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This is the one hundred and sixth issues of the Faith and Community-Based Loop (FCB Loop). The FCB Loop is a listserv that sends out biweekly email updates with postings of upcoming conferences, information, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops that would be of interest to Faith and Community-Based organizations. Please send any upcoming information about conferences, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops to Nakia.Kyler@ServeAlabama.gov to be published in the FCB Loop.

Please Note: The headings of new additions to the Loop are italicized and in red.

Conferences, Trainings, Seminars and Workshops

- **Be Ready Camp**

Would you like your children or students to develop their leadership skills? Give them an opportunity to learn about disaster preparedness, participate in a full scale mock disaster exercise and meet new friends in the process? If so, register for Be Ready Camp. Located at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, Be Ready Camp is an innovative and unique five day full immersion residential camp that promotes citizen preparedness and participation to sixth graders in the State of Alabama.

Participants are selected through a competitive process and must be an Alabama resident who will be in the sixth grade in September 2010. The application process is open to all learners with applicants choosing to submit an essay, video or poster. Be Ready Camp is free to participants who are selected. It is the responsibility of the participant's parent and/or guardian to provide transportation to Huntsville, Alabama. We believe this is an outstanding and unique opportunity for Alabama students. Please feel free to pass this information along to your local churches, schools and non-profits. If you would like more information on Be

Ready Camp please visit the website www.BeReadyCamp.org or contact Marguerite Long at 334-954-7451 or Marguerite.Long@servealabama.gov.

- **2010 Census: What's In It For You?**

Each of us has a lot at stake as we prepare to complete our 2010 Census forms. By participating we can affect the quality of life in our community for the better. Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local, and tribal governments based on census data – funding used for new roads, schools, hospitals and to enhance important community programs. Census data also gives us a voice in Congress as the data to determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit www.2010census.gov

- **Tracks To Success – Using Appreciative Inquiry**

This four-part series, written by Alexandra Peters, will take you through the three basic phases of Appreciative Inquiry. Appreciative Inquiry is an approach that will help your organization define its strengths, articulate its vision, and implement positive change. The series offers guidelines on how to integrate this approach into your grantseeking process. Click on the link provided above to read Part Three: The “Dreaming” Phase of Appreciative Inquiry.

http://www.grantstation.com/Public/tracks_to_success/appreciative_inquiry/3.asp

- **Writing Capacity Building Grants Webinar**

Developing a capacity building grant request requires a specific approach which is distinct from the application process for operating or program grant requests. During this webinar, Alice Ruhnke will walk participants through the introduction, needs statement, objectives, and evaluation components of capacity building grant requests, using "real life, real time" examples of what funders are looking for. The webinar will be held Tuesday, March 30, 2010. This webinar is \$89.00 per person or \$150 per site. Visit the link listed below to register.

<https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx>

- **My Elevator Speech**

Can you make a convincing case for your cause in 30 seconds? That first encounter is your chance to open a door and leave a lasting impression. Join Debby Bloom to learn effective ways to succinctly tell your story by focusing on the heart of the issue. This webinar will also teach you how to highlight your strengths and stimulate interest in your work/cause/issue. You'll come away with the confidence needed to win over new prospects, grantmakers, and other stake holders. The webinar will be held Wednesday, April 21, 2010. This webinar is \$89.00 per person and \$150.00 per site. Visit the link listed below to register.

<https://www.grantstation.com/Programs/WebinarOrder/Webinars.aspx>

- **Using Outcome Data to tell Your Story**

Every nonprofit organization has a story to tell, but many remain as a "best kept secret" year after year. Stories developed around well-documented outcome data are vital to building your organization's relationship with the community. So how do you enhance your organization's compelling stories with solid outcome data in order to advance your

mission? During this webinar, Alice Ruhnke will discuss methods to collect the data you need, how to use data-driven stories to communicate your message, and ways to tailor your story to constituencies both inside and outside of your organization. The webinar will be held Thursday, April 22, 2010. This webinar is \$89.00 per person and \$150.00 per site. Visit the link listed below to register.

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- **Alabama Marriage and Family**

The Alabama Community Healthy Marriage Initiative (ACHMI) is made up of people who have a passion and expertise for helping families thrive. ACHMI is funded by a 5-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Family Assistance. It is a partnership between Auburn University, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Children's Trust Fund of Alabama, a consortium of state agencies and organizations, and eleven Family Resource Centers, two Mental Health Centers, and a growing number of other individuals and community-based organizations who have joined together to provide programs and services to support the development and maintenance of healthy relationships and stable marriages throughout Alabama. The ACHMI has Workshops that can be viewed online at this address:

<http://www.alabamamarriage.org/workshops.php>

Volunteer Resources

With volunteerism and civic engagement becoming a vastly growing movement throughout our nation, the Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives has created the Volunteer Resource section. This section's primary role will be to provide resources, tools, and volunteer search engines in order to build the capacity of volunteerism throughout the State of Alabama.

- **Global Youth Service Day April 23 – 25, 2010**

Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Established in 1988, GYSD is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in over 100 countries.

On April 23 – 25, 2010, children and youth will address the world's most critical issues in partnership with families, schools, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, and governments. If you would like more information on how you can get involved, please visit www.GYSD.org.

- **Six Flags Friends Scholarships**

DoSomething.org has teamed up with Six Flags Friends to award college scholarships to young leaders who are taking action to make their community a better place. Scholarships will be awarded based on past, current and planned action in the community as well as the applicant's passion, commitment and proven leadership skills. Six winners will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship.

The scholarship deadline is April 30, 2010. For more information, please visit: www.dosomething.org/grants/sixflags/scholarships

- **2010 National Conference on Volunteering Service Scholarships are Available**

The National Conference on Volunteering and Service will convene in New York City June 28 - 30, 2010. Points of Light Institute and the Corporation for National and Community Service are pleased to announce that a limited number of registration scholarships are available to national and international nonprofit and service organizations. The annual event provides attendees with an opportunity to learn, connect and be inspired to shape the future of service and volunteering through exciting and informative plenary sessions, special events, interactive workshops, service projects specialized tracks and more.

We encourage and invite diverse community members of all ages to apply for registration scholarships. Scholarships will cover the conference registration fee only. Scholarship recipients will be responsible for additional expenses including travel, hotel accommodations and food. It is important that the applicant and organization determine if they can cover these additional conference expenses prior to applying. *We kindly ask that organizations apply for assistance only after they have exhausted all avenues of local fundraising.* Upon receipt of your application, the Scholarship Committee will review, and selections will be made based on greatest need.

We are asking all applicants to apply online. If you are not able to apply online, please contact us for alternative submission formats. Please submit the completed application before April 3, 2010, to khinson@handsonnetwork.org. You will be notified of the status of your application on or before April 15, 2009.

If you have any questions, please submit requests to conferencescholarships@handsonnetwork.org. For more information on the National Conference on Volunteering and Service and for program details, please visit www.volunteeringandservice.org. We look forward to seeing you at the National Conference on Volunteering and Service!

- **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**

Nominate a young service-learning leader for a \$2,500 Barron Prize! The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2010 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education.

Nomination deadline is April 30. For more information and to nominate, visit www.barronprize.org

- **Senior Corps – Grant Opportunity**

On January 26, the Corporation issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that will provide grant funding to launch new RSVP projects to engage volunteers ages 55 and over in communities not currently served by RSVP or to expand

existing service programs. The RSVP NOFA totals \$2.7 million in new funding that will be made available through a national competition.

An initial submission of a concept paper is required and applicants who have submitted successful concept papers will be invited to submit full applications. The concept paper deadline is February 22, 2010, and the deadline for full applications is April 6, 2010. Successful applicants will be notified by August 20, 2010. To read the entire NOFA, please visit

http://www.seniorcorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=78

For further information, email PNS@cns.gov or call 202.606.3225. Applications should be submitted to <https://egrants.cns.gov/espan/main/login.jsp>

- **Alabama AmeriCorps State Grant**

The Alabama Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GFBCI) is the state office that manages programs and initiatives designed to increase the number of Alabamians engaged in service and volunteering. Each year, as the State Service Commission, GFBCI awards AmeriCorps grants to nonprofit and public agencies that identify an unmet need in their community that will be addressed by AmeriCorps members that the organization recruits, trains, and manages.

AmeriCorps grants provide funding for items such as program staff, member living allowances, health insurance for full-time members, equipment, supplies and other associated program expenses. In the FY 2010 grant competition, the funding priorities are projects that address compelling, unmet needs in one or a combination of the following five national service priority areas: Education, Healthy Futures, Clean Energy/Environment, Veterans, and Opportunity.

The application deadline for the **Formula Grants**, are due in e-Grants and hard copy *with additional application documents* to GFBCI Office by 5:00pm CST on April 1, 2010.

Click the link below for more information regarding this grant:

<http://www.ServeAlabama.gov/AmeriCorps%20August%202008/Funding09.htm>

- **2010 Alabama Department of Public Health Volunteer Symposia**

These symposia will address the need for responding volunteers to be familiar with their role as an ADPH Volunteer. Discipline related topics will be presented as well as an overview of some of the emergency response assets that ADPH currently has in its possession. The conference presentations will focus on the roles of a Nurse, Pharmacist, Social Worker, and an Amateur Radio Operator in the event of a disaster. Three symposia's will be held throughout the state. CEUs will be offered to nurses, pharmacists, social workers, EMT and Paramedics. The symposia's are free and are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

The training requires that you register through the website--links are provided below.

April 21, 2010, Huntsville: Von Braun Center
700 Monroe St
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

<http://www.adph.org/Extranet/Default.asp?action=signin&FormID=2278&message=27>

April 28, 2010, Mobile: Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center
One South Water St
Mobile, AL 36602

<http://www.adph.org/Extranet/Default.asp?action=signin&FormID=2284&message=27>

May 6, 2010, Montgomery: Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the
Convention Center
201 Tallapoosa St
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

<http://www.adph.org/Extranet/Default.asp?action=signin&FormID=2285&message=27>

- **Give A Day. Get A Day Disney.**

Beginning January 1, 2010, when you sign up to volunteer a day of service with a participating organization (and your service is completed and verified) you'll get one day admission to a Walt Disney World® or Disneyland® theme park, FREE! Disney wants to inspire one million people to volunteer a day of service. Search and sign up for a day of service from January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010 and receive one day free admission to a Walt Disney World® or Disneyland® theme park. For more information on how you can get involved please visit:

http://disneyparks.disney.go.com/disneyparks/en_US/WhatWillYouCelebrate/index?name=Give-A-Day-Get-A-Disney-Day

- **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**

Helping senior citizens enroll in Medicare's Prescription Drug Plan is one of the largest projects the Alabama Department of Senior Services and the Area Agencies on Aging have undertaken. Last year, the faith-based and community initiatives network assisted the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselors and volunteers at the local Area Agencies on Aging in the Medicare Part D enrollment effort. ADSS is asking for your assistance again this year to ensure our state's elderly population receives proper counseling and advice. Your help is needed to guide new seniors through enrollment and assist those already on Medicare Part D in evaluating their coverage for the coming year. Your organization can help to ensure that seniors receive the counseling they need to make an informed choice.

For more information on how to volunteer or to host an event for Medicare beneficiaries and their families, email ageline@adss.alabama.gov or call 1-800-AGE-LINE.

- **Create the Good Campaign – AARP**

AARP Create the Good is an on-line destination connecting people to ways to

make a difference in their local communities by volunteering. The AARP Alabama State Office is asking community organizations to post their volunteer needs on the <http://www.createthegood.org/> website. It's free and AARP provides technical support. Get involved now as AARP Create the Good will be featured across all of AARP's communication channels including AARP's sponsorship of ServiceNation and upcoming regular features across our TV, radio and publications. For more information, contact apritchett@arp.org.

- **Volunteer Centers in the State of Alabama**

Throughout the State of Alabama there are several volunteer centers that mobilize volunteers and connect people to build the capacity of their communities. If you would like more information on volunteer centers in Alabama please read the list below.

- **Athens-Limestone County RSVP / Volunteer Point**

RSVP/ Volunteer Point is the connection between volunteers and the community needs in Limestone County. We partner with the community to mobilize volunteers and provide solutions to local challenges. We believe that only people can solve community problems, and would like to challenge you to help your community. If you would like more information on how you can get involved please call 256-232-7207 or visit their website at <http://www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/RSVP-VolunteerPoint/vcindex.do>

- **Hands On Birmingham**

Hands On Birmingham (HOB) is a valuable resource to nonprofit agencies, schools, and neighborhood associations as well as ANYONE looking for a place to serve. HOB is a Birmingham-based nonprofit organization that makes it easy for busy people to volunteer. The majority of Hands On Birmingham's service opportunities are held after traditional business hours or on the weekends. If you would like more information on how you can get involved please visit the website below:

<http://www.handsonbirmingham.org/HomePage/index.php/home.html>

- **Hands On Greater Huntsville (Madison County)**

From volunteer referrals to project coordination to education, HandsOn Greater Huntsville–The Volunteer Center of Madison County–is your full service volunteer center and the premier connection between volunteers and community needs. If you would like more information on how you can get involved please visit the website below.

<http://www.volunteerhsv.org>

- **Volunteer and Information Center (River Region)**

The Volunteer and Information Center (VIC) mobilize volunteers and connect people, information and services to build a strong, caring community. VIC was founded in 1974 by the Junior League of

Montgomery and the United Way Community Council and is an agency of the River Region United Way. VIC is a full affiliate member of the Points of Light Foundation & Hands on Network and the Alliance of Information & Referral Services. Please visit the website for more details. <http://www.clickvic.org>

- **Volunteer Center of Morgan County**

The Volunteer Center of Morgan County mobilizes people and resources to address the issues that are important to the community and strengthens the capacity of local organizations to meet community needs through volunteerism. If you would like to learn more information on how you can get involved please visit: <http://www.vcomc.org/>

- **Volunteer Mobile / Hands on South Alabama**

Established in 1975 by the Junior League of Mobile and the Community Chest and Council, Volunteer Mobile strives to mobilize people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems. Volunteer Mobile is affiliated with Hands On Network which is generated by The Points of Light Institute. Volunteer Mobile's role in the community is centered on our ability to: Connect people with the opportunity to serve, build the capacity for effective local volunteering, promote volunteering and participate in strategic initiatives that mobilize volunteers. Please visit the website below for more information.

<http://www.volunteermobile.org/volunteermobilehome.html>

- **Volunteer Washington County**

A satellite project of Volunteer Mobile, located in Mobile, AL, Volunteer Washington County will serve the region as a one-stop location for volunteers searching for service and agencies searching for volunteers. Offices are currently located in the Washington County Public Library, in Chatom, AL. If you would like more information on how you can get involved please visit the website below.

<http://www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/washingtoncounty/vcindex.do>

- **1-800-Volunteer.org**

1-800-Volunteer.org is a national database of volunteer opportunities powered by a volunteer management system for non-profits. Those interested in volunteering can go to www.1800volunteer.org and get registered to serve. One can use the "search tool" to discover volunteer opportunities and help in their local community or across the country. This is an excellent way for one to locate a regional Volunteer Center in Alabama or again, across the country. For more detailed information, please visit the website, www.1800volunteer.org.

- **Website Connects Good People with Good Causes**

VolunteerMatch believes in the power of volunteering to enrich our lives and the world around us. The organization offers a variety of online services to support a

community of nonprofit, volunteer, and business leaders committed to civic engagement. VolunteerMatch welcomes millions of visitors a year and has become the preferred Internet volunteer recruiting tool for more than 50,000 nonprofit organizations. Visit the website listed below to learn more about VolunteerMatch and its services. <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>

- **Leadership Recruiting Services for Nonprofits**

Bridgestar, an initiative of the Bridgespan Group, is a nonprofit organization providing recruiting services, content, and tools designed to help organizations build strong leadership teams and to encourage individuals to pursue career paths as nonprofit leaders. Bridgestar was founded on the premise that mission-focused nonprofit organizations have greater opportunity to achieve breakthrough results when they attract, assemble, and nurture strong board and senior leadership teams. Visit the website listed below for details on all of Bridgestar's resources. <https://www.bridgestar.org/>

- **Successful Strategies for Recruiting, Training, and Utilizing Volunteers Handbook**

This handbook is designed for community groups and faith-based organizations seeking to maximize the skills of their volunteers, expand their services to the community, and enhance their effectiveness. Although the handbook focuses on prevention, treatment, and recovery services for substance abuse and mental illness, the principles described in the handbook can be applied to any field and should help organizations understand how to implement and manage a successful volunteer program. <http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/publications.html>

General Information

- **Ready Alabama on YouTube**

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Alabama Department of Homeland Security announce that the Public Service Announcements from the Ready Alabama Campaign can now be seen on www.youtube.com/readyalabama

- **Disaster Relief & Preparedness Through Service-Learning Module**

Youth Service America (YSA) developed this module on disaster preparedness and relief through service-learning to complement the National & Global Youth Service Day Service-Learning Curriculum Guide, a resource for helping youth develop project management skills. What is service-learning? Service-learning is an interactive educational strategy that links service and academic curriculum to promote learning. It promotes students' personal, social, and intellectual growth and provides them with a sense of civic responsibility. If you would like to read more information on this disaster relief & preparedness module please visit: <http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/DisasterReliefModule.pdf>

- **The Foundation Center**

The Foundation Center is a national nonprofit service organization recognized as the nation's leading authority on organized philanthropy, connecting nonprofits

and the grantmakers supporting them to tools they can use and information they can trust. Its audiences include grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public. The center issues a wide variety of print, electronic, and online information resources; conducts and publishes research on trends in foundation growth, giving, and practice; and offers an array of free and affordable educational programs. For more information, please visit: <http://www.fdncenter.org>

- **Stimulus Package for Alabama**

Please click the link below to learn more information about the stimulus package and how it relates to the State of Alabama.

<http://stimulus.alabama.gov/>

- **CharityTracker**

CharityTracker is an easy way for organizations to collaborate, reduce duplication, and focus their resources on people with real needs. This program allows you to stay informed and share information with local organizations that want to join together to improve their local communities. For more information please visit www.trycharitytracker.com

- **Influenza Response and Preparedness Plans**

The following information is being provided to keep faith-based and community organizations as up to date as possible regarding the Human Cases of Influenza A (H1N1) of Swine Origin in the United States and Abroad. For more information about how faith-based and community organizations can develop and improve influenza response and preparedness plans, go to www.flu.gov

- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the State of Alabama**

If you would like to learn more information regarding the new federal stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by the President and how it affects the State of Alabama, please click the link below.

<http://recovery.alabama.gov/>

- **Free Grant Writing Services**

Starting in September, the Homeless Veterans Providers Technical Assistance Center of the North Carolina Governor's Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse is sponsoring a series of free workshops throughout the country. Funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Technical Assistance Center focuses its efforts on preparing non-profit organizations and faith-based agencies to apply for the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program. The purpose of the GPD is "to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or appropriate supportive services, including innovative approaches to assist homeless veterans in the transition from homelessness and to enable them to live as independently as possible." Please check the website (www.homelessvetprovidertac.net) for the workshop schedule. Only online registration is available on a first come, first serve basis. In addition to the

workshops, the Technical Assistance Center offers individualized review of grant applications with feedback and suggestions.

- **Partnering with Faith-Based and Community Organizations: A Guide for State and Local Officials Administering Federal Block and Formula Grant Funds**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has recently published a State Guidebook, The document is written specifically for state and local officials as a way to provide practical information on developing and enhancing partnerships with effective faith-based and community organizations. A PDF version is available at www.hhs.gov/fbci.

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The United States Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives just released the above document and the Center at The Department of Labor is pleased to pass it along to you. This document provides one more vital resource for the Faith-Based and Community Organization (FBCO) community. Previous works from both DOL as well as other federal agencies have highlighted working with the US Government, local businesses and other community organizations. The publication provides one more tool for FBCOs to use. The guide provides practical information for State and local officials, as well as tribes and tribal-serving organizations, on developing and enhancing effective partnerships with FBCOs. It is available for download on our Publications page at: <http://www.dol.gov/cfbci>.

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Breakthrough Performances—Ten Emerging Practices of Leading Intermediaries**

This guidebook compiles practices of leading intermediary nonprofits that have delivered superlative performance in support of frontline faith-based and community service organizations. The guidebook is designed to be of use to established and new intermediaries, as well as to individuals who guide private and public investment in creative solutions to community needs. In addition to highlighting a range of intermediary models proven to be successful, the guidebook demonstrates the distinctive value that intermediaries provide in addressing complex human needs.

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/Tools%20&%20Resources/Pubs/breakthrough.pdf>

- **Directory of Foundation Workforce and Economic Development Grants**

Organizations that focus on workforce development and job training are a significant asset to their communities. Many corporate and private foundations see the value in these community organizations reaching their neighbors and want to help. This new resource can help bridge the gap between funding and services for many community organizations. The *Directory of Workforce Grant Opportunities* is designed to help FBCOs navigate different funding resources that may assist them in providing workforce development and job-training services. This guide highlights funding resources that are available for FBCOs

involved in workforce development, economic development, and employability training. These lists provide a detailed explanation of each grant and contact information to more easily determine eligibility.

<http://www.dol.gov/cfbci/DFWGO.pdf>

- **Fight Hunger Initiative**

Is an effort to engage all citizens in the fight against hunger in communities across America. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) created an online toolkit that offers a step-by-step guide on how to help neighbors in need, from volunteering at a food drive to planting community gardens. Secretary of Agriculture Schafer is also encouraging people to nominate an individual or organization for the Fight Hunger Initiative Award to recognize exemplary work in the fight against hunger. The toolkit includes additional resources to help you learn more about USDA food and nutrition programs. To learn more about the Fight Hunger Initiative, please visit www.usda.gov/secretary

- **Christian Values Network**

Christian Values Network was created to help individuals financially support their chosen ministry, church, or charity. [CVN](http://www.cvn.org) has over 125 shopping partnerships with leading online retailers offering Everyday, and, Christian products. When you purchase through this [CVN](http://www.cvn.org) community of online shopping partners – "To Buy Is To Give"™ -- [CVN](http://www.cvn.org) will typically give between 3% and 7% of your purchase to your chosen ministry, church, or charity. This means your ministry, church, or charity will be receiving 50% of CVN's net revenue. There is never a charge for your ministry, church, or charity to join the [CVN](http://www.cvn.org) program. It is also FREE for their constituents to become CVN Members. We cordially invite you to take advantage of the FREE CVN Membership, and begin helping to financially support your ministry, church, or charity. Please go to www.cvn.org for more details.

- **Faith-Based Resources**

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service, in partnership with the Office of Justice Programs, has launched a new online resource for nongovernment community organizations—including faith-based ones—that provide victim services. To learn more about the resources available, visit <http://www.ncjrs.gov/faithbased/>

- **New Website for NGOs Launched**

The Microsoft NGO Connection website has been launched to provide nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) a place to go to learn how to use technology more effectively and to access the resources Microsoft and its partners offer. The website provides free or discounted software applications, training and certification information, and NGO discussion forums. The goal of the website is to help NGOs achieve their organizational goals more efficiently. Visit the website listed below to learn more about this new online resource.

<http://www.microsoft.com/About/CorporateCitizenship/CommunityInvestment/NGO/en/us/default.aspx>

- **Network for Good Online Fundraising Tool**
 The mission of Network for Good's new online Learning Center is to provide nonprofits with free access to the best available web-based fundraising and nonprofit marketing resources. The Learning Center features hundreds of articles in six areas: Online Fundraising, Social Networking, Website 101, Email 101, Donor Database, and Nonprofit Marketing. Much of the content comes from nonprofit professionals, coaches, trainers, bloggers, and consultants who are working everyday to improve fundraising and marketing effectiveness. To review the resources offered by the Learning Center, please visit <http://www.fundraising123.org/>
- **YouTube Non-Profit Program**
 Charitable organizations can now register to upload promotional footage on a new nonprofit YouTube channel. The channel, which is free to nonprofits, will also offer a donation feature available with no processing costs through Google Checkout for Nonprofits. For more information, please see www.youtube.com/nonprofits.
- **Free Web Hosting for Community Groups**
 Think Host, Inc. is offering community groups free and/or discounted web hosting. <http://www.thinkhost.com/socialchange/free-hosting.shtml>
- **Kids Count Data Book**
 A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S. <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp>
- **“Maximizing Program Services Through Private Sector Partnerships and Relationships: A Guide for Faith and Community-Based Service Providers”**
 HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Guide for FBCOs seeking private-sector funding. http://www.samhsa.gov/FBCI/fbcj_pubs.aspx
- **“A National Conversation—Friends and Family First”**
 The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid - Medicare Enrollment Toolkit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/downloads/nationalconversation.pdf>
- **Self Assessment and Learning Tool of the Accessible Congregation Campaign**
 The Religion and Disability Program of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) is an interfaith effort, urging national faith groups, local congregations and seminaries to identify and remove barriers of architecture, communications, and attitudes. <http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=9&>
- **One-Stop Career Centers**
 The Department of Labor has launched One-Stop Career Centers, an integrated

system of local information on available jobs, skill requirements, and training provider performance. All the One-Stop services are free. To find one near you click on:

<http://www.servicelocator.org/search/etasearchoffice.asp?zip=&city=&state=AL&proximity=25&search=Search>

Grants and Funding Opportunities

***Note: Grants and Funding Opportunities are sorted into categories: Community Development and Housing, Emergency Preparedness and Response; Education and Arts; Health and Human Services; Substance Abuse/ Mental Health; Youth and Eldercare; Foundations; and Resources.

Community Development and Housing

- **Grants Available for Nonprofits in South Mobile County, Alabama**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Children and Families has awarded a grant to Boat People SOS to provide training, technical assistance and funding support for community and faith-based nonprofit organizations providing services in the south part of Mobile County including Bayou la Batre, Irvington, Coden and surrounding areas of south Mobile County, Alabama.

An orientation session for potential applicants will be held on March 30, 2010 at the Community Foundation of South Alabama, 212 St. Joseph Street, Mobile, AL 36602 at 10:00 AM. Please register for this session by calling (251) 824-7004 or e-mail: pmdendy@bpsosgulfcoast.org. For applications and grant requirements please visit www.bpsosgulfcoast.org or by calling (251) 824-7004. Applications must be submitted by April 12, 2010 at 4:00pm CST.

- **Cities of Service Leadership Grant**

Founded in New York City on September 10, 2009 with 17 founding member cities, Cities of Service is a bipartisan coalition of mayors who have answered the historic Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act's call to action. Funded jointly by the Rockefeller Foundation and Bloomberg Philanthropies, the \$2 million worth of grants will be awarded to ten cities, on a competitive basis, whose mayors have committed to increase the amount and impact of service in their communities. Each recipient city will receive \$200,000 over a two-year period for the specific purpose of hiring a Chief Service Officer, an individual who will lead local efforts on behalf of their city's mayor to develop and implement a citywide plan to increase volunteerism.

To be considered for the two-year *Cities of Service Leadership Grant*, a city's mayor must be a member of the Cities of Service coalition and have signed and agreed to implement the coalition's Declaration of Service. Mayors interested in joining the Cities of Service Coalition should visit www.citiesofservice.org for registration. In addition, all applicant cities must have at least 100,000 residents according to the 2000 census and be home to at least one community college or a four-year public or private university.

The grant application can be found at www.citiesofservice.org and must be received no later than April 9, 2010.

- **Grants Encourage the Empowerment of Disadvantaged Groups**

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) focuses its efforts on the empowerment of economically poor and disadvantaged people seeking to change the structures that perpetuate their condition. SDOP currently supports groups in the United States who are oppressed by poverty and social systems and want to take charge of their own lives. Funded projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them and must address long-term corrections of the conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the SDOP website to review the funding guidelines and download the application form.

<http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/applicationprocess.htm>

- **Economic Development Administration**

EDA is soliciting applications that will promote comprehensive entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher skill wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistence economic distress. Proposals are accepted on a continuing basis and applications are invited and processed as received.

Visit the link below for more information.

http://www.agi.alabama.gov/uploads/tH/BV/tHBV0lwmxKCqITT4k3_L4w/GrantOp09_EDA.pdf

- **USDA Grant and Loan Opportunities: Rural Development Alabama**

Rural Development is an USDA agency that makes funds available in the forms of guaranteed loans, direct loans and grants. The funds may be provided through a local lender or from loans and grants directly from the U.S. Treasury. Many types of projects are eligible for funding through the various programs, including alternative fuels. Two programs, Section 9006 and Section 9008, address alternative fuels specifically.

The USDA Business and Cooperative Program in Alabama accept applications for these grant and loan programs year-round. For more information please click on the link below. www.rurdev.usda.gov/al/rbcs.htm

- **Sustainable Housing Design Initiatives Supported**

The Oak Hill Fund focuses on promoting the principles of sustainable and affordable design in residential housing nationwide, advancing women's reproductive health and rights in the Southeastern U.S., and improving the quality of life within the greater Charlottesville, VA, community. The Environmentally Sustainable Affordable Design (ESAD) Program supports educational initiatives that encourage sustainability and affordability in residential housing design throughout the United States. In addition, support is provided to nonprofit housing organizations that focus on the incorporation of the principles of sustainability in the design and construction of affordable residential housing.

Letters of inquiry for the ESAD program may be submitted at any time. Visit the Oak Hill Fund's website for details about the program and online application information.

<http://www.oakhillfund.org/oakhillesad.html>

- **Support for Women's and Children's Programs**

The WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others supports grassroots organizations throughout the United States and Puerto Rico that serve the overlooked needs of women and children. The Foundation provides grants of \$5,000 to \$30,000 for critical health programs, social services, and education projects that give women and children the knowledge and tools they need to improve their lives. Examples of funded programs include food and shelter for the homeless, healthcare for the poor, after-school programs, career training for under-employed women, and domestic violence prevention programs. Applications must be submitted by the second Tuesday of September of each year. Visit the website listed below to download the Foundation's application form.

http://whofoundation.org/WHO_Funding.htm

- **Funding for Assets for Independence Projects (AFI)**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), will accept applications for grants to establish and administer Assets for Independence (AFI) projects. Grantees provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. A primary feature of each AFI project is that project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA), in which participants save earned income for the purchase of a home, for business capitalization, or to attend higher education or training. Grantees also ensure that participants have access to financial literacy education and coaching including training on money management and consumer issues. As a condition of their Federal AFI grant, grantees must provide non-Federal funds to support their AFI project in an amount at least equal to the Federal AFI grant amount.

Applications will be screened and evaluated as indicated in this announcement. Unsuccessful applicants may submit new applications in any succeeding application cycle. This is a standing announcement. This announcement supersedes the standing announcement published in the *Federal Register* on February 2, 2005. It will be effective until cancelled or changed by the Director of OCS. Application due dates are January 15 and March 25 in 2008, 2009, and 2010. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

- **Services for Disabled Children Supported**

The Innovating Worthy Projects Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that are dedicated to providing direct care or services for children with special needs, acute illnesses, or chronic disabilities. Preference is given to small organizations that might not otherwise be helped. Grants support new ideas and approaches to providing services as well as equipment purchases.

Requests are accepted from January 1 through August 31, annually. Please see <http://www.iwpcf.org/> for more information.

- **Grants Encourage Citizen Engagement**

The mission of the Wallace Global Fund is to promote an informed and engaged citizenry, to fight injustice, and to protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends. The Fund seeks to further its mission through fundamental public policy and systemic change. Proposals are reviewed in the following program areas: natural resources, women's human rights, and media. The Fund supports activities at the global and national level, and will also consider significant local or regional initiatives offering the potential to leverage broader national or global impact.

Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. For more information please go to <http://www.wgf.org/>.

- **Breaking Down Divisions**

The Mix It Up Grants Program, administered by the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, provides \$500 grants to youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying, crossing, and challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. Funded projects must promote collaboration across social boundaries — different youth groups, clubs, or community groups working together. Ideally, the project should be created and implemented by youth; however, various adults and community volunteers should also be invited to participate.

Applications are accepted throughout the year. For more information, please see <http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>.

- **Build-A-Bear Workshop's Bearemy's Kennel Pals Pet Program**

Support local domestic pet programs, including animal shelters, stray pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and educational pet programs throughout the U.S. and Canada. Priority is given to communities where Build-A-Bear Workshop has several stores. Grants are generally provided for specific programs; matching and challenge grant requests are also considered.

Grants will generally range from \$2,500 to \$50,000. Requests are accepted throughout the year, and reviewed quarterly

<http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/bkp.aspx>

- **Green Communities Initiative: Charrette Grants**

Green Communities offers Charrette Grants for up to \$5,000 to assist housing developers with integrating green building systems in their developments and engage in a serious discussion of green design possibilities. Enterprise will award planning grants to affordable housing developers to coordinate green charrettes. A Green Communities Charrette is a working session that will bring together a diverse group of housing development professionals, as well as funders, policymakers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

<http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/charrette.aspx>
[tiesonline.org/Charrettes.aspx](http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/Charrettes.aspx)

- **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program: Stand Down Grants**
Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) have made funds available to host events for homeless veterans in local communities where they are receiving services.
Limit of \$5,000 per application. Applications are submitted on a rolling basis.
<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/hvrp/main.htm>
- **Innovative National and International Programs Supported**
The Ford Foundation is a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. The goals of the Foundation are to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. The Foundation works mainly by making grants or loans through three major program areas: Asset Building and Community Development; Peace and Social Justice; and Knowledge, Creativity, and Freedom. Support is generally directed to activities that are likely to have wide effect rather than local programs with limited scope. Letters of inquiry are considered throughout the year
<http://www.fordfound.org/about/guideline.cfm>
- **International Paper Company Foundation**
Grants will support programs in the areas of education, employee involvement, and community development. Education grants focus on career development for minorities, environmental education, and literacy. Employee-involvement grants support nonprofit organizations at which International Paper Company employees volunteer. Community development grants provide seed money for new projects that benefit communities where the company has operations. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
http://www.internationalpaper.com/Our%20Company/IP%20Giving/A_IP%20Foundation/index.html
- **Loan Guarantee Program for Transitional Housing**
US Department of Veterans Affairs
Low-interest loans to develop multifamily transitional housing with supportive services for homeless veterans.
15 low-interest rate loans with an aggregate dollar amount of \$100 million
Applications are submitted on a rolling basis
<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=8>
- **State Farm: Strong Neighborhoods, Community Development Grant**
Supports nonprofit organizations' programs that: 1) Make housing affordable
Promote first-time homeownership; 2) Eliminate barriers to homeownership; 3) Educate homebuyers about insurance, loss mitigation, and homeownership 4) Foster sustainable communities; and 5) Rehabilitate neighborhoods or communities. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
<http://www.statefarm.com/foundati/cogrants.htm>

- **Support for Environmental Programs**

The Waste Management Charitable Giving Program is committed to making company communities safer, cleaner, and better places to live and work. One of the primary focus areas of the Charitable Giving Program is the environment. The company is committed to helping provide renewable resources to reduce our nation's dependence on fossil fuels, and to conserving and maintaining wetlands, wildlife habitats and green spaces for people's enjoyment. Support is also provided to environmental education programs, including environmental. Applications are accepted year round and are reviewed on a continuous basis. <http://www.wm.com/WM/community/Giving.asp>

Emergency Preparedness and Response

- **Seed Money for Fire Control Efforts Worldwide**

The FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program offers seed money to fire departments and related international, national, state, regional, and local organizations for a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for pre-fire planning for commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities; fire and arson prevention and investigation; and fire prevention education and training programs. Examples of funded projects include: preventive juvenile fire-setter programs, continuing education courses, digital and specialized cameras, and community outreach initiatives and workshops.

Requests may be submitted throughout the year and are reviewed quarterly. Please go to <http://www.fmglobal.com/page.aspx?id=01060200>.

Education and Arts

- **Do Something Battle of the Bands**

March is Music In Our Schools month. DoSomething.org and the VH1 Save The Music Foundation want YOU to lead the fight to keep music education in schools. School budgets are being slashed nationwide, and music and arts programs are often the first to go. Starting March 1st, upload a video showing us your musical talent and tell us why music education matters to you. 5 Winners will get \$1000 for their school music program, concert tickets, Fender guitars, and Rock Band video games. DoSomething.org and The VH1 Save the Music Foundation will present top videos to members of congress, urging them to increase support for music education. Make sure your video is registered by April 16th for a chance to win! For full contest rules and to get started visit www.dosomething.org/bands

- **Mini-Grants Focus on Children's Safety**

The National Center for Safe Routes to School assists communities throughout the U.S. in enabling and encouraging children to safely walk and bike to school. The Center's Mini-Grant Program will provide up to 35 grants of \$1,000 to

community nonprofit organizations, K-12 schools, and local government agencies for projects that focus on increasing safe walking and/or bicycling to school. Funded activities may also explore a variety of issues related to Safe Routes to School programs, including physical activity and environmental benefits, distracted driving, personal safety, integrating children with disabilities, and community building. Online applications must be submitted by April 7, 2010. Visit the Center's website to review the Mini-Grant guidelines.

http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/news_room/minigrants/index.cfm

- **Landmarks Workshops for School Teachers**

The Landmarks of American History and Culture program supports series of one-week residence-based workshops for a national audience of K-12 educators. NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture workshops use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history, government, literature, art, music, and other related subjects in the humanities. The goals of the workshops are to increase knowledge and appreciation of subjects, ideas, and places significant to American history and culture; provide teachers with expertise in the use and interpretation of historical sites and of material and archival resources; and encourage historical and cultural sites to develop greater capacity and scale for professional development programs. NEH Landmarks workshops should be held at or near sites important to American history and culture (e.g., presidential residences or libraries; colonial-era settlements; major battlefields; historic districts; parks and preserves; sites of key economic, social, political, and constitutional developments; and places associated with major writers, artists, and musicians).

Applicants should make a compelling case for the historical significance of the site(s), the material resources available for use, and the ways in which the site(s) will enhance the workshop. The application deadline is March 16, 2010. For more information please visit:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Landmarks.html>

- **Grants for K-12 Math and Science Teachers**

The Toshiba America Foundation promotes quality science and mathematics education in U.S. K-12 schools by supporting programs that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics. The Foundation offers the following two programs: The Program for K-6 Science and Math Education provides grants of up to \$1,000 to teachers in public or private schools in order to improve the teacher's science and math teaching units. The application deadline is October 1, annually. The Program for 7-12 Science and Math Education provides small grants of up to \$5,000 and large grants of over \$5,000 to forward-thinking science and mathematics teachers in order to engage students in positive and challenging learning experiences.

Applications for small grants may be submitted throughout the year. Large grant applications must be submitted by August 1 or February 1, annually.

For more information please go to

<http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp>

- **Teaching Tolerance Grant Program**

The Teaching Tolerance project of the Southern Poverty Law Center offers grants for implementing tolerance and youth activism projects. Projects funded by Teaching Tolerance tend to be: small scale, resourceful and student-focused, promoting acceptance of diversity, peacemaking, community service, or any other aspect of tolerance education; clearly defined, well integrated, and tailored to the specific needs and interests of particular learners and their communities; economically responsible, involving staff participation, community volunteers, and in-kind contributions wherever possible; sustainable in some way, rather than one-time-only events or activities. With an award amount of \$500 to \$2,500 there is no application deadline. <http://www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp>

Health and Human Services

- **Matching Grants Promote Community Health Programs**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Local Funding Partnerships
Local Funding Partnerships (LFP), a collaborative program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and local grantmakers, supports innovative, community-based projects throughout the United States. Through LFP, local grantmakers propose a funding partnership with RWJF to provide seed money for a promising, original project that can improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities. Significant program expansions — into new regions or to new populations — may also be considered; however, funds may not be used to maintain existing projects. LFP provides grants of \$200,000 to \$500,000 per project, which must be matched dollar for dollar by local grantmakers such as community foundations, family foundations, corporate funders, etc. Up to 12 grants will be provided in this funding cycle. Brief proposals are due June 30, 2010. Visit the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation website for program details and online application information.

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21021>

- **Health Clinics throughout the U.S. Supported**

The Kresge Foundation's Caring Communities initiative supports safety-net institutions providing prevention, primary, acute, and chronic care to underserved populations in rural and urban settings. The initiative's Health Clinic Opportunity Fund is a national grant program developed in response to the rapid increase in the number of people losing their jobs and health insurance as a result of the economic crisis. Grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$150,000 per year for a maximum of two years will be provided to build the operational capacity of charitable health clinics, public-health clinics, and those designated as federally qualified health center look-alikes. (Federally qualified health centers are not eligible to apply.) The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is March 1, 2010. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the Caring Communities initiative and the Health Clinic Opportunity Fund.

http://www.kresge.org/index.php/what/caring_communities/#fund

- **Veterans Entrepreneurial Grants**

The Veterans Corporation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting entrepreneurial success for veterans, service-disabled veterans, and members of the National Guard and reserve nationwide. The Veterans Corporation's Development Grant Program supports educational and outreach organizations that address the entrepreneurial needs of veterans. The focus is on supporting programs for veterans who are starting or growing a small business or preparing a business for deployment. Grants up to \$50,000 RFP accepted throughout the year. http://www.veteranscorp.org/developmentgrants/guidelines_forms.html

- **Grants for Meeting Basic Human Needs**

The Public Welfare Foundation is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations and work for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs.

Organizations are also supported that link their community and local work to other efforts to effect broader public policy change. The Foundation's funding priorities include community development, criminal justice, environment, health, human rights and global security, reproductive and sexual health, and youth. Strong emphasis is given to organizations that include service, advocacy, and empowerment in their approach. While most grants are made to organizations in the United States, the Foundation does provide limited support to organizations in other countries.

Letters of inquiry are reviewed throughout the year.

<http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/Guidelines.aspx>

- **Grants Provide Help for the Disadvantaged**

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People focuses its efforts on the empowerment of oppressed and disadvantaged people in the United States who are seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty and injustice. Supported projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them and must address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. The emphasis is on funding local projects; regional, statewide, or national projects are not supported.

Applications are accepted throughout the year.

<http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/applicationprocess.htm>

- **Support for Companion Animal Programs**

The PETCO Foundation's mission is to support and promote community groups throughout the U.S. that help better the lives of our animal companions, while strengthening the relationships between people and their pets. The Foundation dedicates its resources to serving the Four R's: Reduce Rescue, Rehabilitate, and Rejoice. Support is provided to local organizations that address the Foundation's priorities and that are located in communities with PETCO stores. Applying organizations should be able to enlist the support of their local stores. Applications are accepted throughout the year and may be submitted directly to the Foundation or to the nearest PETCO store.

<http://www.petco.com/Content/Content.aspx?PC=welfareapplication&Nav=384>

- **U.S. Department of Justice: Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will provide funding to grass-roots community- and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to improve outreach and services to crime victims through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers.

Up to \$5,000

Open solicitation contingent upon fund availability.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Youth and Eldercare

- **Assets for Independence Demonstration Program**

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), will accept applications for grants to establish and administer Assets for Independence (AFI) projects. Grantees provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become economically self-sufficient for the long-term. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced juvenile and adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration for criminal/juvenile offenses. The application deadline is June 25, 2010. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

- **Support for School Running Programs**

The ING Run For Something Better School Awards Program, in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, seeks to increase physical activity in students and help fight childhood obesity nationwide through the creation of school-based running programs. The awards program will provide at least fifty \$2,000 grants to schools that want to establish a running program, or expand an existing program, that targets grades 4 through 8 in public elementary or middle schools. Schools should design a before, during, and/or after-school program which will be offered to all students in the eligible grades. The program must have a commitment of at least 25 students in order to apply. The purpose of the awards program is to engage all students in the sport of running, not to fund existing athletic programs and/or teams. Awards are available to schools in all 50 states, but will be limited to no more than five recipients per state.

The application deadline is April 15, 2010. Visit the program's website to download the application guidelines.

http://www.orangelaces.com/site/index/get_your_school_involved

- **Environmental Conservation Programs Funded**

The mission of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is to sustain, restore,

and enhance the nation's fish, wildlife, plants, and habitats. Through the Keystone Initiatives Grants Program, the Foundation awards matching grants in the categories of bird conservation, fish conservation, marine and coastal conservation, and wildlife and habitat conservation. Prospective applicants should contact the targeted category's Keystone Director to discuss project ideas prior to submitting proposals in order to help ensure the relevance of funding requests. The upcoming preproposal deadline is April 1, 2010. Visit the Foundation's website for detailed information about the Keystone Initiative objectives.

<http://www.nfwf.org/Content/NavigationMenu/GrantPrograms/ProgramsOverview/Keystones/default.htm>

- **Youth Service Projects Supported in the U.S. and Canada**

The Pay It Forward Foundation was established to inspire students to realize that they can change the world, and to provide them with opportunities to do so. Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund one-time service-oriented projects that are identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community, and that include learning goals for the youth participants. 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. Schools, churches, and community youth groups (with an adult sponsor) in the U.S. and Canada may apply for funding. The application deadlines are September 15 and February 15 of each year; however, requests may be submitted at any time. Visit the Foundation's website to download the Mini-Grant guidelines.

<http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/mini-grant.html>

- **Department of Justice: National Youth Mentoring Training and Technical Assistance Initiative Grant**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) supports wide-ranging mentoring initiatives aimed at reducing juvenile delinquency, gang involvement, academic failure, victimization, and school dropout rates. In 1992, Part G of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act was enacted to fund mentoring efforts that reduce factors placing youth at risk for delinquency. Under this solicitation, OJJDP intends to expand its national leadership role in the youth mentoring arena by advancing the capacity of State and local jurisdictions and Indian tribal governments to develop, implement, expand, evaluate, and sustain youth mentoring efforts that incorporate research-based findings of best practices and principles. In addition, OJJDP anticipates that training and technical assistance under this Initiative will provide support to mentoring programs and initiatives funded by OJJDP, including the Recovery Act National Mentoring Program and the Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative. Please click the link below for more information.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&opId=47104>

- **United Health Care Children's Foundation**

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation has announced that new grants are available to help children who need critical health care treatment, services, or equipment not covered or not fully covered by their parents' health benefit plans. UHCCF provides grants to families to help pay for child health care services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, prescriptions, and medical equipment such as wheelchairs, orthotics, and eyeglasses. For more information visit the website below.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=214300052

- **Funds for Alcoholism Prevention Programs Funded**

The mission of the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation is to educate the public that alcoholism is a respectable, treatable disease from which people can and do recover; encourage prevention programs and activities, with an emphasis on high risk populations; and continually fight to reduce and eliminate the stigma that is associated with the disease of alcoholism. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on the issues of alcoholism, including prevention, treatment, research, public education, and creating awareness of these problems in the nation's work world. While a number of grants go to national organizations, regional and local organizations across the country also receive funds. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more information please go to

http://www.smithersfoundation.org/index.htm?smithers_body.htm&2.

- **Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

A joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association to promote the growth of baseball and softball throughout the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game.

The average grant amount is \$51,000. Letters of Inquiry are accepted throughout the year.

http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp?content=grant_process

- **Herbalife Family Foundation**

The Herbalife Family Foundation provides financial assistance to nonprofit organizations around the world that are dedicated to improving the lives of children. The foundation welcomes the opportunity to consider making contributions to organizations and programs that: improve nutrition; support children and families; provide early intervention; correct problem behavior and enhance self-esteem; prevent substance abuse; prevent physical and emotional abuse; create better home environments; and promote physical and emotional health. Proposals are accepted at any time.

<http://www.herbalifefamilyfoundation.org/?nd=home>

- **Seed Grants for Youth Projects**

The Youth Venture Grant Program provides grants to young people (ages 12 to 20) who have a dream or identify a need in their school or community, develop

an idea and then, with a team, launch their own community-minded organizations to address that dream or need. Each venture team must have an Ally - a caring adult who advises the team.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided to help launch the organization Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.youthventure.org/index.php?tg=articles&topics=43&new=0&newc=0>

Foundations

- **Wal-Mart Foundation State Giving Program**

The Walmart Foundation State Giving Program awards grants at the state and regional level for programs that give individuals access to a better life. State Advisory Councils in each state, as well as Washington, DC and Puerto Rico, determine how best to distribute State Giving Program funds. The program provides grants of \$25,000 and up in the following categories: Education grants support programs that address the educational needs of underserved young people, ages 12-30. Job Skills Training grants promote professional training, counseling, and support services to help people improve their work-related skills. Health grants strive to improve access to healthcare and promote healthy lifestyles. Environmental Sustainability grants support programs that are designed to help people become more sustainable as well as programs that enhance the environment. Applications may be submitted between February 1 and August 20, 2010. Visit the Foundation's website to submit an online application. <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8168.aspx>

- **Honor the Service of Veterans**

The mission of the McCormick Foundation is to advance the ideals of a free, democratic society by investing in our children, communities, and country. The McCormick Veterans Program honors the service of America's veterans by supporting nonprofit organizations that assist veterans in overcoming their unique challenges and successfully re-entering life at home and work. Grants of \$5,000 to \$250,000 are provided to organizations that focus on one of the following five key areas relevant to veterans: mental health (including traumatic brain injury, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and traumatic injuries); family issues (including psychological support for family members of veterans suffering from injuries); shelter and homelessness (including programs to help homeless veterans or provide special needs housing); job and career development (including job training, counseling, and resume preparation); and legal challenges facing our veterans. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the McCormick Foundation website to review the funding guidelines.

http://www.mccormickfoundation.org/veteransprogram/veterans_program.aspx

- **Grants Promote Rights for People in Need**

The Public Welfare Foundation supports efforts to ensure fundamental rights and opportunities for people in need nationwide. The Foundation looks for carefully defined points where funds can make a difference in bringing about systemic changes that can improve lives. The Foundation's 2010 funding priorities include the following issue areas: The Criminal and Juvenile Justice program supports

strategies to lower rates of incarceration and decrease prison population by changing specific laws, policies, or agency regulations. The Health Reform program seeks to assure that the voice of the consumer is heard on the health reform issue, particularly at the state and local levels, by building the capacity of systems of advocacy with expertise in policy, health law, fiscal analysis, community organizing, etc. The Worker's Rights program supports organizations that are trying to improve the lives of working people by ensuring their basic legal rights to safe, healthy, and fair conditions at work.

Letters of inquiry must be submitted six to eight weeks before the proposal deadlines of March 29 and July 26, 2010. Detailed guidelines for each of the grant programs are available on the Foundation's website.

<http://www.publicwelfare.org/>

- **Education, Health, and Safety Programs Funded**

The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, works to improve lives through literacy, knowledge, and a readiness for the 21st Century. The Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations throughout the United States that address one of the following funding priorities: supporting innovative technology-based approaches to literacy and education for both adults and children, preventing domestic violence and helping victims gain independence, improving healthcare through technology, and educating parents and children about Internet safety. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Online applications may be submitted from January 1 through October 31, annually. Visit the Foundation's website to take the eligibility quiz and submit an online application. <http://foundation.verizon.com/>

- **Rosie's For All Kids Foundations**

Rosie's For All Kids Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping disadvantaged children and low-income families. The majority of the Foundation's grants are made through the Early Childhood Care and Education program. Priority is given to experienced, community-based programs serving children in low-income areas where many families struggle to find affordable, high-quality early education and care. Types of support include tuition subsidies; small renovations, supplies, and equipment upgrades; playground construction; and staff development opportunities. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Letters of intent may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the website listed below to take the online eligibility quiz and submit an online application.

<http://www.forallkids.org/site69d7.html?module=article&pageid=56>

- **PETCO Foundation**

The PETCO Foundation's mission is to raise the quality of life for pets and people who love and need them. Grants are provided to local nonprofit organizations in communities with PETCO stores throughout the United States. The Foundation dedicates its resources to serving the Four Rs: Reduce (spay/neuter programs), Rescue (adoption programs), Rehabilitate (behavior training programs), Rejoice (humane education programs). Applying

organizations receive priority when they enlist their local PETCO store in recommending their programs. Requests are accepted throughout the year. Visit the PETCO website for more information about the Foundation's priorities.

<http://www.petco.com/>

- **Georgia-Pacific Foundation**

The Georgia-Pacific Foundation supports a wide range of organizations that improve the quality of life in communities where Georgia-Pacific operates. (The [Georgia-Pacific facility directory](#) is available online.) The Foundation has identified the following key investment areas: educational efforts that empower youth and provide workers with job readiness training; community enrichment issues such as affordable housing and community safety; environmental programs that promote clean air and water, recycling, and land and resource conservation; and entrepreneurship initiatives that foster self-sufficiency and economic empowerment, especially among youth, women, and minorities. Applications may be submitted online from January 1 through October 31, annually. Visit the Georgia Pacific website to take the Foundation's Eligibility Survey.

- **Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation**

The mission of the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation is to promote a sustainable and just social and natural system. The Foundation provides support to grassroots nonprofit organizations nationwide through the following grantmaking programs. The Foundation's Protect the Health and Environment of Communities Threatened by Toxics program supports state and regional organizations that address toxics exposure and contamination. The Advance Environmental Justice program supports organizations that work to counter environmental degradation in low-income communities and communities of color. The Promote a Sustainable Agricultural and Food System program supports rural and urban organizations that focus on issues involving sustainable agriculture and community food security. The Ensure Quality Reproductive Health Care as a Human Right program supports organizations that advocate for public policies to safeguard reproductive freedom. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the website listed below for details on each of the Foundation's grantmaking programs. <http://www.noyes.org/>

- **Regal Foundation**

The Regal Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. Grants are provided to both local charities based in the communities the company theatres serve and to national projects that have a multiplier effect by benefiting local groups across the country. The Foundation is primarily interested in supporting organizations that benefit persons suffering economic, social, physical, or educational hardship or disadvantage, or who are otherwise in need of assistance. Examples of funded programs include food banks, children and youth services, and K-12 education. Requests may be submitted at any time, and are reviewed three times per year. Visit the company's website listed below for application guidelines and forms.

<http://www.regmovies.com/corporate/communityaffairs/>

- **Actuarial Foundation**

Through its Advancing Student Achievement Mentoring Program Actuarial Foundation awards grants to schools and groups throughout the United States and Canada for programs that involve actuaries in the teaching of mathematics. The initiative brings together actuaries and educators in local classrooms (grades 4-12) with the belief that interaction with real-world mentors will boost students' interest in math. Applicants for grants will be given wide latitude in designing programs that create a "love of math" in each student. The Foundation can provide a local network of actuaries ready to participate, as well as suggestions on how to integrate math concepts from the workplace into the classroom. Applications may be submitted at any time. For more information, please see <http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/grant/>

- **Allstate Foundation**

The Allstate Foundation provides support to national programs as well as local programs in company communities throughout the United States. Proposals must address needs within one of the following three focus areas: Tolerance, Inclusion, and Diversity, including teaching tolerance and ending discrimination and hate crimes; Safe and Vital Communities, including youth anti-violence, neighborhood revitalization, and teen driving safety; and Economic Empowerment, including financial education and empowerment for domestic violence victims. <http://www.allstate.com/foundation/main.aspx>

- **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**

The mission of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation is to support efforts that promote a just, equitable, and sustainable society. The Foundation provides grants through four distinct programs. The Pathways Out of Poverty program supports national initiatives that aim to move low-income people along the road to self-sufficiency. The Civil Society program supports efforts to assist in democratic institution-building and ensure respect of rights and diversity both in the U.S. and internationally. The Environment program promotes policies that protect the diversity of selected ecosystems in North America and around the world. The Flint Area program provides support to local community organizations in the Foundation's hometown of Flint, MI. Letters of inquiry for all four grant programs are accepted at any time. Visit the website listed below for more information. Please visit www.mott.org for more details.

- **CIGNA Foundation**

Four broad areas for grant consideration: Health and Human services; Education; Community and Civic Affairs; and Culture and the Arts. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis http://www.cigna.com/about_us/community/targeted_grant.html

- **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has prepared a toolkit to help community and organizational leaders increase awareness about the joy of foster

care adoption. The kit contains sample resources that can be used to promote awareness throughout the year. The kit along with other adoption information can be ordered for free by calling 1-800-275-3882 or by visiting <http://www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.com/materials.asp>

- **Dominion Foundation**

The Dominion Foundation supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the economic, physical, and social health of the communities served by Dominion's gas companies. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking in five general categories: health and human services, education, culture and the arts, neighborhood and community development, and the environment. Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$15,000. Applications are accepted throughout the year <http://www.dom.com/about/community/foundation/index.jsp>.

- **HelpAmerica Foundation**

The HelpAmerica Foundation is honored to provide volunteer and financial aid to organizations which support the poor and underprivileged and needy and/or homeless Americans, including men, women, children and veterans of war. We are also proud to support the families of active military personnel called to duty. Awards range from \$2,500 to \$7,500. Applications are accepted year round <http://www.helpamericafoundation.org/howtoapply/index.htm>

- **The Surdna Foundation**

The Surdna Foundation is interested in fostering entrepreneurial programs throughout the U.S. that offer viable solutions to difficult systemic problems. The Foundation primarily provides support to nonprofit organizations through the following four program areas. The Community Revitalization category seeks to enhance the quality of life in urban places, increase their ability to attract a diversity of residents and employers, and insure that urban policies promote social equity. The goals of the Environment category are to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to promote environmentally beneficial and equitable use of land and natural resources. The Effective Citizenry category provides support for young people to take direct action to solve problems in their schools, neighborhoods, and the larger society. The Arts Program is a national initiative focusing on arts and education.

Letters of inquiry in most program areas are accepted throughout the year. For more information, please visit www.surdna.org.

Resources

- **The Corporation for National and Community Service**

Grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering for AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and Senior Corps.

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp

- **Grant Writing Tools for Non-Profit Organizations**
Non-profit guides are free web-based grant-writing tools for non-profit organizations, charitable, educational, public organizations, and other community-minded groups.
<http://www.npguides.org/index.html>
 - **Grantproposal.com**
A site devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grant writing consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff.
<http://grantproposal.com/>
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