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DYCD CALENDAR AND EVENTS

The local Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) will continue to hold a series of 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. For more information, please contact DYCD at 212-442-5880, or visit: <http://www.nyc.gov/dycd>.

- October 19** NAB Brooklyn 6 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. Miccio Ctr. PAL, 110 West 9th Street, Brooklyn
- October 19** NAB Queens 14 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. J.H.S. 198, CDRC Beacon Ctr., 365 Beach 57th St., Arverne
- October 23** NAB Brooklyn 17 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. CNR Health Care Network, 5506 Church Ave., Brooklyn
- October 24** NAB Bronx 8 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Riverdale Neighborhood House, 5521 Mosholu Ave., Bronx
- October 25** NAB Bronx 11 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Aging in America, 1500 Pelham Parkway, Bronx
- October 25** NAB Brooklyn 4 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Hope Gardens Multi-Service Center, 195 Linden Street, Brooklyn
- October 26** NAB Brooklyn 9 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. Beacon Center M.S. 2, 655 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn
- October 30** NAB Manhattan 3 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Educational Alliance, Inc., 197 East Broadway, Manhattan
- November 9** NAB Brooklyn 18 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Hebrew Educational Society, 9502 Seaview Ave., Brooklyn

SPOTLIGHT NEWS

**Cultural After School Adventure Grant Application is Released

The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), in partnership with the Department of Cultural Affairs and the New York City Council are pleased to announce the second year of the Cultural After School Adventures Initiative. Each proposal must offer a cultural project of recognized quality serving primarily youth enrolled in an Out-of-School Time (OST) program to be delivered in collaboration with an OST provider. The application deadline is: 5:00 P.M., November 1, 2006. The cultural services must be delivered between December 15, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Proposals may include from one to five projects, each at a separate OST program. For a list of eligible OST providers and their program locations, please go to the DYCD website: www.nyc.gov/dycd and click on the "After School Program Directory." For more information, please contact Fahmeeda Saleem at fsaleem@dycd.nyc.gov.

**DYCD Released Beacon Community Center RFP Concept Paper

On September 25, DYCD publicly released and sought comments on the Concept Paper for the upcoming Beacon Community Centers Request for Proposals (RFP). The Concept Paper included input from a wide variety of stakeholders. Following last April's symposium marking the 15th anniversary of the Beacons, three work groups of providers and other nonprofit representatives were formed to consider Beacon programming for middle-school age youth, older youth, or adult participants, respectively. DYCD also convened a focus group with Department of Education (DOE) Regional Coordinators and created opportunities for school principals and other personnel to contribute to the discussion. In addition, DYCD

staff attended Beacon Advisory Councils, convened a focus group with a diverse group of program providers on the topic of Civic Engagement, and met with staff of the Administration for Children's Services.

****Immigrant Services RFP is Released by DYCD**

On October 6, DYCD released the Concept Paper for the Immigrant Services RFP. The concept paper encompasses four areas of service to New York City's immigrants: Legal Assistance Program, Legal Services for Immigrant Youth, Domestic Violence Program, and Services for Immigrant Families. Over the past several months, DYCD has conducted focus groups, consulted with a range of providers and advocates, and worked collaboratively with the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs to elicit input on areas of need and best practices in programs for immigrants. DYCD is accepting feedback on the Concept Paper through October 30.

****DYCD Participates in WIB Panel Discussion**

At the September 13 quarterly meeting of the NYC Workforce Investment Board (WIB) a panel discussion on the topic of *Economic Opportunities for NYC Youth in the 21st Century* was presented. David Fischer of the Center for Urban Future delivered an overview of his report "Chance of a Lifetime" prior to the discussion. Panelists included: Michelle Cahill, NYC Department of Education; Suzanne Lynn, DYCD; Mark Elliott, Consultant; and Reg Foster, IBM and Youth Council Chair. Deputy Commissioner Lynn highlighted WIA funded youth programs and the importance of private sector involvement.

****Voter Assistance Commission**

On September 14, DYCD participated in the launch of the Voter Assistance Commission and CUNY's City-wide voter registration drive at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. DYCD will be participating in all 6 voter awareness events over the next month through Election Day in November.

****The New York City Integrated County Planning Work Group (ICP) Convenes Hearing**

On September 20, the ICP Work Group convened a public hearing on topics covered in the upcoming ICP Plan. The ICP comprises four City youth-serving agencies: DYCD, the Administration for Children's Services (ACS), the Human Resources Administration (HRA) and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). As participants in the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) state-wide integrated planning initiative, these agencies are jointly responsible for submitting the New York City Child and Family Services Plan covering the period January 1, 2007--December 31, 2009.

****DYCD Enlightens Shanghai Delegation of NYC Community Services**

On September 29, DYCD staff joined other representatives from ACS, and DOHMH and the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services at City Hall to welcome the Training Delegation from the Shanghai Civil Affairs Bureau. The Delegation had a particular interest in how communities are defined and how community services are provided. DYCD Assistant Commissioner, Susan Haskell, and Youthline Director, Charmaine Peart-HoSang from DYCD, highlighted our program services, and shared our process for contracting youth and community development services, and how quality community service providers are identified.

PROGRAM UPDATES

****Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Youth First Quarter Meeting**

On October 4, the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) met at DYCD. As Director of the ICC, Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav gave opening remarks which focused on the Commission on Economic Opportunity's Poverty Report release. The report identified the disconnected youth population (ages 16-24) as an area of focus in the Administration's commitment to helping New Yorkers move out of poverty by 2009. She highlighted the work already being done by on this topic by the ICC's three work groups: Disconnected Youth, Court Involved Youth, and After School, all of which are addressing the needs of this underserved population

****DYCD Celebrates One-Year Anniversary of OST Initiative and “Lights On Afterschool”**

On October 12, Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development Dennis M. Walcott and Department of Youth and Community Development Commissioner (DYCD) Jeanne B. Mullgrav were joined by Barrett Foa, star of the Broadway show “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” at Boys and Girls Harbor in East Harlem to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Out-of-School Time (OST) initiative. The event also celebrated *Lights On Afterschool*, a national public awareness initiative aimed at promoting the importance of quality after school programs that support children’s growth and learning. The celebration included musical performances by students from Boys and Girls Harbor and Mr. Foa.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

****FOR YOUTH****

The **Tiger Woods Foundation** supports programs dealing with education, youth development, parenting, and family health and welfare. Applications must be submitted by November 1. The award amount is \$2,500 to \$25,000. Contact: Tiger Woods Foundation Attn: Grants 4281 Katella Ave, Suite 111, Los Alamitos, CA 90720, phone: (714) 816-1806 or email: grants@twfound.org or go to their Web site: <http://www.twfound.org>

The **New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)** is announcing the availability of funding for up to six youth leadership (ages 16-26) projects in the amount of up to \$40,000 per project for each of two years. The RFP will require grantees to undertake two distinct and related activities: 1. Implement a “Youth Self-Advocacy” curriculum and approach that develops and sustains self-advocacy, self-determination and leadership competencies and skills for youth with disabilities, and specifically youth with developmental disabilities, and 2. Establish Youth Teams that will implement community-service project(s) that “assists or gives back” to the designated community. Such projects will be chosen by the youth themselves and will build upon the self-advocacy skills taught in the “Youth Self-Advocacy” sessions and will be implemented in a manner that facilitates community inclusion and continues to build leadership competencies. All interested applicants should submit a one-page letter of intent by November 17, 2006. Applications, however, will be accepted for this RFP without a letter of intent. All final grant applications must be delivered to the DDPC office by close of business (5:00 P.M.) on December 8, 2006. For guidelines and additional information, go to: <http://www.ddpc.state.ny.us> .

The mission of the **Dreyer's Foundation** is to promote family, school and community environments that build skills and foster talents in young people. The foundation makes small grants (\$3,000 or less) and donates ice cream products and gift certificates/auction items to bona fide nonprofit organizations for events. These proposals are reviewed on a monthly basis. The application due date is the 7th of every month. Contact the Dreyer's Foundation. 5929 College Avenue. Oakland, CA 94618. Web site: <http://www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/index.asp>

The **New York Life Foundation** announces its 2007 Award Program for nonprofit organizations that serve youth. The Foundation will award six \$25,000 grants --- one in each of New York City’s five boroughs and one in Westchester County --- to innovative programs currently in operation that support the Foundation’s *Safe Places to Learn and Grow* category as part of its Nurturing the Children initiative. Applications will be reviewed and awarded on a competitive basis. Safe Places to Learn and Grow programs include those that provide children with a safe haven during non-school hours and offer structured activities. Applications will be accepted online only from October 16 to December 1, 2006. Awards will be announced and made in early 2007. Complete guidelines for the Award are available at the Foundation’s Web site: www.newyorklifefoundation.org/award.

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development: Healthy School Communities Healthy School Communities, a program of the **Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)**, is providing grants for collaborative school and community programs that create healthy schools. This program is part of a multiyear plan to shift public dialogue about education from an academic focus to a whole child approach that encompasses all factors required for successful learning. ASCD hopes to recast

the definition of a successful learner from one whose achievement is measured solely by academic tests, to one who is knowledgeable, emotionally and physically healthy, civically engaged, prepared for economic self-sufficiency, and ready for the world beyond formal schooling. ASCD will select ten pilot school communities to receive a \$10,000 grant for the 2007 calendar year. The pilot grant is open to K-12 public and independent school communities. The application deadline is November 15. View online:

<http://www.ascd.org/portal/site/ascd/menuitem.187f5eeabf5d4a29a62c2d69e3108a0c/>

The NFL Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program is sponsored by the **National Football League Youth Football Fund** and administered by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation. Grants will support the construction of safe and accessible football fields in neighborhoods with low- to moderate-income households. Schools and organizations may request up to \$50,000 each to build features other than an actual field (such as bleachers or lights); up to \$100,000 each to resurface a field using natural grass rather than artificial turf; or up to \$200,000 each to install a standard, synthetic sports field. Those who may apply are listed as middle or high schools, or organizations classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that have been in existence for at least three years. For more information, contact: Beverly Smith, LISC 501 Seventh Avenue, Seventh Floor, New York, N.Y. 10018; (212) 455-9881 bsmith@lisc.org. Or visit the Web site: <http://www.lisc.org/section/areas/sec3/youth>.

The *Bowerman Track-Renovation Program*, sponsored by **Nike**, provides matching funds of up to \$50,000 for the construction or refurbishment of running tracks. The program distributes a total of \$200,000 each year. The Web site outlines grant eligibility. Grant recipients must provide residents of surrounding neighborhoods with access to the track, and grant funds must be at least partially matched by other contributors by an agreed-upon deadline. Contact: Manager, Bowerman Track Program, Global Community Affairs, Nike 1 Bowerman Drive, Beaverton, Ore. 97005; (503) 671-6453, or go to: <http://www.nikebiz.com/community>.

United States Soccer Foundation Grants are available to projects and programs that develop players, coaches, and referees in economically disadvantaged urban areas. The maximum award is \$100,000. Individuals or an incorporated or unincorporated entities, including "not-for-profit" or "for-profit", qualified to do business within the United States (if for profit, must be for a grant project that is in furtherance of a charitable 501(c)(3) purpose are eligible. The application deadline is November 22. For additional information and guidelines, go online to:

http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/site/c.gpLPJQOpHkE/b.879945/k.A80B/Grants_Overview.htm

****COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT****

The **Department of Health** invites applications from not-for-profit community-based organizations to implement small-scale, short-term, well-defined projects designed to achieve targeted reductions in risks associated with asthma, diabetes, or heart disease and stroke in racial and ethnic minority communities. The goal of the program is to support well-developed community health promotion and disease risk reduction projects that recognize communities as assets; actively engage members of racial and/or ethnic groups targeted; and integrate principles of culturally and linguistically appropriate services. It is anticipated that eight mini-grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded. The application deadline is 5:00 P.M. on November 6, 2006. Inquiries must be submitted, in writing, by October 18, 2006. Responses will be mailed on October 25 to all those who submitted inquiries and to any organization that mails a request to Kristen M. Van Amburgh, Coordinator, Mini-Grant Program, NYS Department of Health, Office of Minority Health, Corning Tower, Room 780, Albany, New York 12237-0092. For more information, visit <http://www.health.state.ny.us>.

CyberAlert, Inc., an online media monitoring company, has announced that, for the fourth consecutive year, the company will award a minimum of ten public relations grants to not-for-profit organizations. Each grant consists of one full year of news monitoring/press clipping services, ranging in value from \$2,700 to \$3,900. All not-for-profit, educational, and charitable organizations in the United States and Canada are eligible to apply for the grants. Deadline: December 31. Program information and the grant application form are available at the company's Web site: <http://www.cyberalert.com/>

Barnes & Noble considers requests for local and regional support from non-profit organizations in the communities they serve. Since funding is limited, they do not contribute to grant or scholarship programs, religious organizations, sports teams or events, political organizations, or medical and health-related causes. However, they support organizations that focus on literacy, the arts or education (K - 12). Barnes & Noble assess the merit of each request on an individual basis. There is an ongoing deadline. For more information online, go to:

http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship_main.html

The *Minority and Women Revolving Loan Trust Fund Program* was created by the State of New York in 1995 and is administered through the **Empire State Development Corporation (ESD)** for the purpose of making low-cost financial assistance available to minority and women-owned businesses that are unable to access traditional financial services. ESD's goal is to help start-ups to grow and flourish in today's economy. For more information, go online to: http://www.empire.state.ny.us/pdf/MWBE_RLTF.pdf

The **American Psychiatric Foundation** seeks to fund new and innovative ideas and programs that promote public awareness of mental illness, the effectiveness of treatment, and the importance of early intervention. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is December 22. Awards up to \$50,000 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.psychfoundation.org/>.

The **Payless ShoeSource Foundation** is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the communities where their associates and customers live. They support programs that achieve measurable results in these communities. Requests for a grant must be submitted in writing to the Payless ShoeSource Foundation at least 60 days prior to the donation's due date. Smaller grant requests (under \$5,000) are considered each month. Larger grant requests (over \$5,000) are reviewed on a quarterly basis. There are on deadlines. For additional information, go to: <http://www.payless.com/en-US/Corporate/Foundation/Foundation.htm>.

General Mills Sales, Inc. and **Hamburger Helper** are searching for people in your hometown that are raising funds to help the community. Hamburger Helper will fund initiatives to help hometowns across America with monetary grants of up to \$15,000.00 per month from September 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007. All requests for funding must be sponsored by a municipal or civic organization or public school. Awards will be based on the merit of the project, including its impact and support within the community. Check in on the 15th of each month through June 15th, 2007, to see which projects got a helping hand. Your project will be considered every month through May 2007 (unless you have requested an earlier funding deadline). Visit <http://www.myhometownhelper.com> for more information.

The **Puffin Foundation Ltd.** has sought to open the doors of artistic expression by providing grants to artists and art organizations that are often excluded from mainstream opportunities due to their race, gender, or social philosophy. Average grants are: \$1,000.00 – \$2,500.00. They will be accepting requests for applications for the year 2007 grant awards until December 15th of 2006. To receive an application packet, send a SASE (#10 self-addressed stamped envelope) to: Puffin Foundation Ltd. 20 East Oakdene Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666-4111, or go to: <http://www.puffinfoundation.org/index.html>

Mercedes-Benz USA is committed to conducting programs with the concentration of funds geared toward educational causes and organizations, in particular those that help to empower the next generation and underserved groups. Additionally, Mercedes-Benz USA continues to support specific programs in the beneficiary categories of Health and Human Services, and Civic and Community. Requests which are regional in scope should be directed to the regional offices listed below. Groups serving communities outside of Mercedes-Benz USA Home Office, should address materials to the "Regional Communications Manager" at the closest regional office. Deadlines are rolling. Go to: <http://www.mbusa.com/about/philanthropy/guidelines.do>.

The *Google Grants program* is designed to help nonprofit organizations further their goals and objectives through targeted, online advertising on **Google.com**. Past Google Grant recipients have used their grants to publicize services and awareness, recruit staff and volunteers, promote special events, sell merchandise related to their organization or cause, and much more. There is no deadline to apply, but if you are

selected for a Google Grant award, you must create your account by a specific date. So you should apply when your organization is able to take full advantage of the AdWords program. To learn more about the Google Grants program and apply, please visit their program page:

<http://services.google.com/googlegrants/application> .

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. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. Established in 1991 as a single-disease organization working to fund community-based organizations dealing with HIV/AIDS education, the Magic Johnson Foundation provides a range of grants. Grants range in size from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The deadline is rolling. For guidelines and additional information, go online to:

<http://www.magicjohnson.org/grants.php>

The **Allstate Foundation** provides support to national programs as well as local programs in communities served by the company. Proposals must address needs within one of the following three focus areas to be considered for funding: *Tolerance, Inclusion, and Diversity*, with emphasis on ending hate crimes, alleviating discrimination, and teaching tolerance; *Safe and Vital Communities*, with emphasis on anti-violence, teen driving, disaster response, and neighborhood revitalization; and *Economic Empowerment*, with emphasis on financial literacy, insurance education, and empowering domestic violence victims. Proposals may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the website listed above for detailed application information: <http://www.allstate.com/Community/PageRender.asp?Page=foundation.html>

****MINIGRANTS****

Youth Leaders for Literacy is an initiative of the **National Education Association** (NEA) and **Youth Service America** (YSA) to help youth plan and implement reading-related service projects. NEA will award 20 grants of \$500 each to support literacy projects that begin on NEA's Read Across America Day, March 2, 2007, and culminate on National & Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007. During these seven weeks and beyond, youth will create a groundswell of literacy service in communities across the country. Applicants must be ages 21 or younger, and can be either individuals or groups. Applications must be postmarked by November 24, 2006. For more information, visit:

<http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/index.html>.

RESOURCES

Tech News: Enhancing Human Services Through Technology, a free online newsletter designed specifically for the nonprofit community, offers valuable and up to date information on technology issues facing the nonprofit sector <http://www.uwnyc.org/technews>. Published by **United Way of New York City** every month and supported by IBM, Tech News conveys how technology can best enhance the management and delivery of client focused services, assist organizations with technology questions, and provide agencies with concrete answers to connect and exchange information about technology needs and interests.

A report has just been released by the **Youth in Transition Task Force** under the auspices of the **Public Human Services Association**. It provides an overview of the programs and efforts addressing the needs of youth with disabilities in transition from secondary education to adulthood in 25 states. View and print the pdf file at: <http://www.doleta.gov/ryf/>

The **NYS Office of Children and Family Services** is pleased to announce the addition of the *Effective and Promising Practices* web page to its Internet website. This new web page is designed to be a resource for professionals and stakeholders interested in advancing programs and practices that are designed to achieve positive outcomes for the children, families, and communities of New York State. The web page includes: How to Develop Outcomes, Effective Programs and Practices, Outcome Measures, Implementation Issues and Funding Considerations. View online at: http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/sppd/eff_practices/

In addition, they have added an *Adolescent Services and Outcomes* web page; a place to find some of the most current state and federal resources on services to foster care youth and former foster care youth.

Sprint Presents Lifeline and Link Up Service - public assistance programs offering wireless telephone discounts to qualified, low-income consumers. Under the Lifeline program, eligible subscribers may receive a discounted monthly charge. Link Up assistance helps qualified, low-income customers pay the activation fee. Eligibility requirements vary by state. People may qualify for lifeline assistance if they comply with certain income level requirements or currently participate in certain public assistance programs. For further information about Lifeline and Link Up assistance or to receive an application form, please call Sprint toll free at 866-827-3290,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****October 21** – The first annual Black College Expo will be held at the Madison Square Garden Expo Center from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. There will be an Aftershow from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Admission is \$5. Students and their families will meet representatives from historically black colleges and universities and will learn about the college admission process, college preparation, SAT and ACT preparation, financial aid, scholarships, and careers and will be able to submit college applications. All high school students are encouraged to attend. High school seniors are encouraged to bring their transcripts and test scores. For additional information, go online to:
<http://www.blackcollegeexpo.com/homepage.htm> .

****October 21 – Community Board 8** will host a conference, *Family Communication: Doing More Than Blah, Blah, Part II* at Berean Missionary Baptist Church, 1635 Bergen Street (Rochester and Buffalo Avenues), Brooklyn from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Among the issues to be addressed will be: teen male development, family solidarity, and gang awareness. Contact Akosua Albritton (718) 467-5574 for additional information.

****October 26** – In recognition of *Funding for the Arts Month*, the **Foundation Center**, in collaboration with the **Center for Arts Education**, will present a panel discussion about the state of public and private funding for arts education in New York City public schools with tips on local, state, and federal funding sources. It will be held at The Foundation Center, NY Library/Learning Center, 79 Fifth Avenue, 2nd floor from 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

****November 9** – The **Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment** will be hosting the *Green Brooklyn Conference 2006* (Sustainable design, green products, and renewable energy...what does it all mean for a sustainable city?) at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, from 11:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to: <http://www.bcue.org/greenbrooklyn>

****November 16 – Baruch College, School of Public Affairs, Nonprofit Group** will host a seminar: *Reviewing Your Mission and Strategic Direction – Mergers, Alliances, and the Unthinkable*, presented by Alair Townsend (Publishing Director, Crain's NY Business) at 135 East 22nd Street, Room 301 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Space is limited; RSVP by phone: (646) 660-6743 or email: nonprofit_workshops@baruch.cuny.edu .

The **NYC Administration for Children's Services** is actively recruiting foster parents for children and teens in New York City. There is an urgent need right now to find good, strong foster homes -- especially for teens and sibling groups and they are targeting New Yorkers who have dedicated their lives to public service and are likely to consider opening their homes and hearts to these children. For additional information, go to the New York City Parent Recruitment Hotline: 212/676-WISH (9474) or the Administration for Children's Services Web site: <http://www.nyc.gov/acs> .

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Young musicians with disabilities are invited to apply for the **VSA Arts International Young Soloists Award**. Any individual musician (instrumental or vocal) from the U.S. who has a disability and is 25 years old or younger is eligible to apply. Applications from musical ensembles (two to eight members) will be accepted for the International Young Soloists Award. In order to be eligible, at least one member of the ensemble must have a disability, and all members of the ensemble must fulfill the age requirements as stated above. All types of music will be accepted, including but not limited to, rock/alt rock, pop, indie, classical, country/folk, jazz, R&B/blues, hip hop/rap, Latin, world, etc. A committee of distinguished music professionals selects the award recipients, each of whom will receive a \$5,000 award and the opportunity to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The application deadline is December 1. For complete program information and application forms, visit the Web site: <http://www.vsarts.org/x22.xml>.

The **National Child Labor Committee** has announced that the *2007 Lewis Hine Awards for Service to Children and Youth* will be presented to individuals who have made a commitment to the well-being, growth and development of youth, either in a paid job (i.e. professional) or through volunteering. The maximum award is \$1,000. Professional nominees must work full or part-time and receive pay for the activity or service they are nominated for performing; volunteer nominees must be unpaid volunteers in relation to the activity or service they are nominated for performing. The deadline for applications is October 25. View more information online at: <http://www.nationalchildlabor.org/2007nominpacket.doc>.

The **National Vocabulary Championship (NVC)** is an initiative sponsored by GSN, The Network for Games, which uses competition and wordplay to engage and reward high school students, educators and parents, teaching them the value of a strong vocabulary. Students can have access to NVC preparation materials through the NVC website and in-school coaches, if applicable. Maximum Award: \$40,000 toward college tuition. High school students in the New York City Department of Education and others across the country are eligible. Go to Web site for specifics on the application deadline: http://www.gsn.com/nvc/nvc_guidelines.php.

American Association of University Women has announced the availability of their *Community Action Grants* One- and two-year grants are offered. One-year grants provide seed money for new projects. Two-year grants provide start-up funds for longer-term programs that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities. Topic areas are unrestricted for both types of grants, but applications should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equity for women and girls. One-year grants provide \$2,000-\$7,000 over one year. Two-year grants provide \$5,000-\$10,000 over two years. The application deadline is January 15, 2007. See the Web site for eligibility criteria: http://www.aauw.org/fqa/fellowships_grants/cag_elig.cfm.

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture is accepting applications for its *Scholars-in-Residence Program*. The Schomburg Center residency program assists scholars and professionals whose research on the black experience can benefit from extended access to the center's resources. Fellowships are awarded for continuous periods of six or twelve months at the Schomburg Center with maximum stipends of \$25,000 for six months and \$50,000 for twelve months. Fellows are expected to be in continuous residence at the Schomburg Center and to participate in the intellectual life of the program. The deadline for submissions is: December 1. Visit the Web site for complete program information: <http://www.nypl.org/research/sc/sc.html>.

The **Alston/Bannerman Fellowship Program** is committed to advancing progressive social change by providing sabbaticals to sustain long-time activists of color. The program honors those who have devoted their lives to helping their communities organize for racial, social, economic, and environmental justice. Each year, ten fellows receive an award of \$15,000 to take sabbaticals of three months or more. The sabbaticals may be used to explore new interests, travel, relax, visit with other activists, or do whatever the fellows think is necessary to prepare for their future work. Both paid staff and volunteer leaders who have more than ten years experience as community activists are eligible to apply for fellowships. The application deadline is December 1, annually. Visit the website listed for more information: <http://www.alstonbannerman.org/>.

The **American Association of People With Disabilities** is accepting applications for the following summer internships:

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation-AAPD Congressional Internship: Offered by the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation and AAPD, this program is an eight-week paid summer internship that gives college/university students with disabilities the chance to obtain first-hand knowledge of the legislative and political process by working in Congressional offices in Washington, D.C. Undergraduate students studying at a college or university who, at the time of application, are first-semester sophomores through second-semester juniors are eligible to complete an official application. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. The program will provide the eight selected participants with a \$1,500 stipend; transportation expenses to and from Washington, D.C.; and free accessible housing.

Microsoft-AAPD Federal IT Internship: Offered by Microsoft Corporation and AAPD, this program is an eleven-week paid summer internship in Washington, D.C., that gives college/university students with disabilities the opportunity to gain real-world work experiences and further enhance their employment opportunities, while also providing them with an opportunity to perfect their information technology skills. Applicants must be college or university students enrolled in an associate's or bachelor's degree program when they begin the internship program; have completed at least one semester of college credits at the time of the application; and be a U.S. citizen. Individuals age 18 or older are encouraged to apply. The ten selected participants will receive a \$2,500 stipend; transportation expenses to and from Washington, D.C.; and free accessible housing.

The deadline for applications is December 1. For additional information on these internship opportunities, go to: <http://www.aapd-dc.org/>