connects high school girls with internships in the private and public sectors.

On August 7, in the CBS Channel 2 News at 5 P.M. newscast, reporter Kerri Lyon featured the NYC GirlsREACH program. The piece focused on how GirlsREACH is helping young women discover professional opportunities for themselves in fields traditionally underrepresented by women.

On August 8, Commissioner Mullgrav accompanied 30 NYC GirlsREACH interns to the New York Liberty/Indiana WNBA game at Madison Square Garden, courtesy of the New York Liberty. Liberty Forward, Ashley Battle. Vice President for Communications and Marketing Amy Scheer, and Assistant Coach Nick DiPillo gave the interns a pep talk before the game. They highlighted a variety of non-traditional career opportunities for women in sports and the importance of academic achievement.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Apply today to be a 2007 Lead Agency with **Youth Service America**. Lead Agencies are organizations across the United States that increase the scope, visibility, and sustainability of National & Global Youth Service Day by leading city, regional, or statewide service projects. Lead Agencies receive a \$2,000 planning grant sponsored by the State Farm Companies Foundation and direct assistance and support from Youth Service America to ensure a successful National & Global Youth Service Day. This application is for organizations that are new to the Lead Agency program or who were not a Lead Agency in 2006. Applications will not be reviewed until after August 31. Go to: [http://www.ysa.org/nysd/nysd\\_leadagency.cfm](http://www.ysa.org/nysd/nysd_leadagency.cfm).

**Youth Service America** and the **U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention** have announced the launch of the *YouthRising* grant program, offering grants of \$2,000 for organizations in the United States to engage high risk and/or gang-involved youth (ages 12-25) in volunteer service to their communities. Community-based groups/organizations, local government agencies, schools, and faith-based groups that have prior experience and documented success working directly with high-risk and/or gang-involved youth are eligible to apply. The program seeks projects that are co-led by youth and adult allies such as parents, counselors, coaches, teachers, youth leaders, etc. A significant portion of the project must take place on National and Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007. The application deadline is October 12. Application materials are available at: <http://www.ysa.org/>.

**Adobe Systems Incorporated** in partnership with five leading youth media organizations developed "*Adobe Youth Voices*". This program is designed to help underserved middle- and high-school aged youth develop critical skills necessary to become active and engaged members of their communities. Adobe Youth Voices will provide young people access to multimedia tools and training, enabling them to explore and comment on their world through video, audio, multimedia, digital art, animation and Web design. To obtain additional information, visit: <http://www.adobe.com/aboutadobe/philanthropy/youthvoices/index.html>.

The **Starr Foundation** is one of the largest U.S. private foundations offering funding to children and family nonprofits. Most children and family services are funded through the medicine / healthcare, human needs and culture priorities. Fundable programs include medical care for the underserved, emergency food, job training, literacy and housing. Proposals must include a succinct cover letter; annual budget; most recent financial statement; annual report; a list of five highest-paid employees, titles and annual compensation; a list of other funding sources; a list of directors and senior management; and a tax-exempt status letter. Applications for multi-year grants, for general operating support and for capacity-building are accepted. There are no deadlines. The foundation board meets regularly during the year and considers applications on a rolling basis. Go to: <http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/starr/#app> for additional information.

The **New York City Opportunities Fund (NYCOF)** is a new funding pool developed by the Overbrook Foundation, Surdna Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, and the Merck Family Fund, administered by the Funders' Collaborative on Youth Organizing. The NYCOF is open to New York City community organizing groups that are actively engaged in youth organizing, specifically in low-income communities. The NYCOF will provide small grants to address typically unmet technical assistance needs and/or collaboration projects defined by youth organizing groups. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis. The first step in the process is to review the guidelines on the Web site. If your project fits into these guidelines, please contact Telesh Lopez, Program Associate, at 212-725-3386 ext. 204 or [tlopez@fco.org](mailto:tlopez@fco.org) to discuss the project you would like to propose for funding. If the project fits within the criteria of the fund, you will be requested to submit a short written proposal. Go to: <http://www.fco.org/sitebody/rfp.htm>.

**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 are three times a year; the next is Sept. 1. Over the course of the year, the program will award scholarships totalling \$300,000. For additional information, go to: <http://startsomething.target.com>.

The **U.S. Soccer Foundation** provides funds to create soccer programs for economically disadvantaged children in urban areas. Those with soccer-specific programs benefiting not-for-profit purposes may apply for funding. *Program Grants* fund projects which develop players, referees and coaches with special emphasis on the economically disadvantaged in urban areas. *Program with Field Enhancement Grants* support efforts focused on the economically disadvantaged in urban areas-which also includes a

construction element such as field renovation. *All Conditions Fields Grants* support projects solely for field development and construction for all playing conditions. All Conditions Fields Program applicants either must own the field or have a 10-year lease to qualify for an application. The next grant cycle will begin on Sept. 1, when online registration commences; the submission deadline is Nov. 15. Go to: [www.ussoccerfoundation.org](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org) for information online.

The **Ittleson Foundation** is accepting applications for its *AIDS Grants* program. The purpose of this program is to support prevention efforts, particularly new model, pilot need and the benefits that would result from participating and demonstration projects. Areas of interest include meaningful school-based sex education and the psychosocial needs of adolescents infected or affected by AIDS. Other focus areas include addressing the needs of under-served at-risk populations and responding to the challenges facing community-based AIDS service organizations and those organizations addressing systemic change. September 1 is the application deadline. View information online at: [www.ittlesonfoundation.org/guides.html](http://www.ittlesonfoundation.org/guides.html) .

The *Environmental Excellence Awards*, sponsored by **SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Fujifilm**, recognize exemplary efforts of students, teachers and youth organizations that are protecting and preserving the environment. All schools - public, private and home schools - are eligible to apply, as are community-based youth organizations. Eight winners will be selected to receive: a \$10,000 cash prize; an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and an adult leader to an Anheuser-Busch theme park; 100 t-shirts to share with community partners; and a Fujifilm digital camera. The deadline is November 30. For more information, go to: <http://www.nsta.org> .

The **Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation** accepts proposals for grants from nonprofit organizations that specialize in working with children. Grants from the Foundation support the on-going work of operating organizations that help needy children in the areas of health, education and inner-city services. The next submission deadline is February 1, 2007. For more information, go to: [http://www.teammatesforkids.com/apply\\_for\\_grant/apply\\_grant.htm](http://www.teammatesforkids.com/apply_for_grant/apply_grant.htm) .

The **ASCAP Foundation** funds music education and talent development programs, especially those for aspiring songwriters and composers. Grant range: \$5,000. The application deadline is October 1. For complete information, go to: <http://www.ascapfoundation.org> .

The **Dana Foundation's** *Public School Performing Arts Professional Development grants* offers up to \$75,000 in support for innovative programs leading to improved teaching of the performing arts in public schools. Projects for professional artists teaching performing arts in public schools or in-school arts specialists who teach performing arts in the public schools that originate in New York City; Washington, DC; Los Angeles; and their surrounding areas within a 50-mile radius are eligible. There are no individual awards. The deadline for the Letter of Intent is August 31. For additional information, go to: <http://www.dana.org/grants/artseducation> .

The *Graffiti Hurts National Award* program, run by **Keep America Beautiful**, is now 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 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>.

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

New York State's **Office of Children and Family Services** (OCFS) has released a \$7.3 million Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Services (APPS). The RFP seeks providers for a one-year, TANF-funded program "to develop a comprehensive array of services to at risk, pregnant and parenting adolescents in communities with the highest rates of adolescent

pregnancies". Development of services is to be accomplished through the linking of existing programs and services and use of APPS funds to fill identified gaps. OCFS anticipates making an estimated 28 awards, ranging in size from \$100,000 to \$500,000. A 25% match is required. The programs are scheduled to operate from April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. Contracts will carry renewal options for up to five years. Final proposals for the program are due September 11. Questions must be submitted by August 15th. RFP documents are available at the OCFS Web site:

<https://ocfsws.ocfs.state.ny.us/obl/index.asp?menu=28&grantid=230>.

The **Brooklyn Arts Council** announces the *2007 Community Arts Regrant Program*. Funding is available for Brooklyn-based projects in: visual arts, film/video, media, photography, crafts, folk arts, multi-discipline, literature, dance, music, opera and dramatic theater. Capacity building funds for arts organizations are also available. All applicants must attend at least one seminar prior to applying for funds; seminars are in 2 categories: individual artists, and arts organizations. The application deadline is September 28. More information is available at: <http://www.brooklynartscouncil.org>.

The **Nathan Cummings Foundation** is rooted in the Jewish tradition and committed to democratic values and social justice including fairness, diversity and community. Core programs include arts and culture, the environment, health, inter-program initiatives for social and economic justice, and Jewish life and values/contemplative practice programs. The foundation seeks to work with partners in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Further, the foundation's commitment is to improve people's health and well-being, especially those who confront barriers due to low to moderate socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity and gender. NCF also supports private, public and corporate policies that benefit artists, arts organizations and constituent communities as well as cross-disciplinary strategies that align the arts community with others of similar interests. Deadline: Most grants are approved during two board meetings, in the spring and fall. You must first send the Foundation a two-to-three page Letter of Inquiry; all grant inquiries are acknowledged promptly. Guidelines are available on the Web site: [www.nathancummings.org](http://www.nathancummings.org).

**North Star Fund** provides resources to community organizing and activist groups that are addressing both the root causes and visible manifestations of poverty, racism, homophobia and gender discrimination. The grant application deadline is September 11. For guidelines and more information, go to: <http://www.northstarfund.org/grants/>.

The **JP Morgan Foundation** priorities include housing, community development, the arts, culture and public education. They award community-based organizations \$5,000 to \$50,000; institutional support awards are valued at \$10,000 to \$100,000. 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. The deadlines are rolling. View online at: <http://www.morganchase.com/cm/cs?pagename=Chase/Href&urlname=jpmc/community> for more information and guidelines.

**Symbol Technologies, Inc.** awards two types of grants: *Community and Diversity Grants* through their grants program. Symbol funds innovative educational programs in academic institutions and community organizations with special consideration given to programs that promote Math, Science, Engineering and Technology. The Diversity Grants must target one or more of the following under-represented groups: African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, People with Disabilities, Gays and Lesbians, Asian Americans, Women and Indigenous/Native populations. Symbol receives grant applications on an ongoing basis and makes its funding decisions quarterly. Go to: <http://www.symbol.com/category.php?category=736> for guidelines.

**Google Grants Program** provides in-kind advertising services to nonprofits that harness the power of Google's flagship advertising product: Google AdWords. The grant is aimed at non-profits seeking to inform and engage their constituents online. The program supports organizations that share the company's philosophy of community service worldwide in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Each organization awarded a Google Grant

receives at least three months of in-kind advertising; Google Grants recipients are selected every quarter. There is no deadline for applying. Visit the program's Web site for complete program information, application procedures, and an FAQ: <http://www.google.com/grants/>

**Best Buy** is accepting applications to reward schools for successful interactive programs they have launched using technology to make learning fun for kids. Eligible applicants include all accredited, non-profit public, private, parochial and charter schools that are within 50 miles of a U.S. Best Buy store. The deadline for applications is September 30. Approximately \$3,500,000 is available. For further information, go to: <https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>.

**Staples Foundation for Learning** is accepting applications for *Job Training and Educational grants* for fiscal year 2006. The grants are provided to fund programs that provide job skills and/or education training for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The application deadline is September 15. For more information visit: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org>.

The **Mary Byron Foundation** created the *Celebrating Solutions Awards* to showcase and applaud local innovations that show promise in breaking the cycle of violence. Four awards of \$10,000 are given annually to programs that demonstrate an innovative approach to confronting the root causes of domestic violence and developing solutions to break the cycle and can serve as models for communities throughout the nation. Both the nominated program and the institution must have been operating for a minimum of three years. The nomination deadline is September 16. Visit the Web site for nomination guidelines: [http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/work\\_solutions.html](http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/work_solutions.html)

The **Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund** provides support to community-based programs providing education and out-reach to medically underserved women most in need of breast cancer screening and treatment services, including low-income, older, and minority women. Funding is awarded to organizations that can successfully implement breast cancer early detection programs that include regular mammography screening, clinical breast examination and breast self-examination for women 40 and older. To ensure that smaller community-based organizations receive funding, the Fund will seek to award at least 50% of the grants to organizations with operating budgets under \$2,000,000. In addition, the Fund will award at least one grant in every state and two grants in every state where there is an Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. The application deadline is September 1. For additional information, visit the Web site: <http://www.avonbreastcare.org/> .

The **Arcus National Fund** supports efforts with a national scope and impact to improve the quality of life of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender community. Areas of special interest include social equity, public awareness and understanding, health and safety, and scientific inquiry. Examples of initiatives that work toward this goal include programs aiming to achieve landmark advancements for the GLBT community, organizations providing services to that community nationally, public information campaigns & institutional change efforts. Priorities include programs that promote the dignity/rights of all people-with an emphasis on eradicating discrimination, creating progressive social change, enhancing civil rights, and increasing understanding and respect among diverse populations. The deadline for applications is September 1. The foundation encourages applicants to submit a Letter of inquiry as early as possible in the funding cycle to allow ample time to prepare a formal proposal, if invited. For additional information, go to: [www.arcusfoundation.org/pages/home.shtml](http://www.arcusfoundation.org/pages/home.shtml) .

**Walgreens** is accepting applications for its *Healthcare Grant Program*. The purpose of this program is to support organizations in non-hospital based health. Programs should be located in an area Walgreens serves and should reflect the demographics of the local community. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. Hospitals and single-disease organizations are not eligible. There is a rolling deadline for this grant. For complete information and application guidelines, please visit: <http://www.walgreens.com/about/community/guidelines.jsp#Funding> .

The **New York State Health Foundation**, created through the conversion of Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield to a for-profit company, has issued its first grant solicitation, a request for proposals (RFP) seeking applications from groups that work to expand health insurance coverage, increase access to high-quality healthcare services, or improve public and community health. About 20 one-time grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$150,000 are expected to be awarded this year, along with three to five grants of \$150,000 to \$1 million. Only existing nonprofits and for-profit organizations looking to fund new initiatives or enhance current programs should apply. Programs should have major operations in New York State. The application deadline is Sept. 15. For more information, see the foundation website: <http://www.nyshealthfoundation.org/> .

#### **\*\*MINIGRANTS\*\***

Each fall and spring, **Do Something** gives grants of \$500 each to 30 young people - including 10 Canadians - who submit creative proposals for solving local problems. Members of Do Something's Youth Advisory Council evaluate the proposals and award grants to the most deserving projects in three areas: community building, health, and the environment. A nominee must be 25 years old or younger on May 1, 2007 to receive a 2007 GameStop Youth Grant. The application deadline for a 2007 grant is May 1, 2007 and the deadline for recommendation letters is May 8, 2007. Go to: <http://www.dosomething.org/awards/grants/apply/> online.

The **Pay It Forward Mini-Grants** Program funds one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus -- that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially. Maximum Award: \$500. Schools, churches and community youth groups (with an adult sponsor) are eligible. The deadline for applying is October 15. View information online at: <http://payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html> .

## RESOURCES

The **National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth** (NCFY) has prepared a quick reference guide to aid the media and other researchers in locating information and resources on youth and family issues. Please note that the information is not exhaustive, and the content of sites listed here does not necessarily represent the official position, policies, or views of NCFY, the Family and Youth Services Bureau, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Access the guide at: <http://www.ncfy.com/publications/quickguide.htm> .

*Constructing Equity: the 2006 Programs & Practices That Work - Preparing Students for Nontraditional Careers* project, describes promising practices for improving students' access to career and technical education (CTE) programs that are nontraditional for their gender. It relies on practices utilized by the winners of, and nominees for, the 2006 "Programs and Practices That Work: Preparing Students for Nontraditional Careers" Project award. The Programs and Practices That Work Project was created in 2005 by the Association of Career and Technical Education along with other partners to recognize programs that have successfully raised the enrollment and retention of under-represented students in non-traditional courses. For more information and to download the report, visit: <http://www.nwlc.org/pdf/pptw06.pdf> .

Measuring youth development outcomes is challenging. By its nature, youth development is a broad concept that includes many different outcome and indicator areas. *The Rochester Evaluation of Asset Development for Youth (READY) Tool* was developed to be a brief, easy to use program evaluation tool designed to measure four core youth development outcomes: 1) Basic Social Skills, 2) Caring Adult Relationships, 3) Decision Making, 4) Constructive Use of Leisure Time. This publication (and many others) is available online at <http://www.actforyouth.net/>

**Partnership for Prescription Assistance** These are Web sites for various pharmaceutical companies that provide free or reduced rate medications that they manufacture. Search by the first letter of the drug manufacturer or state: <https://www.pparx.org/ViewCompanies.php> .

**Creative Commons** offers authors, artists, and educators a voluntary "some rights reserved" approach to copyright through its free copyright licenses, which enable anyone — without a lawyer — to designate certain uses of their copyrighted creative works, such as copying and distributing them, while restricting other uses. The Creative Commons Web site supplies information on obtaining licenses for works categorized as audio, images, video, text, or education, and provides a database of existing Creative Commons works that are free for sharing online: <http://creativecommons.org/> .

The **Foundation Center** offers instruction in strategic skills for fundraisers and nonprofit managers and has an interactive approach that encourages team-building through small group exercises and topical discussions. Learn the latest techniques to deal with the challenges that grantseekers and nonprofit managers face today. The fall 2006 schedule of classes is now available. For fees, registration and the new calendar, go to: <http://foundationcenter.org/> . *This announcement is not an endorsement.*

Created by the **Metropolitan New York Better Business Bureau Foundation** with generous support from the NASD Investor Education Foundation, *Get More Money Now: How to Have Better Credit and More Money for Things that Matter*, provides information about credit and debt Issues, retirement plans, basic investments and other resources for financial information. For more information, please contact the better Business Bureau at 212.358.2842 or visit their website at [www.bbbmoneynow.org](http://www.bbbmoneynow.org) to download a PDF brochure.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\*August 27 – Girls for Gender Equity** is proud to organize the first *New York City Festival for Gender Equality* at Von King Park in Brooklyn from 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Open to all New Yorkers, it will feature entertainment by musicians, spoken word artists, and theater performers; workshops and other fun activities for children and adults; free food and giveaways; and appearances from local politicians. Over 50 community organizations will participate.

**\*\*September 16– The Boys & Girls Clubs of America**, along with hundreds of organizations, is honoring young people through the gift of spending meaningful time with a positive adult. Boys & Girls Club Day for Kids is held annually on the third Saturday in September. Millions of adults and children are expected to participate in a variety of activities, such as picnics, parades, street festivals or carnivals. Join the *BGC Day for Kids* festivities by taking the time from your busy schedule to spend meaningful time with a young person. For more information on BGC Day for Kids, visit: <http://www.dayforkids.org/>.

**\*\*September 27– The Federal Trade Commission, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, and the Manhattan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** will host a *Hispanic Fraud Prevention Forum* at the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, One Bowling Green, Suite 318; Doors open at 8:30 A.M. The Forum, which will gather law enforcement and community leaders, will provide an opportunity to learn about the nature and extent of consumer fraud the Hispanic community is experiencing and to develop law enforcement and consumer education strategies for addressing these problems. For more information, go to: <http://www.ftc.gov/HispanicForum> .

**\*\*October 5– The Rensselaerville Institute** will hold a one day Strategic Mapping workshop at the Foundation Center, 79 Fifth Avenue/16th Street, New York, NY 10003-3076, 212-620-4230. This action-oriented alternative to conventional planning provides practical tools for dealing with rapid change. Learn through interactive exercises, the tools and techniques to immediately apply strategic mapping in your organization. We believe that Strategic Mapping offers organizations a refreshingly new and simple way of moving forward to achieve positive results! Leave with a personalized MAP to help you launch your

journey toward outstanding performance. Fee: \$199 per person (includes tuition, materials, & morning coffee service only (no lodging or meals included).

**\*\*October 17 and 18 – The After-School Corporation (TASC) Center for After-School Excellence and the Institute for Urban and Minority Education and the Campaign for Educational Equity at Teachers College - Columbia University** will be sponsoring a workshop to explore the place of arts programming, sports and recreation, cultural enrichment, and community service in after-school education: *More than Academics in After School Education – Education was Always Meant to be Something More*. It will be held at Teachers College at Columbia University - 525 West 120<sup>th</sup> Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue) on Tuesday, October 17, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. and Wednesday, October 18, from 9 A.M. to 12: 30 P.M. Early Registration is \$135 (by September 15), Registration \$175 (after September 15); registration begins July 17. To register, contact: Teacher's College Continuing Education Dept. at (212) 678-3987, or go to: <http://continuingeducation.tc.columbia.edu> . This is also available as a one-credit course; please ask the Continuing Ed department for more details. If taken for credit, this is a graduate level course. TASC will be offering a limited number of scholarships; please contact **Jessica Cubas** at [jcubas@tascorp.org](mailto:jcubas@tascorp.org) or (212) 547-6929.

Panelists will include: Ester Fuchs, Columbia University; Joseph Maloney, Yale University; Edmund Gordon, Teachers College, Columbia University; Robert Halperin, Erickson Institute, Chicago, Ill.; and Eric Nadelstem, New York City Department of Education.

**\*\*October 25-27 – Join Teens for Planet Earth** at the world-renowned Bronx Zoo for the first Teens For Planet Earth Leadership Institute and help teens make a difference! Teachers, educators from living institutions (e.g., zoos, botanical gardens, nature centers), and leaders from national and community-based organizations will learn how to provide effective Teens for Planet Earth programs for young people in their communities. The training will help provide thousands of teens with the skills and support necessary to execute meaningful conservation-based service-learning projects in their communities. They will explore the challenges of team dynamics, how to network with experts and legislators, how to motivate teens by using zoos and other living institutions, and much more. \$100 Registration Fee will be waived if registration is received by September 10. For more information and to download a registration form, please visit: <http://teens4planetearth.com/teenstakeaction/projectleaders/leadershipinstitutes> .

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Through a partnership with the **U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy the Washington Center** is working to help students develop leadership skills and gain valuable work experience in the public sector. The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) offers technical guidance and support to the program. The Washington Center is able to provide a total of 50 competitive scholarship awards in the amount of \$8,500 for students with disabilities interested in working in the executive, judicial or legislative branches of the federal government during the fall 2006 and spring 2007 semesters (scholarships are not available in the summer). For more information, go to: [http://www.twc.edu/disability\\_about.shtml](http://www.twc.edu/disability_about.shtml) .

The **White House Internship Program** provides a unique opportunity to learn more about the daily operations of the White House. In addition to normal office duties, interns attend weekly lectures, volunteer at special events, participate in tours, and contribute to a community service project in the Washington, D.C. area. White House Internships are unpaid positions and participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation and housing. Approximately 100 interns are chosen each spring, summer, and fall to participate in this highly competitive program. View guideline online at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/wh-intern.html> .

**Artists' Fellowships** are \$7,000 cash awards made to individual originating artists living and working in the state of New York for unrestricted use. Grants are awarded in 16 artistic disciplines, with applications accepted in eight categories each year. In the 2006-07 cycle, the following categories will be reviewed:

computer arts; crafts; film; nonfiction literature; performance art/multidisciplinary work; poetry; printmaking/drawing/artists' books; and sculpture. Artists' Fellowships are chosen based on the single criterion of work that demonstrates a compelling vision. Matriculated students are not eligible to apply. Since the awards began in 1985, **NYFA** has awarded over \$22 million to over 3,555 artists. The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, October 3. For further information on Artists' Fellowships, call (212) 366-6900 x217, or email [nyfaafp@nyfa.org](mailto:nyfaafp@nyfa.org).

The **William T. Grant Foundation Distinguished Fellows Program** RFP for mid-career influential researchers, policymakers, and practitioners has been reissued and applications are now being accepted for awards to be made in 2007. The goal of the Distinguished Fellows Program is to increase the supply of, demand for, and use of high-quality research in the service of improved youth outcomes. To accomplish this, they are pilot testing a fellowship program so that mid-career practitioners/policymakers can spend extended time working in a research setting. Likewise, researchers can spend extended time working in a practitioner/policymaking setting. The Foundation requires all applications to be submitted online. The deadline for submission is November 3. To download the PDF RFP, go to: <http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org>

The **George A. and Eliza Howard Foundation** awards a limited number of fellowships each year for independent projects in fields selected on a rotational basis. Approximately ten fellowships will be offered for the 2007-2008 fellowship year to support persons engaged in independent projects in the following fields: Visual Arts, Media Studies, and the History of Art and Architecture. Stipends for one year (normally) are \$25,000. There are no residency requirements. Go to: [http://www.brown.edu/Divisions/Graduate\\_School/howard/](http://www.brown.edu/Divisions/Graduate_School/howard/) for more information and an application.

Each year, the **Do Something BRICK Awards** honor 9 outstanding leaders under 25 who use their talents to take action that measurably strengthens their local communities in the areas of community building, health, or the environment. Each of the "18 and under" winners is awarded a \$5,000 higher education scholarship and a \$5,000 community grant (to be directed by the award winner to the not-for-profit organization of his or her choice). Winners in the "19-25" category each receive a \$10,000 community grant. The application deadline for a 2007 BRICK Award is October 25 and the deadline for recommendation letters is November 1. For guidelines and additional information, go to: <http://www.dosomething.org/awards/brick/apply/>.

The **Professional Artists Lab** and the **California NanoSystems Institute** at the **University of California, Santa Barbara** will continue their collaboration with the second *STAGE* International Script Competition, open to plays about science and technology. The winning script will receive \$10,000; a staged reading with a cast of professional actors and simultaneous participation in an awards event with distinguished professionals from the worlds of theatre, film, science and technology; and the opportunity to go through the Professional Artists Lab's development process, which includes access to advice and guidance from professional theatre and film artists as well as experts in the fields of science, engineering and technology. All entries must be postmarked on or before January 15, 2007. For additional information and guidelines, go to: <http://www.cnsi.ucsb.edu/stage/guidelines/guidelines.html>.

The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** has announced that it will add \$58 million to expand its \$1 billion Millennium Scholars program to target low-income and minority students seeking a graduate degree in public health. The foundation says it will help 20,000 students over 20 years. The new scholarship money will be used to increase the number of minorities pursuing graduate degrees in epidemiology, biomedical science, tropical disease, public health practice and nutritional science. Go to: [https://www.gmsp.org/GMSP\\_app/default.aspx](https://www.gmsp.org/GMSP_app/default.aspx) for an application.

Community activists of color can receive assistance in taking a sabbatical from the **Alston/Bannerman Fellowship Program**. Awards of \$15,000 are available to provide time for reflection and renewal or to explore new interests, travel, relax or visit other activists. Activists must have at least 10 years of experience to apply and be committed to social change. Each year 10 organizers of color are awarded

Alston/Bannerman Fellowships. ABF seeks applicants whose work attacks root causes of injustice by organizing those affected to take collective action, challenges the systems that perpetrate injustice, and builds their community's capacity for self-determination. December 1 is the deadline. Go to: [www.alstonbannerman.org/index.html](http://www.alstonbannerman.org/index.html) for information online.

**Count Me In** provides micro loans from \$500 to \$10,000 to women who are starting or growing their businesses. Your first loan must be \$5000 or less. Each time you repay a loan in full, you are eligible to borrow again from Count Me In. Go to: <http://www.count-me-in.org/loanapps/> .

The **Ron Brown Scholar Program** seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. Current college students are not eligible to apply. November 1st - application will be considered for the Ron Brown Scholar Program AND forwarded to a select and limited number of additional scholarship providers. January 9th - final postmarked deadline in order to be considered for only the Ron Brown Scholar Program ONLY. Go to: <http://www.ronbrown.org/p-elig.htm> online.

The **John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation** offers Fellowships to further the development of scholars and artists by assisting them to engage in research in any field of knowledge and creation in any of the arts, under the freest possible conditions and irrespective of race, color, or creed. Completed applications must be submitted by the candidates themselves no later than October 1. Final selection will be announced April, 2007. For guidelines and more information, go to: <http://www.gf.org/broch.html#top> .