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DYCD SPONSORED CALENDAR AND EVENTS

- ****September 9** - The next Youth Board/ Youth Council meeting is scheduled from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the United Way, 2 Park Avenue.
- ** **September 15** - The Department for Youth and Community Development, the Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities and Hire disAbility are sponsoring a conference for employers, educators and community-based organizations entitled "Building Partnerships: Helping Youth with Disabilities Reach Independence" from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the New Yorker Hotel at 481 Eighth Avenue (near 34th Street). Registration deadline is September 2. For registration information, contact Christina Vadala at CVadala@dycd.nyc.gov .

SPOTLIGHT NEWS****Brooklyn Youth Services Forum Day Proclamation****

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz issued a proclamation recognizing Wednesday, June 23, 2004 as "Brooklyn Youth Services Forum Day." This proclamation jointly honors the DYCD and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) for their contributions to improving services for Brooklyn's youth.

****Deputy Commissioner Lynn Visits Homecrest Community Center****

On July 6, Deputy Commissioner Suzanne Lynn joined Mayor Bloomberg and members of the Administration on a visit to Homecrest Community Center in Brooklyn. The Center receives Community Service Block Grant funding to provide services to seniors, including meals, legal assistance, and English classes.

**** Harvard University Research Project Highlights the DYCD OST Design****

Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav and Mayoral Advisor Ester Fuchs were invited to participate in a conference held at Harvard University on July 9. The design of New York City's Out-of-School Time (OST) system was featured, as the focus of the conference was the use of data to improve OST programming.

****Seminar on Women & HIV/AIDS****

On July 12, the Community Development Unit at DYCD held a seminar on *Women & HIV/AIDS* to share the most up-to-date information on HIV/AIDS with community-based organizations, and to ensure that they are bringing the message of prevention back to their communities.

****Deputy Commissioner Molnar Speaks at New York University****

On June, 15, Deputy Commissioner Janice Molnar delivered the keynote address at a national conference entitled "Partners in Quality: Effective Practices in After-School," co-sponsored by The After School Corporation (TASC) and New York University. The presentation highlighted lessons learned from New York City's OST system challenges in the field of after-school policy.

****YouthWeek 2004 – MoneySmarts for Youth: Investing in our Future****

DYCD launched YouthWeek 2004 with a "standing-room only" **MoneySmarts Kick-off Breakfast** hosted by Citibank on July 29. Speakers from government, financial education and the banking community rallied the financial community to become proactive - preparing DYCD youth for a lifetime of responsible money management. Major sponsors for MoneySmarts were Bloomberg L.P.; Citibank; Commerce Bank; HSBC Bank U.S.A., N.A.; HealthPlus; the High School of Economics and Finance; IBM; Independence Savings Bank; 1-800-Mattress; Securities Industry Associates; and Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO).

A **MoneySmarts Conference** was held at the High School of Economics and Finance on July 31. Sponsorship for Economic Opportunity (SEO) corporate interns and volunteers provided *Your Money Matters* training to SYEP students in the morning. A College and Career Exploration Fair, held in the afternoon, provided the students with exposure to higher education and employment resources and opportunities.

A week-long **MoneySmarts Expo** was held from August 2-6, rotating to the Borough Halls in Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan and Queens and at the Cromwell Center on Staten Island. Booths and display tables provided banks, the New York State Banking Department, youth entrepreneur "vendors" and others with the opportunity to share financial educational information. Additional activities for the SYEP teams of 30 participating youth, sporting MoneySmarts t-shirts, (representing all SYEP providers) included site visits to commercial banks, the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Trade Commission, the Museum of American Financial History, Bloomberg L.P. corporate headquarters, as well as other relevant places of interest in the financial community. Over 33,000 "goody-bags" were distributed to SYEP participants, and over 2,000 youth were directly served in the YouthWeek 2004 initiative.

****DYCD's Basketball Team****

A men's basketball team composed of DYCD employees and other players are competing in the Ralph Lincoln Service Corporation First Annual Fathering Initiative Basketball Classic. Games are played at the St. John's Recreation Center on Prospect Place between Troy and Schenectady Avenues in Brooklyn. The remaining games of the season are on August 18 and 25 at 7:30 P.M. The playoffs begin on September 6.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)****

As of August 9, there were 33,985 SYEP participants enrolled at over 3,000 work sites. Youth may work a maximum of 25 hours per week over 4 or 5 days and are paid through a debit card system. Commerce, Signature and Washington Mutual Banks are not charging ATM fees for SYEP debit cards. DYCD YouthLine experienced an increase in calls (by 121%) as a result of receiving 12,100 calls about the Summer Youth Employment Program.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****YOUTH****

Starbucks Foundation offers funds for youth programs in literacy & leadership. Nonprofits focusing on youth 6-18 working with Starbucks partners are eligible for awards of \$5000-\$20,000 to engage youth in writing/literacy projects (tutoring, poetry slams, book readings, etc.) and programs that enhance appreciation of diversity in race, culture, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, sexual orientation, gender & faith. <http://www.starbucks.com/> Deadline is Oct. 1.

Attention Staten Island CBOs: The New York Life Foundation announces *Youth In Action*, a new award program for New York City nonprofit organizations that serve youth. *Youth In Action* recognizes innovative programs that engage youth, ages 7—17, in planning, coordinating and/or helping to provide services that support the Foundation's *Nurturing the Children* initiative. The application deadline has been extended for organizations nominating programs based in Staten Island only. Complete guidelines and an application for the \$25,000 award are available at: <http://www.newyorklifefoundation.org>

Ruddie Memorial Youth Foundation funds programs that promote scholastic, professional, athletic and/or other excellence in youth ages up to 25 years old. Evaluation Grants fund the evaluation of innovative methods in helping underprivileged youth reach their full potential and Replication Grants fund the replication of effective methods. <http://www.rmyf.org/grants.cfm>. Deadline: September 1.

Through a competitive selection process, **Co/Motion** awards matching challenge grants of up to \$10,000 each year to organizations engaged in youth-driven initiatives focused on gun violence prevention issues. Grantee organizations also will receive training, ongoing technical assistance, and action alerts. For complete program information and application instructions, see: http://www.allianceforjustice.org/student/co_motion/what/grants.html.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is requesting applications for the Safe Start: Promising Approaches for Children Exposed to Violence project. This project is designed to help local communities implement collaborative cross-agency strategies for reducing the impact of children's exposure to violence. Amount: \$210,000; number of awards: 14. Closing date is September 10. For guidelines and information, go to: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/DOJ/HQ/OJP/DOJ-GRANTS-071604-001/Grant.html>

Finish Line believes providing funding and assistance for education, sports and exercise will consistently propel youth in the right direction. For more information, view online: http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate_info/youthfoundation.jsp.

Dreyer's Foundation, the philanthropic effort of the ice-cream maker, aids youth and K-12 public education in communities where it has operations. Grants larger than \$1,000 are reviewed semi-annually and must be submitted by Jan. 15. Dreyer's small grants program provides \$1,000 or less and donates ice cream products and gift certificates/auction items to non-profits. Proposals are reviewed monthly. Go to: www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation.

The Target Corporation offers funding for projects aimed at creating opportunities for students to explore, experience, and create visual art, music, and drama. Each Target store is authorized to make Arts in Education Grants within its community; contact your local Target store for guidelines and applications. Application Deadline: November 1. For details, view: http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/index.jhtml?content=target%5ffcg%5ffindex.

The **Staples Foundation for Learning** will award grants to not-for-profit organizations ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for a broad range of job training and education programs serving disadvantaged youth and/or students with disabilities. The application deadline is September 30. Visit: <http://www.staplesfoundation.org/foundapplication.html> for more information.

Nike's Bowerman Track Renovation Program provides matching cash grants of up to \$50,000 to community-based, youth-oriented organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks. Applicant organizations must employ at least one full-time staff person and maintain a viable track program serving boys and girls ages 14-18. For complete program details, visit: <http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=bowerman>.

The Mockingbird Foundation, Inc. offers grants to schools and nonprofit organizations in the area of music education. Go online: <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/funding>.

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) invites all arts and community organizations to apply for the Community Arts Grants program that supports arts and cultural projects in the Bronx. How to Apply seminars will be conducted on August 10, 11, and 25 at BCA. Application deadline is October 8. To obtain an application: <http://www.bronxarts.org> .

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. For more details, view: <http://www.necfoundation.org/> .

The Oprah Winfrey Foundation supports nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. The Foundation's areas of interest include: education; women, children and families; and community development. There is no application deadline. Application guidelines are available: Ms. Caren Yanis, 110 North Carpenter Street, Chicago, IL 60607

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. Closing Date for applications: September 10, 2004. For guidelines and more information, view: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/03originalguidelines.doc>

Cingular supports community-based programs and organizations with emphasis on nurturing programs that inspire creativity, that are project specific, that have clearly defined goals and outcomes and that stimulate partnerships. For details, view: <http://www.cingular.com/index> .

The Allstate Foundation supports national and local programs that fit within three focus areas: safe and vital communities; tolerance, inclusion and diversity; or economic empowerment. The Foundation has no deadlines for submission. Proposals may be submitted throughout the year. Go to: <http://www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=foundationfunding.htm>

The **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation** supports efforts that promote a just, equitable and sustainable society. The *Pathways Out of Poverty* program identifies, tests and helps sustain pathways out of poverty for low-income people and communities. For information on these programs, view: <http://www.mott.org/%20>.

The **Nathan Cummings Foundation's** core programs include arts and culture; the environment; health; and social and economic justice. For additional information, visit: <http://www.nathancummings.org/programs/index.html> .

The **Open Meadows Foundation** is a grant-making organization that funds projects designed and implemented by women and girls; projects that have limited financial access reflecting the cultural and ethnic diversity of our society and promoting the empowerment of women and girls; and projects for social change that have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. For more information, visit: <http://www.openmeadows.org/members.htm>

Cable Positive's Tony Cox Community Fund is a national grant program that encourages community-based AIDS organizations and cable outlets to partner in joint community outreach efforts, or to produce and distribute locally focused HIV/AIDS-related programs and public service announcements. The application deadline is September 10. To read more about what types of activities these grants fund, visit: <http://www.cablepositive.org/programs-tonycox.html> .

The **Corporation for National and Community Service** announces the availability of approximately \$2,933,000 in fiscal year 2004 AmeriCorps funds to award Professional Corps program grants to eligible organizations. The Corporation anticipates making 30 to 60 grants, ranging from \$30,000 to \$100,000. Visit: <http://www.cns.gov> . Deadline: September 15.

The New York City Managed Care Consumer Assistance Program is seeking to expand its network of CBOs to provide consumer education and assistance on managed health care issues for people with

Medicaid, Medicare, Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus, and commercial insurance coverage. Low-income communities, immigrants, and populations with special healthcare needs are targeted. Grant amounts will range from \$50,000 to \$70,000 a year. Application procedures and forms are available at <http://www.nycmccap.org/>.

The Mary Byron Foundation will give \$10,000 awards to model programs that break the cycle of domestic violence. The *Celebrating Solutions Awards* recognize past accomplishments not future projects. The application deadline is September 10. For more information, go to: <http://www.marybyronfoundation.org>.

****MINI-GRANTS****

The **Captain Planet Foundation** supports hands-on environmental projects that empower children and youth to work to solve environmental problems in their communities. Grants are up to \$500. Application deadline is September 30, 2004. Visit: <http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/>

3D Life Adventures offers grants of up to \$500 for creative student-led initiatives or curricula aimed at fostering cultural and/or natural diversity. Projects should be student-conceived and administered, but overseen by an adult mentor. <http://3dzone.org/html/programs/grants.asp>

The National Education Association will award 20 grants of \$500 each to student-led initiatives through Youth Leaders for Literacy. The program encourages and celebrates literacy service by America's young people ages 5-21. Anyone under 21 is eligible to apply, either individually or in groups. Application deadline is October 22. For more information, view: <http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/youthleaders.html>

Verizon Foundation's eGrants offer CBOs (mainly with annual budgets under \$500,000) \$240 toward internet access of their choice. Applying organizations should address one of the following: literacy, community technology, workforce development or domestic violence. For detailed information, go to: <http://foundation.verizon.com/egrants>.

RESOURCES

****FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES****

The National Cristina Foundation (NCF) provides computer technology and solutions to give people with disabilities, students at risk and economically disadvantaged persons the opportunity, through training, to lead more independent and productive lives. Priority is given to organizations responsible for fostering the training of people with special needs in educational or training environments. The application deadline is open. View: <http://www.cristina.org/>.

The Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation invites parents or close family members of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (mental retardation) to apply for a one-year fellowship in Washington, DC. The one-year program provides full-time exposure to the federal public policymaking process and includes a stipend and relocation expenses totaling \$75,000. The application deadline is September 1. Visit: www.jpkf.org/FELLOW.HTML#Parent.

****ADDITIONAL RESOURCES****

A new section for religious and faith-based nonprofit organizations has been added to the Nonprofit site at **About.com**. Visit: http://nonprofit.about.com/b/a/2004_07_07.htm.

Cisco is launching a *Volunteer Connection Service* that will match individual employees and employee teams to philanthropic opportunities in their communities, including matching the core competency skills of their employees with nonprofits seeking that expertise. Register at http://www.cisco.com/en/US/about/ac48/about_cisco_submit_a_opportunity_tool_launch.html

Innovation Network offers free online evaluation tools for nonprofits. For organizations that are interested in taking a look at their own capacity and effectiveness, the Organizational Assessment Tool

(OAT) poses questions about key areas of organizational development, and then produces an immediate snapshot report of organizational strengths and challenges. For further information and to access the OAT, go to: <http://www.innonet.org/tools/>

Health and Human Services (HHS) in collaboration with the **ABC Radio Network** has designated September 21, 2004 as "Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day." The campaign is designed to reduce health disparities affecting racial and ethnic minorities by encouraging individuals to go to a doctor or health professional for a health screening. For information and material call 1-800-444-6472 or go to: <http://www.healthgap.omhrc.gov> .

The **Council on Quality and Leadership** has a new, free publication entitled "Guide to Developing and Supporting Boards of Directors." The guide is composed of lists of brainstorming and problem-solving questions that help an organization's staff leaders and board members define roles and communicate to maximize board effectiveness. Utilize this resource at: <http://www.thecouncil.org/council/BoardGuide.pdf> .

The **Directory of Crime Victim Services** sponsored by the **Office for Victims of Crime** is a resource designed to help service providers and individuals locate non-emergency crime victim services in the United States and abroad. Visit: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc> .

Office Depot has offered to recycle old PCs. Consumers can recycle one electronics product a day free, as part of a limited summer initiative. Visit: <http://www.officedepot.com> .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****August 19** - the fifth annual **District Community Awareness Day** will be hosted by Assemblyman Darryl Towns at 840 Jamaica Avenue (at Crescent Street in Brooklyn) from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. For more information, contact his office at (718) 235-5627.

****September 9-29** - the First **Online Conference on Abuse of Children and Adults with Disabilities - Mastering the Basics: In Depth and Over Time**. Twenty-two one hour online seminars are offered for professionals and workers in the fields of abuse/victimization and/or disabilities. Experts in child abuse, dependent adult and elder abuse will cover: prevention, identification and reporting, investigation, interviewing, prosecution, victims' services and treatment. Also featured are three overarching issues: legislation update, policy, and communication. Cost: \$150; reduced fee of \$100 per trainee for Agencies sponsoring groups of 10+ trainees. Scholarships are also available. For more information, view: <http://www.disability-abuse.com/scholars.htm> .

****October 20** - the sixth annual **National Disability Mentoring Day** will be hosted by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities in partnership with the American Association of People with Disabilities. Held in conjunction with National Disability Employment Awareness Month, it is a program designed to provide students and job seekers with disabilities a firsthand experience to learn about a variety of career opportunities. To sign up to become a mentor or to be mentored, go to: <http://nyc.gov/html/mopd/home.html>

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announces free grant writing training to be held August 23 and 24 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, 189 Babylon Turnpike, Roosevelt NY; and August 26 and 27 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Brentwood Public Library, Second Avenue and Fourth Street, Brentwood NY. To register, email: grantwriting@hud.gov or Fax: (212) 264-2780.

****The Administration of Children and Family Services** is seeking grant reviewers: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/grantreview/reviewing/before_you_begin.html . Federal grant reviewers are also needed: <http://www.grantreview.net/> .

****U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Announces Summer Jobs Program for Students with Disabilities Exceeds 2003 Totals.** U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao announced that the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) that places college students with disabilities in summer employment has already exceeded last year's placement totals. For more information, visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/odep/ODEP20041083.htm>.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

The **First Youth Film Festival** will be held in conjunction with the annual Association of New York State Youth Bureaus Conference. Entries are sought in the categories of animation, documentary, narrative, and public service announcements; videographers should be 19 years or younger. Deadline for submission: September 1. For application and guidelines, contact lpuplo@white-plains.ny.us .

The **Do Something Brick Awards** recognize outstanding youth leaders ages 25 and under. Each winner receives a \$5,000 higher education scholarship, a \$5,000 grant for continued community work, and other support. The application deadline is November 1. View: <http://www.dosomething.org/brick-awards.htm> .