



## SEPTEMBER @DYCD

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### DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

The local Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) have begun holding a new series of Town Halls. 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. For more information, please contact DYCD at 212-442-5880, or visit: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

- September 19** NAB Queens 4 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Elmhurst Hospital, Room A-122, 7901 Broadway, Elmhurst
- September 26** NAB Staten Island 1 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. American Legion Post, 43 Van Duzer St. Staten Island
- September 27** NAB Bronx 4 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Bronx Economic Development Office, 198 E. 161<sup>st</sup> St., Bronx
- October 3** NAB Brooklyn 7 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. St. John-St. Matthew-Emanuel Lutheran Church, 283 Prospect Ave., Brooklyn
- October 5** NAB Bronx 10 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. M.S. 127 1560 Purdy St., Bronx
- October 5** NAB Queens 5 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. Ridgewood Public Library 20-12 Madison Street, Ridgewood
- October 11** NAB Bronx 7 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Bedford Park Multi-Service Center, 243 East. 204<sup>th</sup> St., Bronx
- October 12** NAB Queens 3 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. HANAC Beacon Center – PS 19, 40-32 99<sup>th</sup> St., Corona

### PROGRAM UPDATES

#### **\*\*Summer Youth Employment Program Concludes with Recognition Ceremonies**

August 19 marked the end of the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) of 2006. In total, DYCD received 71,660 applications and enrolled 41,647 youth.

On August 15, JPM Chase celebrated its third annual summer internship experience as a partner of SYEP. This year, Chase placed 70 youth from eight community-based organizations in branches throughout the city as greeters and assisted the branches in various clerical functions. This was the largest group of participants that Chase has placed.

On August 16, Commissioner Mullgrav spoke at the SYEP recognition ceremony for Maimionides Medical Center. Maimonides is the largest SYEP employer this summer, with 157 youth working within their system. At Maimonides, SYEP participants worked with seniors, assisted nurses and helped in the pharmacy, among other duties.

On August 18, the VISIONS organization held a graduation ceremony to congratulate and honor the 35 blind and visually impaired youth that completed SYEP.

#### **\*\*Rockefeller Philanthropies Hosts Final CAPITAL Workshop for 2006**

On August 14, DYCD coordinated its second workshop for Corporate Allies Program of Internships, Training And Leadership (CAPITAL) participants, hosted by Rockefeller Philanthropies advising them on how to employ effective post-internship strategies and next steps now that their internships were coming to an end. DYCD staff offered approaches on how to successfully transition out of their internship with their supervisors and coworkers. Participants also conducted a self-assessment of what they learned and what

they felt they needed to improve upon, as a result of their internship experience. Steven Boyd from the non-profit organization *Cents-Ability* then conducted a presentation on financial literacy.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

The **Herbalife Family Foundation** is accepting grants for its Improving the Lives of Children Grant program. The purpose of this program is to support organizations and programs that focus on areas including nutrition, prevention of substance abuse and promotion of physical and emotional health in children. Deadlines are rolling. For guidelines and complete information, go to: <http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops741.asp> .

The objective of the **Captain Planet Foundation** is to encourage innovative activities that empower children to work individually and collectively as environmental stewards. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations and schools for environmental education programs that promote interaction and cooperation and that help young people develop planning and problem-solving skills. Grants generally range from \$500 to \$2,500. Requests are reviewed four times per year, and the remaining application deadlines for 2006 are September 30 and December 31. Visit the Web site for more information: <http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/>

The **Herbalife Family Foundation** opens its competition for its *Improving the Lives of Children* grant program. The purpose of this program is to support organizations and programs that focus on areas including nutrition, prevention of substance abuse, and promotion of physical and emotional health in children. Other focus areas include programs which: support children and families; provide early substance-abuse intervention; correct at-risk behavior, enhance self-esteem and create better home environments. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline is rolling, however, it may take up to three months for a review. The foundation may request an onsite visit before a decision can be reached. For more information, go online to: [http://www.herbalifefamily.org/our\\_guidelines.html](http://www.herbalifefamily.org/our_guidelines.html) .

The mission of the **Bikes Belong Coalition**, sponsored by the American bicycle industry, is to put more people on bicycles more often. The Coalition welcomes grant applications from nonprofit organizations and public agencies within the United States that align with its mission. Grants are provided in the following categories: facility, advocacy, and education. All proposals must address the goals of the grants program strategic plan: encourage rider ship growth, leverage funding, build political support, support bicycle advocacy, and promote bicycling. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the remaining deadline for 2006 is November 27. Visit the Web site for application information: <http://bikesbelong.org/>

**R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company** offers grants to schools and communities focusing on literacy efforts in areas where the company operates. In addition, the company assists many local agencies to deliver educational and social services, especially to children. Check the Web site for eligibility. Proposals are accepted at any time between Jan. 1 and Nov. 1. The company does not contribute printing; make -grants to individuals or religious organizations; make 'grants for television, radio, film or video, or make grants for specific diseases, clinical care, medical research or equipment. For additional information and guidelines, go to: <http://www.rdonnelley.com/wwwRRD/AboutUs/Community/ApplicationGuidelines.asp>

The **Lisa Libraries Foundation** donates books to nonprofit organizations that serve teens such as after-school programs, mentoring programs, youth detention centers, foster homes, and transitional housing services. To request books, write to the Foundation explaining how your organization would use the books to help children. As a matter of policy, the Foundation makes grants only to organizations that do not discriminate against people seeking services or employment based on race, sex, religion, age, sexual preference, or physical ability. Go to: <http://www.lisalibraries.org> online.

The **William T. Grant Foundation** funds support intervention research to improve youth-serving organizations, such as schools and community-based organizations, or their subunits, such as classrooms and after-school program sites. This request for proposals (RFP) is focused on the Foundation's second priority area: understanding and improving social settings. In this RFP, the Foundation is interested in intervention studies that can test the impact of intentional efforts to improve youth-serving organizations.

Eligible applicants include schools and community-based organizations, or their subunits, such as classrooms and after-school program sites. Community-based organizations include, but are not limited to, youth development, community service, faith-based, youth organizing, and mentoring organizations. Projects will be funded in the amount of \$250,000 to \$1,500,000 (direct and indirect costs) for a period of two to four years. A Letter of Inquiry is due October 30, Invited Full Proposals are due February 22, 2007. For more information, email: [info@wtgrantfdn.org](mailto:info@wtgrantfdn.org)

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

The **Third Wave Foundation** supports activism which challenges sexism, racism, homophobia, economic injustice and other forms of oppression. Board decisions take approximately three months. The foundation rarely supports projects with a budget exceeding \$500,000. Only one grant proposal from an organization per year, please. Proposals received after deadlines will be held until the next grant cycle. Grants range from \$100-\$5,000. Deadlines: Twice a year, grant application deadlines is Oct. 1. For additional information, call: 212/ 388-1898, email: [ThirdWavef@aol.com](mailto:ThirdWavef@aol.com) or go to: [www.thirdwavefoundation.org/grants.html](http://www.thirdwavefoundation.org/grants.html) .

The **William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation** considers capacity building grant requests for activities that will enhance the ability of grant seeking organizations to achieve their vision. Grants are awarded for capacity building activities that develop or improve the effectiveness, impact and strength of: the organization's Board of Trustees and/or its Board leadership; the organization's strategic plan; the organization's staff; the organization's programs. The Foundation is interested in making grants that improve the organizational effectiveness of the grant-seeker to fulfill its mission through strong governance, sound management and a persistent dedication to outcome achievement. The deadline is open. Contact: 216-831-4134 or, for more information, go to: <http://www.oneillfdn.org/> .

The **R.O.S.E. (Regaining One's Self-Esteem) Fund** is a national nonprofit organization committed to recognizing, assisting, and empowering women who have broken the cycle of domestic violence. The Fund distributes grants to various nonprofit organizations whose programs work to achieve the Fund's mission - to encourage personal growth beyond the initial recovery from domestic violence. Priority is given to organizations in the Northeast. The majority of grants are distributed to small organizations (annual budgets no greater than \$500,000); however, larger organizations that substantially address the Fund's mission are also supported. The application deadline is October 31. Visit the Web site for more information online: <http://www.rosefund.org/programs/grants.asp> .

**Rebuilding Together** preserves and revitalizes homes and communities, helping to upgrade housing for low income homeowners-particularly those who are elderly and disabled, as well as families with children. Funding is available to nonprofits. The number of low-income homeowners increases each year. More families are placed in the position of choosing between necessities such as food or medicine and a roof that does not leak. Disabled homeowners cannot afford the modifications that allow them to "age in place" and remain in their own homes. Rebuilding Together works to ensure that as many of those families as possible do not have to make these difficult choices. The deadline is rolling, but most of the work is done on the last Saturday in April of each year. For complete information, go to: [www.rebuildingtogether.org](http://www.rebuildingtogether.org) .

The **J. Jill Compassion Fund** considers written proposals for cash grants from nonprofit 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. 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. Grant requests should be between \$250 and \$15,000. All grants are made on a one-time basis. The application deadline is December 15, annually. For more information, go to: <http://www.jjill.com/about/community.asp?AreaID=OL>

Singer Jimmy Buffet's **Singing for Change Charitable Foundation** is interested in funding projects that improve the quality of life for people and empower individuals to effect positive change in their communities. Most likely to be considered are organizations that keep their overhead low and collaborate

with other groups in their community to find innovative ways of solving common problems. Grants awarded usually fall in the \$500 to \$10,000 range. Letters of inquiry preferred. Initial letters of interest may be submitted at any time and are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Contact Judith Ranger Smith, SFC director, 816/363-8132, Email [info@singingforchange.com](mailto:info@singingforchange.com). Grants of \$1,000.00 and less may be awarded on the basis of the letter of interest without requiring a full proposal. The deadline is rolling. For additional information, go to: <http://www.singingforchange.com>.

**The Magic Johnson Foundation** is accepting applications for its HIV/AIDS Grants program. The purpose of this program is to support organizations in inner-cities in outreach, education, prevention, health and social services about HIV/AIDS. There is a rolling deadline. For additional information, go to: <http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops749.asp> online.

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

The **Allstate Foundation** focuses on three areas--tolerance, inclusion, education and diversity; safe and vital communities; and economic empowerment. Examples of past grantees include: youth tolerance, anti-violence and discrimination alleviation efforts; neighborhood revitalization; financial insurance education & economic literacy. There is also a new effort, teen safe driving. An additional \$1 million is earmarked each year for local nonprofits through Agency *Hands in the Community Grants*. The *\$500 Agency Hands in the Community Award* was created to honor the local community volunteer efforts of Allstate agents and financial representatives. These grants improve the quality of life in communities across America. Deadlines: None. All declined proposals will receive written notification. Go to: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation> for more information.

As a way to encourage the growth of health-focused youth gardens, The **National Gardening Association** (NGA) will recognize 25 outstanding programs with \$200 gift certificates to Gardener's Supply Company and additional resources, via the Healthy Sprouts Awards, sponsored by Gardener's Supply. These awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. To be eligible for the 2006 Healthy Sprouts Awards, a school or organization must plan to garden in 2007 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and nutrition and hunger issues in the United States. The deadline is October 15. For more information, please visit: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/>.

## **RESOURCES**

This report by Nannette Relave provides information resources and funding strategies that target youth development, including the Workforce Investment Act, Job Corps, Learn and Serve America, tax credits to encourage employer participation and local and employer partnerships. *Finding Resources to Support Workforce Development Services for Youth* is from the Finance Project, April 2006. [http://www.financeproject.org/publications/workforce\\_youth.pdf](http://www.financeproject.org/publications/workforce_youth.pdf).

Workforce development services link disadvantaged youth and adults to education and training, career advancement and employment. This report includes a catalog of 87 federal sources as well as guidance on accessing federal funds and strategies for maximizing federal funds and building partnerships. *Finding Funding: A Guide to Federal Sources for Workforce Development Initiatives* was written by Nannette Relave with Elizabeth Mendes from **the Finance Project, June 2005**. <http://www.financeproject.org/Publications/workforcefunding.pdf>

A new publication from **America's Promise – the Alliance for Youth** provides information on more than 100 Federal funding sources that are directly related to the core resources of youth development. The *Guide to Federal Resources for Youth Development* is designed to provide organizations with the information they need to apply for Federal funds. Grant programs are listed by the department that operates the program and cross-referenced to one or more of the five core resources (caring adults, safe places, a healthy start and future, effective education, and opportunities to help others). Basic information on the Federal grant-making process is also

provided:<http://www.americaspromise.org/uploadedFiles/AmericasPromise/Resources/Publications/Federal%20Funding%20Guide.pdf>

**Citizens for NYC** supports grassroots community groups with training, small grants, and problem-solving assistance. These FREE workshops are designed for new neighborhood groups, existing community-based volunteer groups, small nonprofits, and individuals with ideas for local action. Most training sessions will be located at the Citizens for NYC offices at 305 7th Avenue, between 27th & 28th Streets. For more information and a training schedule, go to:

<http://www.corporatepa.com/contentpage.php?calendarid=5621>

The data base of **The National Association for Children of Alcoholics** is now accessible to the public at no charge at the web address of <http://ida.nacoa.org>. The abstracts and indexing information are available, as well as the full documents in the case of the non-copyrighted studies, reports and papers.

The **U.S. Department of Education** has released the new regulations for *Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*. The Department has prepared a user-friendly Web site:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/idea2004.html> to help guide the public through these changes. In addition to the actual text of the regulations, the site includes an analysis of the public's comments, a summary of the major changes since publication of the proposed regulations, and several appendices, including an index and additional guidance for implementing the regulations. A fact sheet on the new regulations can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/speced/ideafactsheet.html>.

The demands and expectations of professionals performing HIV testing is often changing. This resource directs professionals to training that will help to meet their needs. **The Office of the Medical Director, HIV Education and Training Programs** is pleased to announce the *Statewide Training Calendar of HIV/AIDS Fall/Winter 2006*, which is NOW available to be viewed and downloaded on-line at <http://www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/aids/training/index.htm>.

The **Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)** released an on-line multimedia education tool that consumers can use to learn how to better protect their computers and themselves from identity thieves. The presentation also features actions consumers can take if their personal information has been compromised. Identity theft continues to be one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States, and has ranked as one of the top consumer concerns for the past several years. Identity theft is evolving in more complicated ways that make it harder for consumers to protect themselves, and easier for criminals to set up virtual storefronts on the Internet to sell confidential personal information. The DVD is titled: "*Don't Be an On-line Victim: How to Guard Against Internet Thieves and Electronic Scams*" To order free copies of *Don't Be an On-Line Victim: How to Guard Against Internet Thieves and Electronic Scams*, please visit <http://www2.fdic.gov/guard/> or call 1-877-275-3342. The presentation is also on the FDIC's website at: <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/guard/>.

A resource list is available online from **TechSoup** New York (the technology place for nonprofits) at [http://www.techsoup.org/newyork/index.cfm?action=section.view&section\\_id=21](http://www.techsoup.org/newyork/index.cfm?action=section.view&section_id=21)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\*September 16** - All **Macy's** stores will host a "*Shop for a Cause*" day. Macy's will donate tickets to CBOs that sign up with their local Macy's store managers. The tickets will be sold by the charitable organizations for \$5 each - the proceeds of which they keep in full. Ticket holders then redeem their coupons at any Macy's store on September 16 to receive a coupon for 20 percent off men's, women's, kids, and accessories merchandise and 10 percent of home items. Tickets will also be sold at the door on September 16, with the proceeds divided evenly between all participating charities. The program could raise more than \$12 million for participating charitable organizations.

**\*\*September 16** - The **Lutheran US-Caribbean HIV/AIDS Twinning Initiative** will be holding a conference on *Issues Facing Caribbean Families Dealing with HIV/AIDS* from 8:00am to 4:00pm at the New York Pennsylvania Hotel, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 33<sup>rd</sup> Street in Manhattan. The one-day conference is for CBOs, FBO leaders, providers, academics and others who serve PLWHA. The conference will consider

the current state of the HIV/AIDS epidemic both here and in the Caribbean - with particular attention to strategies that address issues of treatment, care, support, stigma and discrimination in light of the bi-directional migration of Caribbean people between their home nations and NYC. There is no registration fee and breakfast and lunch are provided, but seating is limited. To register online, visit: <http://www.uscaribbeantwinning.org> or call Aimee Polanco at 718-703-9340 for more information.

**\*\*September 16** – The **Brooklyn Public Library, New York Public Library** and **Queens Library** invite you to attend *AfterSchool @ Your Library* from 3:00 P.M. until closing. You can sign up for a library card, and see a live demonstration of their electronic homework resources such as [www.homeworkNYC.org](http://www.homeworkNYC.org) and enjoy other activities. Presented in partnership with the **Out-of-School Time initiative**, the **Office of the Mayor**, and the **New York City Department of Education**.

**\*\*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 in New York City*. 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. The forum location is The Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, at One Bowling Green and is adjacent to the northeast corner of Battery Park, New York, NY. If you have other questions, call the FTC's Hispanic Outreach hotline, 202-326-2689 or email [HispanicOutreach@ftc.gov](mailto:HispanicOutreach@ftc.gov).

**\*\*October 15** – **Baruch College, School of Public Affairs, Nonprofit Group** will present a seminar: *Social Enterprise: Introducing Income Ventures into Your Nonprofit Organization* from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. at 135 East 22nd Street (between Lexington & Third Avenues) third floor, Room 301. Space is limited – RSVP required: by phone at 646-660-6743, or by email at: [nonprofit\\_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu) . Light refreshments will be served.

**\*\*October 15** – The **American Cancer Society** is seeking volunteers for 13th Annual *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk* in Central Park on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> starting at the 72nd Street Bandshell in Central Park. For more information please contact Miriam Reinharth, Volunteer Coordinator at (212) 237-3838, or visit: <http://makingstrides.acsevents.org/centralpark>

**\*\*October 18** –The **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities** has announced that October 18 is Disability Mentoring Day. For more information, email: [DMD@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:DMD@cityhall.nyc.gov).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Groups that work to alleviate human suffering may apply for the *2007 Conrad Hilton Humanitarian Prize*. The \$1.5-million award is given annually to a nonprofit, charitable, or nongovernmental organization that has had extraordinary accomplishments anywhere in the world. Only groups with budgets over \$500,000 may apply. Application deadline is Nov. 1. For more information, see the Web site: <http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/> , or contact Jean-Marc Moorghen: 310-556-4694.

The **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** will present *Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead*, a music residency program for young jazz musicians, April 3-14, 2007, in Washington, D.C. The Jazz Ahead program identifies out-standing, emerging jazz artists in their mid-teens and twenties, and brings them together under the tutelage of experienced artist-instructors who coach and counsel them, helping to polish their performance, composing, and arranging skills.

The week-long residency program includes daily workshops and rehearsals with established jazz artists and culminates in three concerts on the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage that will be broadcast live over the Internet. Applicants must be 1) under age 30; 2) proficient in English; and 3) performers as well as composers. The Kennedy Center will provide travel to and from Washington, D.C.; a modest honorarium to cover meal expenses; and lodging at a local hotel for all participants. There is no application fee or tuition.

Deadline: November 17. Visit the Kennedy Center Web site <http://www.kennedy-center.org/> for complete program information and application procedures.

The *Prudential Spirit of Community Awards* honor young people in grades 5 through 12 who have demonstrated exemplary voluntary service to their communities. The program was created in 1995 and is sponsored by **Prudential Financial** in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Over the past twelve years, the program has honored more than 70,000 young volunteers at the local, state, and national levels. Schools and officially designated organizations may select one middle level and one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 students (or portion thereof). Local Honorees are judged at the state level, with 102 State Honorees from the 50 United States and the District of Columbia to be named in February 2007.

Each State Honoree will receive \$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., (May 5-8, 2007) with a parent or guardian. While in Washington, ten National Honorees will be chosen. Each of the ten National Honorees receives an additional \$5,000, a gold medallion, and a crystal trophy for his or her school. Officially designated local organizations are Girl Scout Councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross Chapters, YMCAs, and member Volunteer Centers of the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network. Student applications are due back to schools or organizations by October 31, 2006. Visit the Web site for complete program information and an application form: <http://prudential.com/>.

The **Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program** honors young people who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place. Twenty-five young people selected from nominations from volunteers, parents, and teachers will be featured in a special publication and honored at a ceremony in Los Angeles, CA during the summer of 2007. Nestlé will provide all the expenses for the winners' trips to Los Angeles, and will also donate \$1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. Nominees should have a strong background in citizenship, school, community involvement, and reading. Legal residents of the U.S., between 10 and 18 years of age, are eligible for the program. The nomination deadline is November 1. For more information and to download an application, please visit: <http://nestle-verybestinyouth.com/vbiny/home.jspa>.

The **American Association of University Women** promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. *Community Action Grants* provide funds that address issues related to the needs of women and girls or that provide information to educate and benefit the public on those issues. Activities and research must support the advancement of education and equity for women and girls. Applicants must be women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Grant projects must have direct public impact, and be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. The application deadline is January 15, 2007. Go to: [http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships\\_grants/community\\_action.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/fga/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm) online for additional information.

The **New York State Bar Association** is seeking nominations for the *2006 Ruth G. Schapiro Memorial Award*, which honors law professionals for their outstanding work on issues affecting women. The award honors a female or male member of the Association who is making a positive contribution in areas such as domestic violence, child abuse, bias, health and other concerns of women in the profession and in public life. Nominees may be judges or attorneys who are Association members. The award will be presented Jan. 26, 2007 during the Association's House of Delegates meeting in New York City. The deadline for nominations is September 30. They should be sent to the Committee on Women in the Law, New York State Bar Association, One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207 or faxed to 518/463-8527.

Do you know a local recycling after-school program; a group of young activists making great environmentally friendly choices for future generations; a school or organization that is striving to go green; or an after-school staff person that is championing the environmental cause through education? The AED Center for Youth Development and Policy Research urges you to nominate these extraordinary after-school youth, staff, programs or community-based organizations for an *Environmental Excellence Award*, sponsored by **Seaworld, Busch Gardens, and Fujifilm**.

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 for nominations is November 30. For more information, go to: <http://www.nsta.org>.