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Friday 12 March 2010

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# News From The Coalition, Inc.

*"Communication – Cooperation – Collaboration"*

Volume 4, Number 28

## Greetings Coalition Family!

A friend and supporter of The Coalition recently experienced the sudden unexpected loss of two matriarchs within his family within two days of each other. Inevitably these occasions make us question what could we have done to prevent the loss or make their remaining time more pleasant. It brings to mind an old poem we'd like to share with you.

### Our Own

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

If I had known, in the morning,  
How wearily all the day  
The words unkind would trouble my mind  
That I said when you went away,  
I had been more careful, darling,  
Nor given you needless pain;  
But—we vex our own with look and tone  
We might never take back again.

For though in the quiet evening  
You may give me the kiss of peace,  
Yet it well might be that never for me  
The pain of the heart should cease;  
How many go forth at morning  
Who never come home at night,  
And hearts have broken for harsh words spoken  
That sorrow can ne'er set right.

We have careful thought for the stranger,  
And smiles for the sometime guest,  
But oft for our own the bitter tone,  
Though we love our own the best.  
Ah, lip with the curve impatient,  
Ah, brow with the shade of scorn,  
'T were a cruel fate were the night too late  
To undue the work of morn.

## **FOR OUR CHILDREN**

*“It is easier to build children than it is to repair men.”...Frederick Douglass*

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United Way announces spring training schedule  
United Way’s [Center for Youth Development](#) has announced its Core Curriculum & Mentor Training Schedule for this spring. CYD coordinates and delivers trainings to improve the quality and build the capacity of youth programs throughout the region. Trainings are open to all out-of-school time staff and non-profit professionals in southeastern Pennsylvania.

In registering, please take note of the identified target audience (including age of youth served) for each training, as well as trainings that are part of a series (201, 202, etc) and therefore should not be registered for individually.

Space is limited. To register please visit the Community Impact Training Institute [website](#).

For more information, [email here](#).

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**Meet one of the hosts and Chica the Chicken from**

**Sprout’s LIVE morning show**

*The Sunny Side Up Show.*

They will be at the Comcast Center Market reading stories and taking photos – don’t forget to bring your camera!

Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Comcast Center

17<sup>th</sup> & JFK Boulevard

Philadelphia, PA

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Merchants will have fun, kid themed specials for kids as well.

Website: [www.kidsincentercity.org](http://www.kidsincentercity.org)

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*We are proud to announce that News From The Coalition, Inc. is featured on the internationally acclaimed site Eight Cities Map which is read in more than One hundred seventy countries!*

*Click here:  
EightCitiesMAP*

*Choose  
"Philadelphia's Online Community  
"Newsletter" from the menu.*

SMITH Playgrounds  
sponsors

### **A Music and Theater Program**

Children 10 and under and their caretakers are invited to join SMITH, The Junior League of Philadelphia and Temple University's Imaginarium theater troupe for a day of Music and Theater on Saturday, March 13th from 10am to 1pm.

The Junior League will lead children in an instrument making craft activity from 10-11am, and the Imaginarium theater troupe will perform Dream Catcher at 11am.

Adapted from Native American folklore, Dream Catcher takes you on a magical adventure with characters Coyote and Fox as they try to save the Dream Weaver from the mean-spirited Dzoavits.

Directly after the show The Junior League will host a dance party for all children in attendance.

For more information, click [here](#) or call 215-765-4325.

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### **IDAAY Friends and Family**

Thursday, March 25, 2010  
from 6-8:00pm

we will be showcasing our documentary on the

### **Don't Fall Down In the Hood Program.**

One of the only programs of its kind in the country working with young men arrested for guns, theft, assault, and narcotics charges.

We invite you to come out and view this unique program through the eyes of the young people sent here by Philadelphia Family Courts.

Your \$20 donation will gain you entrance into

*Interactivity has the virtue of democracy, conferring upon everyone with access to a computer the right and opportunity to be heard, but it's also saddled with democracy's vice -- a tendency to assume that everyone who has a right to be heard has something to say that's worth hearing. – Wendy Kaminer*

If you have a favorite relevant quote, why not share it with our readers. send to [TheCoalitionNews@gmail.com](mailto:TheCoalitionNews@gmail.com)  
We will credit you with the submission.

the event

AND

You will receive a DVD copy of the documentary to bring home.

The viewing will be held at

Temple University,

Ritter Hall,

Kiva Auditorium.

corners of

13th Street & Cecil B. Moore Avenues

in Philadelphia.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 23, 2010 via reply email.

Sandi Ramos

Director of Administration

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Dear Family and Friends

We are excited to announce the 5th Annual Philadelphia Fatherhood Festival. The event will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The Fatherhood Festival addresses the issues that plague our families and communities. The event is a FREE, full day conference consisting of discussion groups, notable guest speakers, and educational roundtables for all fathers and father-figures. Our goal is to change the lives of men, thereby changing the lives of children and families forever. We are asking for your help.

Sincerely,

Fatherhood Festival Planning Committee

Festival Planning Meeting

Strategic Planning

Please join Us at our Festival planning meeting. We need your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. Each day most of us are involved in meetings

*From an actual newspaper contest where entrants age 4 to 15 were asked to imitate "Deep Thoughts by Jack Handey."...*

*Think of the biggest number you can. Now add five. Then, imagine if you had that many Twinkies. Wow, that's five more than the biggest number you could come up with! -- Age 6*

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and sessions that have minimal impact to our community. The Father Festival will provide you with the opportunity to give back and help strengthen our children and our families. We need you, your experience, and your vision to make the festival a success. Please come out and help us make a difference.

Our kickoff meeting was held on  
Monday, February 22, 2010

at the  
School District of Philadelphia Main Building,  
Parent Resource Center,  
440 N. Broad Street (Broad & Spring Garden).

Please mark your calendars. The subsequent meetings will be held at the same location on the following dates:

- March 22
- April 5
- April 19
- May 3
- May 17
- May 31
- June 7

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Date changes for Youthadelphia application process  
[Youthadelphia 2010](#) and the [Philadelphia Foundation Youth in Philanthropy](#) program is inviting representatives of Philadelphia based youth serving organizations to attend an event announcing its new

Request for Proposals on

Thursday, March 25th

5pm at

1234 Market Street,

18th floor,

Philadelphia, PA

The sixteen youth serving on Youthadelphia 2010 have identified the following areas for their 2010 grantmaking: Teen Risky Behavior Prevention; Community and Neighborhood Development; College Readiness; and Career Readiness.

Because Youthadelphia is committed to the growth of the next generation of leaders, organizations which provide teens leadership opportunities within the identified service areas will be given priority.

Youthadelphia will distribute a total of \$100,000 in grants up to \$10,000, but not in excess of 10% of the organization's budget.

Applications will be available both at the announcement event and on

*I am not being facetious when I say that the real enemies in this country are the Pentagon and its pals in big business. – Bella Abzug*

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The Philadelphia Foundation's website on March 25th. Proposals will be due by April 8th at 5pm. The application review process will include an applicant-coordinated, half-day project for 2-3 Youthadelphia members to complete with youth served by the applying organization.

These projects must take place between April 23rd and May 5th. To register to attend the RFP announcement event, email [Libby Walsh](mailto:LibbyWalsh).  
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### CAP 4 Kids Hint of the Week

Summer is the most dangerous time of the year for many children living in the most impoverished areas of Philadelphia. To keep kids safe and busy during the summer months, there are several resources for free or low cost summer camps listed on the After School/Camp Cap4Kids handout.

[http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent\\_handouts/after\\_school\\_programs\\_camps.html](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/after_school_programs_camps.html)

Also, on the Teen Handout there are listings for Summer Employment, Volunteer Opportunities, and Educational opportunities to help teenagers gain necessary skills to compete in the workforce.

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### Black College Tours 2010 (40+)

<http://blackexcel.org/black-college-tours-2010.html>

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### PhillyGoes2College

With a little over 50% of our kids graduating high school on time and only 18% graduating college, we MUST all work on this issue together for the future of our city.

The Mayor's office recently created an office called "PhillyGoes2College" that will start working to improve these statistics ([http://www.philly.com/inquirer/home\\_top\\_stories/20100104\\_Nutter\\_to\\_focus\\_on\\_increasing\\_college\\_admissions.html](http://www.philly.com/inquirer/home_top_stories/20100104_Nutter_to_focus_on_increasing_college_admissions.html)), and on the [www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia) website, under the Education Handout, you will find multiple sources for children, families and child advocates to help, from an early age, on the road to educational success ([http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent\\_handouts/education.html](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/education.html)).

Here you will find listings for various school choices, timelines, resources for out-of-school youth, and college prep and college admission tools.



*If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place. – Margaret Mead*

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## **Earn Free Trip to Egypt for Black Kids and Adults**

The African Heritage Institute (also known as the D'zert Club) is sponsoring a 2-year African History Program that, once completed, the participants earn an all expense paid trip to Egypt. This program is for Black kids from ages 7-14 and adults over the age of 21.

See the success stories of students that completed the program and have gone to Egypt. They are amazing.

### **Students**

grades went up in school, lateness and absences decreased and there was a remarkable increase in the students respect for their elders. One brother who attended was able to get a full 4-year scholarship to school as a result of being a part of the program.

Get all of the details at

[www.BlackBusinessNetwork.com/theone](http://www.BlackBusinessNetwork.com/theone)

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## **Help For Parents With School-Age Children**

Are you a parent, relative, or health care professional with any of the following scenarios?

- \* Not too sure how to register child for Kindergarten or Head Start.
- \* Trying to decide on what type of school best fits a child's needs. Public or Charter or Magnet or Catholic?
- \* Want to get a child motivate and focused on college.
- \* Want to get child back in school after taking a leave, but don't know what options there are for out-of-school youth.
- \* Child being bullied in school and don't know what to do.
- \* Child not doing well in school and may have a learning difference.

On the [www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia) website, under the Education parent handout

[http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent\\_handouts/education.html](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/education.html) and the Resource tab

<http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/resources.html> there are resources in the community to help advocates for children find help for their child's educational needs. Please become familiar with the listed resources and continue to bridge the gap between families in need and the agencies and resources that serve them.

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*If we have the courage and tenacity of our forebears, who stood firmly like a rock against the lash of slavery, we shall find a way to do for our day what they did for theirs. – Mary McLeod Bethune*

**The Food stamp program under the new stimulus package is now called the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).**

Did you know?

Eligibility for SNAP benefits changed so many more families in food insecure households are now eligible.

On the [www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia) website, under the Food and Nutrition parent handout, you will find several organizations who can help families find out if they are eligible. Also, on the COMPASS website they can apply for these benefits and many others.

For more info you can also go to

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/FoodStamps/>

Please continue to link families in need with the appropriate social services agencies that serve them through Cap4Kids. Thanks.

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**Online resources for parents:** [www.chestercountymoms.com](http://www.chestercountymoms.com),  
[www.germantownavenueparents.com](http://www.germantownavenueparents.com), [www.norristownmom.com](http://www.norristownmom.com).

**THIS WEEK**

**FUNTIMES MAGAZINE AND SAVE AFRICA CONCERTS  
FOUNDATION PARTNERS FOR A WOMEN'S HISTORY  
EVENT**

FunTimes Magazine is partnering Save Africa Concerts Foundation to present Women's History Month event will take place on

March 12th

at the

Redeemed Christian Church of God,

5801 Walnut Street

from

5pm to 8pm.

This program will focus on HIV/AIDS awareness. A film on women's health will be shown. HIV testing will be offered. Refreshments will be served. The program is also a part of the African and Caribbean Complete Census Count Committees' Weekend Kick Off Celebration to create awareness about Census 2010. African Family Health and AFRICOM are our community partners.

FunTimes Magazine was first published in 1992 in Monrovia, Liberia during the civil war. The premier US edition was published in October



**For the Lexophiliacs**

*A calendar's days are numbered.*

*(We are ignoring the many requests that this feature be discontinued. Please stop writing in.)*

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2008. The magazine addresses issues that are important to Africans and Caribbeans like health. FunTimes has participated in community events such as youth soccer tournaments (in Liberia) and a lecture series (USA).

At the end of 2008, there were an estimated 22.4 million people living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa and 310, 000 in North Africa and the Middle East. In the US HIV is often called the "Silent Epidemic" among African and Caribbean Immigrants. This is why FunTimes decided to partner with Save African Concert Foundation (SAC).

Save Africa Concerts (SAC) Foundation, founded in 2000, is an international nonprofit organization based in New York City. Its mission is to reduce the impact of poverty, HIV/AIDS and other health issues affecting the sub-Saharan region of Africa through comprehensive prevention programming, utilizing behavior change education as well as entertainment as a form of mobilization.

**Contacts:** Eric Nzeribe (215) 954-6300 or (610) 809-1656

Email: [info@funtimesmagazine.us](mailto:info@funtimesmagazine.us)

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"Panoramic Poetry Show" ....

Poetry Set

"OCTOBER GALLERY"

701 Market Street Bldg.

on the 3rd Floor.

"Ross Dept. Store"

on the Market St. Level,

(and it's the Littman Building, enter thru 8th Street Side. Come to the center, and enter thru glass doors of Mellon Independence Center. This is Cheyney University's Center City Campus.)

"FRIDAY" March 12h, 2010

&

March 19th, 2010

Starting @ 7:30pm

"PANORAMIC POETRY"

POETS doing their thing – LYRICAL SPIRITS getting down.

\*\*\*"ADMISSION FREE" – FOR PERFORMING POETS!!!\*\*\*

Do you remember this  
guy?

*I was the kid next door's  
imaginary friend. - Emo  
Philips*

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Please don't forget parking is very difficult in Center City. Allow time to park legally and arrive at the October Gallery on time.

The reading is \$10.00 for audience members, discounted to \$7.00 if you call or e-mail to reserve a spot ahead of time.

[PanoramicPoetry@OctoberGallery.com](mailto:PanoramicPoetry@OctoberGallery.com)

October Gallery

701 Market Street Bldg. 3rd Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19106

215.629.3939 ..... Room #319

[www.OctoberGallery.com](http://www.OctoberGallery.com)

<http://www.myspace.com/panoramicpoetry>

Panoramic Poetry on Facebook as well....

<http://www.myspace.com/Crucialpoet>

Go to [PanoramicPoetry@OctoberGallery.com](mailto:PanoramicPoetry@OctoberGallery.com) to SIGN-UP, if you are a Poet wanting to perform.

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**Women's Health Fair set for N. Phila. center**  
Temple University Students Against Breast Cancer

and

Mercy Neighborhood Ministries

is sponsoring a

Women's Health Fair on

Saturday, March 13th

from 10am to 2pm

at

20th and Venango Streets in North Philadelphia.

The event includes many free activities to help women celebrate and nurture themselves. Programs include Breast Screening & Myths, How Family Violence Affects Your Health, Nutrition - Making Good Choices, and Stress Reduction Techniques. Classes will be offered in Hip Hop Aerobics, Yoga and Meditation, Capoeira, and Belly Dancing. Health services available include blood pressure readings, blood glucose readings, BMI check and rapid HIV testing.

For more information, call 215-227-4393

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**Annual Wellness Breakfast for Men Only**

Supported by Universal Companies and Health Partners

DATE: Sunday, March 14, 2010

TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION:

Universal Institute Charter School

1415 Catharine Street

Philadelphia, PA 19146

In its thirteenth year, the Annual Wellness Breakfast for Men is a

*If we accept and acquiesce  
in the face of  
discrimination, we accept  
the responsibility ourselves.  
We should, therefore,  
protest openly everything ...  
that smacks of  
discrimination or slander. –  
Mary McLeod Bethune*

**The Raw Family  
Newsletter**

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

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gathering where males of all ages are encouraged to enjoy a complimentary healthy breakfast and gain valuable wellness resources along with free health screenings. This gathering is free to males of all ages!

This year's speakers include:

Dr. Frederick D. Burton  
Founder & Medical Director of the  
Burton Wellness Injury Center

Dr. Daniel A. Monti  
Executive Director of the Myrna-Brind Center of Integrative  
Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University & Hospital

Mr. Glenn Ellis, Sr.  
Health Educator,  
Strategies for Well-being, LLC.

Don't miss out on an opportunity to take charge of your health!

to register online or call (215) 732-1372 for additional information.

Large groups (civic, religious, or neighborhood) are all welcome!

About The Wellness of You, Inc.

Founded by Faatimah Gamble, The Wellness of You is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit health resource organization with a mission of introducing healthy lifestyle practices to medically underserved communities. Since 1996 over 25,000 individuals have benefited from the programs, workshops and events produced by The Wellness of You. In addition to the Annual Tree of Life Awards Luncheon and the Annual Wellness Breakfast for Men Only, The Wellness of You produces Character Building/Self Esteem Training programs for adolescents as well as an Annual Children's Wellness Health Fair for over 800 students and their families.

The Wellness of You maintains a goal of "Building People from the Inside Out" through mind, body and spirit integration; so individuals can lead their

best quality of life. For more information including how to make a contribution online, visit [www.wellnessofyou.org](http://www.wellnessofyou.org)

About the Event's Supporters:

Universal Companies is in the business of helping people. Its mission is

*If one cannot state a matter clearly enough so that even an intelligent twelve-year-old can understand it, one should remain within the cloistered walls of the university and laboratory until one gets a better grasp of one's subject matter. – Margaret Mead*

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to create educational, cultural and entrepreneurial opportunities that will stimulate the development of wealth within historically disenfranchised communities. To accomplish this, Universal Companies focuses on the identification and removal of systemic barriers to wealth creation within urban settings.

Health Partners is the Philadelphia area's third largest health plan overall, serving more than 154,000 adults and children. Health Partners is also the region's largest independent Medicaid plan and the Philadelphia area's only health plan that is owned by a partnership of local hospitals. This not-for-profit partnership includes some of the nation's most prestigious hospitals and hospital systems: Albert Einstein Medical Center; Aria Health; Hahnemann University Hospital (Tenet Health System); Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; St. Christopher's Hospital for Children (Tenet Health System); Temple University Hospital; and Temple University Hospital-Episcopal Campus.

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## **PHILADELPHIA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS TO HOLD SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL VIOLENCE**

Part of comprehensive plan to examine and address intergroup violence in City public schools

Public Hearing Panel:

Kay Kyungsun Yu, Esq., Chairperson, Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations

Regina Austin, Esq., Commissioner, Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations

Marshall E. Freeman, Commissioner, Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

4 pm-6 pm

(This hearing, scheduled for February 25, 2010 was postponed because of weather)

Myers Recreation Center,

58th Street and Kingsessing Avenue

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**Panel discusses media images of black women**

*It is time that Christians were judged more by their likeness to Christ than their notions of Christ. Were this sentiment generally admitted we should not see such tenacious adherence to what men deem the opinions and doctrines of Christ while at the same time in every day practise is exhibited anything but a likeness to Christ. –  
Lucretia Mott*

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Who You Calling A B\*%#! - Images of Black Women in the Media is the title of a “cultural conversation”

sponsored by the  
Vivant Art Collection  
and the

Urban Momentum Network  
on

Thursday, March 18th at  
60 N. 2nd Street  
Philadelphia,  
from 5:30 to 9pm.

The event is moderated by Drexel University professor Maurice Baynard, Ph.D., and includes a cocktail reception with light refreshments.

Cost is \$10.

For more information or to register, [click here](#).

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## URBAN SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

Cracking the Code:

How 21st Century Building and Zoning Codes Will Make or Break Our Communities

Academy of Natural Sciences  
19th St and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Reception: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Program: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

What if every new building in Philadelphia were a green building? What if everyone had access to the waterfronts, could enjoy safe bike lanes, and could conveniently utilize public transportation?

Zoning and building codes play a major role in almost every current effort to make Philadelphia a more sustainable city. How zoning codes are created and designated has major implications for the future of our city. Advocates for sustainability, design professionals, and interested citizens are welcomed to come learn more about ongoing efforts and upcoming zoning and building code reforms from city and state officials, national experts, and local practitioners.

More information at: <http://groups.google.com/group/coalition-the>



## **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

*The fact that the adult American Negro female emerges a formidable character is often met with amazement, distaste and even belligerence. It is seldom accepted as an inevitable outcome of the struggle won by survivors, and deserves respect if not enthusiastic acceptance. – Maya Angelou*

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### **Effective Meeting Facilitation Training One Day Interactive Workshops**

Thursday, March 18, 2010, 6 - 9 pm  
School District Bldg,  
440 N. Broad Street

Saturday, March 20, 2010, 10 am - 1 pm.  
Temple University,  
Center City,  
1515 Market Street

Want to learn how to run a better meeting? How to get your members more involved? How to develop an agenda? How to deal with opponents during your meeting?

Join us for

### **EFFECTIVE MEETING FACILITATION**

This interactive training will enhance the trainee's leadership abilities in the area of meeting facilitation. Members will learn how to conduct a community or organizational meeting. They will learn basic facilitation skills including how to guide and control their meetings.

Topics include:

What's an Effective Meeting?  
Meeting preparation  
From meeting to Action  
Agenda Setting  
Room Set up  
The use of effective icebreakers  
Facilitation techniques.  
Dealing with Opponents

Who should attend?

Community Leaders, block captains, heads of non-profits, or anyone interested in conducting an effective meeting that leads to outcomes.

*Tom had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late for work. His boss was mad at him and threatened to fire him if he didn't do something about it. So Tom went to his doctor who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. Tom slept well, and in fact, beat the alarm in the morning. He had a leisurely breakfast and drove cheerfully to work.*

*"Boss", he said, "The pill actually worked!"*

*"That's all fine" said the boss, "But where were you yesterday?"*

*(Thx. to Raymond Pee)*

**Submit your own humor, and let our readers know how funny you can be. We obviously need the help. ; ) (Family appropriate)**

This training is sponsored by the Department of Human Service, Community Based Prevention Services Division as part of the Equal Partners In Change Leadership Initiative Training Series.  
All trainings are free and open to the public.

### Registration

You can register by contacting your local EPIC Group (SEE BELOW) or call 215-683-4086-4027 or email [Aretha.hall@phila.gov](mailto:Aretha.hall@phila.gov)  
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Fourth Dimension Consulting Group  
presents

### "The Write Stuff: Tools for Better Business Writing"

Friday, March 19

8:30a- 11am

The Marketplace at East Falls  
(3747 Ridge Avenue,  
Phila., PA 19132)

Do you get frustrated when writing for your business? We'll help you make sense of it all! Learn how to create targeted messaging for everything from your website to collateral materials. RSVP for this FREE seminar at: <http://4dmarchseminar.eventbrite.com>

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### United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Coming of Age offer 3-day Learning Lab

Coming of Age, a collaboration of United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, the Temple University's Center for Intergenerational Learning, WHYY and AARP of Pennsylvania, will sponsor a 3-day learning lab on Capturing the Energy and Expertise of People 50+ on April 14th and 15th and May 19th, at United Way, 1709 Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia, PA

The event is part of COA's effort to help the nonprofit community to learn more about engaging experienced volunteers to help meet greater

Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...  
Kathy's Korner!

*The local sheriff was looking for a deputy, so Gomer - who was not exactly the sharpest nail in the bucket - went in to try out for the job.*

*"Okay," the sheriff drawled, "Gomer, what is 1 and 1?"*

*"11" he replied. The sheriff thought to himself, "That's not what I meant, but he's right."*

*"What two days of the week start with the letter 'T'?"*

*"Today and tomorrow." He was again surprised that Gomer supplied a correct answer that he had never thought of himself.*

*"Now Gomer, listen carefully: Who killed Abraham Lincoln?"*

*Gomer looked a little surprised himself, then thought really hard for a minute and finally admitted, "I don't know."*

*"Well, why don't you go home and work on that one for a while?"*

*So, Gomer wandered over to the barbershop where his pals were waiting to hear the results of the interview. Gomer was exultant. "It went great! First day on the job and I'm already working on a murder case!"*

(Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)

demand at a time of shrinking resources.

Whether retired or working, people age 50+ are extraordinary resources, whose energy and expertise can help nonprofit agencies accomplish their mission.

And we have more than 1,500,000 such people here in the Delaware Valley. They are a rich, immense — and very much underutilized — volunteer talent pool!

The Learning Lab will show nonprofits how to apply best practices to meet their mission; motivate people age 50+; assess readiness to capture the talent of people age 50+; create roles fusing your mission and their interests; and creating a high-impact and doable marketing and recruitment campaign.

Almost 1,000 executive directors, program directors and volunteer managers have taken this workshop series across the nation. The cost for the 3-day workshop is only \$180 and includes all materials and a continental breakfast and lunch each day.

For more information or to sign up, click [here](#)

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FREE Training is available in the following fields:  
Culinary Arts (16 weeks), Housekeeping (9 weeks), or  
Front Office (16 weeks)

Classes begin March 22, 2010 and are held  
Monday- Friday,  
8:30am-2:45pm.

Classes are held at the Philadelphia OIC  
(Opportunities Industrialization Center),  
1231 North Broad Street,  
4th Floor,  
Philadelphia, PA 19122.

Also, job placement assistance.

For more information, contact Sophia Scott, Recruiter/Counselor at  
215-236-7700 ext 323.

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**Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (Women's Health)**

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 03/26/10 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Salary: \$63,926.00 - \$82,194.00 Annually

Job Type: Full Time

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Department: Health

Exam Number: 4C43-02-22-10

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### Description Benefits Supplemental Questions

This is advanced level nursing work, providing comprehensive patient care in the area of specialization. Employees in this class perform physical examinations and assessments within the parameters of licensure and program protocols. Work includes medical diagnosis and prescription of medical therapeutic or corrective measures in collaboration with and under the direction of a licensed physician, educating patients in general health care practices within the area of specialization, and securing and maintaining cooperation of patients. Formulating plans and prognoses and prescribing or recommending drugs or other forms of treatment are significant aspects of the work. Work is performed under the technical supervision of a physician.

### Hiring Bonus - \$3,000

Employees are eligible for a lump sum hiring bonus of \$3,000. The bonus will be paid in two parts: \$1,500 after the employee has completed three months of satisfactory full-time probationary employment and \$1,500 after the employee has completed twelve months of satisfactory full-time employment. The employees must meet all requirements contained in civil service regulation 6.32 to receive the bonus.

### Starting Salary

New employees may be appointed at any step in the pay range depending on qualifications

### Minimum Requirements:

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**EDUCATION**

Completion of a master's degree as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CNRP) as approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Medicine.

Completion of an acceptable training program in women's health, which shall have included both theory and clinical practice.

Completion of at least 45 hours of course work specific to advanced pharmacology as either part of a CRNP education program or additional courses taken from an educational program approved by the Pennsylvania

State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Medicine, a minimum of sixteen hours of which must have been completed within thirty days of the examination closing date.

**LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS AND/OR CERTIFICATES**

Possession of a valid, unrestricted license as a Registered Nurse and as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner as issued by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing Education and Licensure at the time of application,

and possession of such licensure during tenure of employment.

Eligibility for a valid, unrestricted Prescription Authority Certification or Number from the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and the State Board of Medicine within six months of the date of appointment and during tenure of employment

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**Architectural Projects Coordinator 2 (Building / Site Design)**

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 03/19/10 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Salary: \$46,313.00 - \$59,538.00 Annually

Job Type: Full Time

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Department: Multiple Departments

Exam Number: 3D05B-2-22-10

[Print Job Information](#) | [Apply](#)

[Description](#) [Benefits](#)

*It is easy to look back, self-indulgently, feeling pleasantly sorry for oneself and saying I didn't have this and I didn't have that. But it is only the grown woman regretting the hardships of a little girl who never thought they were hardships at all. She had the things that really mattered. – Marian Anderson*

This is architectural work at the full performance level performing specific project assignments in either general building design or landscape design. An employee in this class conducts design studies, determines site requirements, and performs assigned project work in a timely, efficient, and cost effective manner. Monitoring finished work for adherence to quality standards is a significant aspect of the work. Work is performed under the direction of a higher-level architect/engineer.

#### Starting Salary

New employees may be appointed at any step in the pay range depending on qualifications.

#### Minimum Requirements:

The following statement represents the minimum training and experience standards which will be used to admit or reject applicants for tests. Candidates must meet requirements with 30 days after the last date for filing applications.

#### 1. EDUCATION

Completion of a bachelor's degree program at an accredited college or university, with major course work in architecture or architectural engineering for the Building/Site Design Specialty; AND

#### 2. GENERAL EXPERIENCE

One year of experience performing professional architectural work in the Building/Site Design specialty area; AND

#### 3. SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE

Two years of experience performing professional architectural work with responsibility for completing assigned projects within time and budgetary requirements in the Building/Site Design specialty area

Or any equivalent combination of acceptable education and experience determined to be acceptable by the Office of Human Resources, which included the completion of a bachelor's degree program in an acceptable



*One of the surest signs of the Philistine is his reverence for the superior tastes of those who put him down. Pauline Kael*

area and the specific experience described above as a minimum.

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**Sign Fabricator**

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 03/19/10 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Salary: \$36,186.00 - \$39,657.00 Annually

Job Type: Full Time

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Department: Streets

Exam Number: 7P21-2-22-10

Description Benefits Supplemental Questions

This is sign fabrication work at the full performance level. Work includes painting from silk screens, stencils and computer-automated equipment in the fabrication of printed sign material. Employees have responsibility for completing assigned sign-making tasks. Work involves light physical effort and is performed under the direction of a trades supervisor.

Minimum Requirements:

The following statement represents the minimum training and experience standards which will be used to admit or reject applicants for tests. Candidates must meet the requirements within 30 days after the last date for filing applications.

1. EDUCATION

Equivalent to completion of the twelfth school grade; AND

2. GENERAL EXPERIENCE

Three years of experience learning the sign fabrication trade as a helper or apprentice, which shall have included lettering work by painting, using the silk screen process and the use of computer operated graphics hardware and software to produce signs.

Or any equivalent combination of education and experience determined to be acceptable by the Office of Human Resources that has included the specific experience described above

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**EXAMINATION PARTS AND WEIGHTS**

Performance Examination 100%

Total 100%

**PROJECTED EXAM SCHEDULE**

This examination will be tentatively scheduled for the week of 05/24/10.

Please note that this examination date is subject to change.

An eligible list is planned for the week of 06/16/10. Please note that  
this date may change.

**ELIGIBLE LIST**

OPEN-COMPETITIVE. Only an open competitive eligible list will be  
established as a result of this examination. Permanent City employees  
will receive no promotional preference in this examination.

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**Service Representative (General)**

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 03/12/10 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Salary: \$30,584.00 - \$33,242.00 Annually

Job Type: Full Time

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Department: Multiple Departments

Exam Number: 1A37-02-22-10

**Description Benefits Supplemental Questions**

This is skilled clerical work providing interpretive and advisory services  
to the public or employees. Work includes giving and eliciting  
information

in situations that require the employees to explain pertinent city and  
state regulations, ordinances, laws, and procedures. Employees ascertain  
that received documents are properly and completely prepared, make  
calculations to compute fees and other charges, initiate the processing of  
documents received, contact various city agencies to resolve problems  
encountered. Employees in this class support their service delivery  
responsibility by performing data entry and retrieval and records  
maintenance through automated systems or through manual systems of  
records and files of customer and employee information. Full time  
contact with employees or the general public to provide and elicit  
information is

especially significant. Work is performed under the supervision of an

*A man with a winking problem is applying for a position as a sales representative for a large firm. The interviewer looks over his papers and says, "This is phenomenal. You've graduated from the best schools; your recommendations are wonderful, and your experience is unparalleled. Normally, we'd hire you without a second thought. However, a sales representative has a highly visible position, and we're afraid that your constant winking will scare off potential customers. I'm sorry....we can't hire you."*

*"But wait," he said. "If I take two aspirin, I'll stop winking!"*

*"Really? Great! Show me!"*

*So the applicant reaches into his jacket pocket and begins pulling out all sorts of condoms: red condoms, blue condoms, ribbed condoms, flavored condoms; finally, at the bottom, he finds a packet of aspirin. He tears it open, swallows the pills, and stops winking. (cont.)*

administrative or clerical supervisor.

### Minimum Requirements:

The following statement represents the minimum training and experience standards which will be used to admit or reject applicants for tests. Candidates must meet requirements within 30 days after the last date for filing applications.

### EDUCATION

1. Education equivalent to completion of the twelfth school grade, AND

### EXPERIENCE

2. Two years of experience in clerical work, one year of which shall have involved as a significant job assignment giving information to or eliciting information from the public or receiving and answering complaints.

Or any equivalent combination of education and experience determined to be acceptable by the Personnel Department.

Additional Requirement for Promotional Candidates presently employed by the City of Philadelphia with permanent Civil Service status in any class in any department and a Performance Rating of Satisfactory or higher.

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### **Public Administration Analyst (Public Health)**

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 03/19/10 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Salary: \$46,125.00 Annually

Job Type: Full Time

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Department: Health

Exam Number: 2L05-02-22-10

### Description Benefits Supplemental Questions

This is public administration work performing a wide variety of analytical assignments related to managing and administering City of Philadelphia municipal programs and operations. Employees in this class learn various management and administrative strategies and develop analytical skills with the objective of advancement to higher-level administrative or management positions. Assignments vary in nature and increase in

*(cont. from previous page)  
"Well," said the interviewer, "that's all well and good, but this is a respectable company, and we will not have our employees womanizing all over the country!"*

*"Womanizing? What do you mean? I'm a happily married man!"*

*"Well then, how do you explain all these condoms?"*

*"Oh, that," he sighed. "Have you ever walked into a pharmacy, winking, and asked for aspirin?"*

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difficulty as the employee gains work experience. Employees are assigned to work in one of a number of city departments or agencies depending upon previous education and experience. Work is performed under the direction of an administrative superior.

#### Minimum Requirements:

The following statement represents the minimum training and experience standards which will be used to admit or reject applicants for tests. Candidates must meet requirements within 30 days after the last date for filing applications.

#### EDUCATION

Completion of all requirements for a master's degree in an area listed below which has included completion of an internship program in a health

administration setting an/or experience in health administration after completion of the master's degree program.

Government Administration

Hospital Administration

Political Science, with major concentration in public administration.

Public Administration

Public Health

NOTE: CANDIDATES MUST HAVE OBTAINED THEIR MASTER'S DEGREE WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

#### TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS

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#### Medical Specialist (Infectious Disease)

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 03/12/10 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Salary: \$94,859.00 - \$121,961.00 Annually

Job Type: Full Time

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Department: Health

Exam Number: 4D03-02-22-10ID

Description Benefits Supplemental Questions

This is supervisory medical work in the area of specialization.  
Employees

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in this class provide technical guidance to public health clinic personnel engaged in examining and treating patients. An employee in the Medical Epidemiology specialty develops, implements and evaluates the City's public health epidemiological activities. The responsibility for directing the activities of a number of medical personnel and for securing and maintaining the cooperation of patients and their families is of significance to the work.

### NOTE

New employees may be appointed at any step in the range depending on qualifications.

#### Minimum Requirements:

The following statement represents the minimum training and experience standards which will be used to admit or reject applicants for tests. Candidates must meet requirements within 30 days after the last filing date for filing applications.

#### 1. EDUCATION

Graduation from an accredited school of medicine or osteopathy, with a degree of Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy and completion of an internship in an approved hospital; AND

Completion of all formal training requirements and certification by the appropriate American Medical Specialty board; AND

#### 2. GENERAL EXPERIENCE:

Two years of experience in the field of specialization.

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## HEALTH MATTERS

What's Really in Your Food?

*Learn the truth about these four fast-food favorites.*

By David Zinczenko & Matt Goulding, Men's Health

Ever wonder what's actually in a McDonald's Chicken [McNugget](#)? Turns out, the "chicken" alone contains seven ingredients. And that's before you even get to the breading. Sadly, many of our favorite foods (especially fast foods) weren't merely crafted in kitchens, they were also designed and perfected in labs. We uncovered the ugly truth when doing

*Don't spend \$2 to dry-clean a shirt. Donate it to the Salvation Army instead. They'll clean it and put it on a hanger. Next morning buy it back for 75 cents.*

research for *Eat This, Not That! Restaurant Survival Guide*. What we found wasn't pretty—or appetizing. Before you mindlessly chew your way through another value meal, take these mini-mysteries (conveniently solved below) into account. Sometimes the truth is tough to swallow.

### What's in a Chicken McNugget?

You'd think that a breaded lump of chicken would be pretty simple. Mostly, it would contain bread and chicken. But the McNugget and its peers at other fast-food restaurants are much more complicated creatures than that. The “meat” in the McNugget alone contains seven ingredients, some of which are made up of yet more ingredients. (Nope, it's not just chicken. It's also such nonchicken-related stuff as water, wheat starch, dextrose, safflower oil, and sodium phosphates.) The “meat” also contains something called “autolyzed yeast extract.” Then add another 20 ingredients that make up the breading, and you have the industrial chemical—we mean, fast-food meal—called the McNugget. Still, McDonald's is practically all-natural compared to Wendy's Chicken Nuggets, with 30 ingredients, and [Burger King Chicken Fries](#), with a whopping 35 ingredients.

For more fast foods to watch out for, memorize this list of the [20 Worst Drive-Thru Foods](#).

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### Experts say 40 percent of cancers could be prevented

Kate Kelland

LONDON (Reuters) - Forty percent of the 12 million people diagnosed with cancer worldwide each year could avert the killer disease by protecting themselves against infections and changing their lifestyles, experts said...

Read the full story

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6113PX20100202?feedType=nl&feedName=ushealth600>

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*I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I lived just the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well. – Diane Ackerman*

## **Get Fresh!**

Volunteer with Philabundance Fresh for All

You recycle out the wazoo and consider yourself consigliere of the enviro-sack mafia.

Hence, a cause you can believe in: Philabundance wants to fill those ubiquitous bags with produce through its new Fresh for All program.

And you can help by volunteering.

The nonprofit hands out perishables at six sites in the Delaware Valley — where nutritious diet staples are hard to come by, especially in tough times.

With a minimum three-hour commitment, you'll keep busy. Help with admin, approve clients, or do community outreach (posting mailings, making phone calls).

Looking for something physical?

Take food to sites, divide apples, and dole out the goods. You'll be doing a major part to help people get the fruits and veggies they need.

And that's a green movement to be proud of.

To participate in Fresh for All, contact Tunisia Garnett (215-339-0900 ext. 238 or [tgarnett@philabundance.org](mailto:tgarnett@philabundance.org)).

For more information, go to [www.philabundance.org](http://www.philabundance.org)

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Tips for making oatmeal appealing to kids

<http://advision.webevents.yahoo.com/mompowergroup/>

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## **GREEN PIECE**

### **Don't throw your old TVs away!**

All electronics can be dropped off for recycling at either Domino Lane & Umbria St.

or

State Rd. & Ashburner St. in Philadelphia  
at the

Streets Department Sanitation Convenience Centers,  
Monday through Saturday  
8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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**Weavers Way #5 plastics recycling resumes**

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Fellow Recyclers,

Weavers Way collection of #5 plastics, which are not included in the City's recycling program, will be on the 3rd Saturday of each month:  
March 20.

The collections take place at the co-op's garage,  
at 542 Carpenter Lane,  
which is across the street and a bit further down the block from the Big  
Blue Marble bookstore.

Please note that we need volunteers to keep this project going. (Weavers Way members can get work credit for helping us; work shifts are available on co-op's the online calendar.)

The #5 category includes yogurt cups, sour cream containers, hummus tubs, some medicine bottles, and more. Your recyclables must be clean and dry to be accepted. Check to make sure there are no other materials (paper, screws, other number plastics) on the items you bring in.

Impurities of any kind compromise the recycling process and usually lead to the discarding of an entire batch. Exclude any lids unless they are clearly marked #5. (Most lids from #5 containers are #4 plastic, but this is not always the case.)

We ask recyclers for a small donation to cover postage costs of mailing the recyclables to the Gimme 5 processing facility in New York.

Before bringing your #5s to the collection, be sure that they meet the requirements for Gimme 5:

All items must be CLEAN and DRY. If they contained food or any oily or dirty product, make sure they have been washed, not just rinsed. Items stacked when wet tend to stay wet, so allow washed items to dry fully before stacking or packing.

The #5 stamp needs to be visible on each item. Lids are separate items. Don't assume lids are the same number plastic as the container; sometimes they are but usually they are not. Check to make sure there are no other materials (labels, paper, other number plastics, metal) on the items you bring in.

Brita filters are also welcome! Let them air dry for several days to make sure they are completely dry.

We'll see you soon!

Carolyn, Helen, Priscilla and Stevik  
of the Weavers Way Environment Committee

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Recycling Services Inc. in Pottstown takes styrofoam on Saturday and Tuesday mornings. <http://www.recyclingservices.org/>

**For sustainable enterprise go to Green Jobs Philly**  
<http://www.greenjobsphilly.org/news>

## **PERSONAL AND HOME SECURITY**

Protect Yourself at Home in your Residence Hall

- Lock your door, even when you intend to return home shortly or even if you are just going down the hall. It takes a thief ten seconds or less to enter an open room and steal your property.
- Lock or secure doors and windows when you are alone or asleep.
- Keep emergency numbers by your phone.
- Do not leave messages on your door indicating that you are away and when you will return.
- Do not let strangers enter a residence hall or its premises.
- Do not prop open outer doors. If someone asks to use your phone for an emergency call, offer to telephone for them instead of allowing them access.
- Do not put your address on your key ring.
- Know your neighbors.
- Do not leave keys in hiding places. Thieves will find them. Carry your keys or make sure that anyone who truly needs them has their own copy.
- Call 911 to report suspicious persons or activities in or around your neighborhood.
- Open a savings or checking account instead of keeping money in your room.
- Keep automatic teller machine cards in a safe place, and keep your PIN number secret. When possible, only use ATM machines during the day.
- Instead of carrying large sums of cash, use a charge card. Some charge cards insure property purchased with those cards against loss, theft or damage.
- If you find yourself in immediate danger, call 911; try to

*Give the FBI unchecked domestic spying powers and instead of focusing on preventing terrorism, it will revert to doing what it does best -- monitoring, harassing, and intimidating political dissidents and thousands of harmless immigrants. – Wendy Kaminer*

stay calm and get away at the first opportunity.

Source: <http://police.sdsu.edu/personalsafe.htm>

For a more aggressive role in your protection:  
[www.selfdefensewithanattitude.com](http://www.selfdefensewithanattitude.com)

## **GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION**

### **City offering Section 8 housing vouchers**

For the first time in over ten years, the Philadelphia Housing Authority is offering Housing Choice (a.k.a. Section 8) vouchers, which provide rental subsidies to low-income people living in private apartments or houses.

Income eligibility varies depending on the individual or family financial situation.

Applications can be made through Monday, March 15th.

Those already on the waiting list do not need to re-apply. Currently, the waiting list includes about 17,000 applicants.

Applications can be made [online](#) or by calling 215-684-1200 between 8am and 7pm.

Applicants who owe money to PHA, PECO, or PGW, are registered sex offenders, or have been convicted of a felony in the past three years might not be able to receive vouchers.

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### **\$5,000 Verizon Wireless/UNCF Scholarships for High School Seniors**

In honor of Black History Month, UNCF and Verizon Wireless (VZNW) have partnered to support high school seniors who are college-bound.

The 2010 UNCF/VZNW Black History Month Essay contest is designed to allow qualified high school seniors the opportunity to earn college scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year. If you know of high school seniors with permanent residency in

New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland or the District of Columbia, please tell them of this opportunity to receive a

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Verizon Wireless Black History Month scholarship and prize package.  
Seniors must apply by March 15, 2010.

Twenty-five eligible students will be selected for the 2010-2011 academic year. The winners will receive scholarships of up to \$5,000 and select students will also receive a personal technology makeover including an HP Netbook, a Motorola DROID cell phone and/or Verizon Wireless gift cards. Tell your high school senior about this contest today.

Fred D. Mitchell, Regional Development Director,  
Northern, Field Operations, UNCF.  
120 Wall Street, 9th Floor,  
New York, NY 10005,

Tel: (212) 820-0146 | Fax: (212) 820-0157 | Cell: (917) 558-4420

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**Fellowship Available to Cover 65th UN General Assembly in New  
York for  
Journalists from Developing Nations**

Fellowship available to cover 65th UN General Assembly in New York

Region: Worldwide

Journalists from developing nations between the ages of 25 and 35 are encouraged to apply to a fellowship program that will send recipients to New York for approximately two months to cover the United Nations General Assembly.

Deadline: April 9.

Applicants to the fellowship, called the Dag Hammarskjöld Scholarship Fund for Journalists 2010, must be currently employed by a legitimate media

organization. Fellowships will pay travel and accommodations in New York

for approximately two months as well as a per diem allowance.

Applications will not be accepted from Egypt, Pakistan, Phillipines and Ghana, as those were the winning nations of 2009.

For more information, visit the Web site here. For specific questions,

*The inside operation of Congress -- the deals, the compromises, the selling out, the co-opting, the unprincipled manipulating, the self-serving career-building -- is a story of such monumental decadence that I believe if people find out about it they will demand an end to it. – Bella Abzug*

e-mail: [info@unjournalismfellowship.org](mailto:info@unjournalismfellowship.org)

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**200 Free Scholarships For Minorities (NEW UPDATED 2010 LISTINGS)**

<http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html>

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## **HIV/AIDS Prevention Workshop**

### Workshop Summary

Culturally-Relevant Communication about HIV/AIDS is an interactive and user-friendly workshop. Ivan J. Juzang, MEE President and Founder will examine the environmental influences, attitudes and behaviors and unique communication style of urban, ethnic and other hard-to-reach audiences; review theories and techniques for developing cost-effective and culturally-relevant communication strategies; and then show session attendees how to apply these learnings to their own HIV/AIDS testing programs, prevention services and outreach efforts.

### Learning Objectives

After attending the session, attendees will have the background necessary to more effectively communicate with their target audiences about sex, sexuality and HIV/AIDS. They will also have a clearer understanding of media consumption patterns and other social factors that impact sexual decision-making; and the attitudes, motivations and perceptions of minorities on healthy sexuality and HIV/AIDS prevention, testing and treatment. Such information will help interventionists, community-based organizations and service providers develop innovative and effective messages and services targeted to minority audiences.

### Workshop Description:

Topics explored during the session include:



*Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourself a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles. – Helen Keller*

The environmental context, peer group dynamics and social interactions that influence sexual behaviors;  
How service providers can be more culturally aware, and increase the effectiveness of their outreach, media and materials; and  
Strategies for attracting the hardest-to-reach audiences to HIV-prevention, testing and treatment programs.

For more information on other workshops and schedules visit their [website](#)

To inquire about a MEE Workshop at Your Organization call 215.829.4920 or Email [here](#)

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### **At- Risk Youth**

Annie E. Casey Foundation

<http://www.aecf.org>

A private charitable organization dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children in the United States. The foundation offers community-focused grants. The site also has several publications.

Provides funding to both 501(c)(3) and local/state government.

Organizations wishing to send a proposal to the Foundation should submit a letter of no more than three pages explaining the organization and its project and how the money will be used. Send the letters to: The AEC Foundation; Attn: Office of the President; 701 Saint Paul St.; Baltimore, MD 21202.

Phone: 410-547-6600

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### **AOL Time Warner Foundation**

<http://aoltimewarnerfoundation.org>

The AOL Time Warner Foundation is dedicated to using the power of media, communications and information technology to serve the public interest and strengthen society. However, rather than simply providing grant monies or funding unsolicited requests, the foundation prefers to enter into sustainable strategic partnerships with organizations that have a demonstrated commitment to pioneering innovative ways of meeting four priorities: Equipping kids for the 21st century; Extending Internet benefits to all; Engaging communities in the arts; and Empowering citizens and civic participation.

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### **AT&T Foundation**

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<http://www.att.com/foundation>

The AT&T Foundation seeks to educate, enrich, engage, and empower the communities served by AT&T. The Foundation's funding areas are education, civic and community service, and arts and culture.

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### **Beaumont Foundation**

<http://www.bmtfoundation.com/grants/>

The Beaumont Foundation of America (BFA), a non-profit philanthropic organization, is dedicated to the enriching the lives of individuals by providing technology to historically underserved schools and communities. The foundation believes technologies are essential tools for progress in the 21st century, and that given access to digital information, people will have an equal opportunity to advance socially, economically and intellectually.

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**The Student Achievement Grants program** provides grants of \$5,000 each to improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Proposals for work resulting in low-income and minority student success with honors, advanced placement, and other challenging curricula are particularly encouraged. Grant funds may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, software, and scholars-in-residence. Applicants must be practicing U.S. public school teachers in grades K-12, public school education support professionals, or faculty and staff at public higher education institutions.

Visit the NEA Foundation Web site for complete grant program information.

RFP Link: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016125/neafdn>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_education.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml)

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### **NIH Summer Institute on Community-Based Participatory Research**

The National Institutes of Health has announced the 2nd summer institute. We are thrilled to see that the organizers have responded to Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's (CCPH) comments on last year's summer institute.

When the 1st NIH institute on CBPR was announced, CCPH expressed

*These are times in which a genius would wish to live. It is not in the still calm of life, or the repose of a pacific station, that great characters are formed. – Abigail Adams*

concern about its exclusive focus on academic researchers.

In CBPR, the community is involved at the very start of the research, so it was incongruent that the institute did not include the community partners or acknowledge the possibility of a community partner as a principal investigator or co-PI.

This summer's institute has been designed for community-academic partner teams (see below for details).

CCPH has successfully implemented community-academic partner team-based model of CBPR training:

[http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf\\_files/2005CBPRInstituteApp3-25.pdf](http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf_files/2005CBPRInstituteApp3-25.pdf)

and

[http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf\\_files/2005%20Summer%20Institute%20Agenda.pdf](http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf_files/2005%20Summer%20Institute%20Agenda.pdf)

The training curriculum, "Developing and Sustaining CBPR Partnerships" is available online at [www.cbprcurriculum.info](http://www.cbprcurriculum.info).

If you're interested in bringing a CBPR training workshop or institute to your location, contact CCPH senior consultant Rachel Vaughn at [sliccph@mcw.edu](mailto:sliccph@mcw.edu) for more information.

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### **Banta Company Foundation**

The Banta Company Foundation provides funding for at-risk youth and delinquency prevention initiatives. The funds can be used for equipment, general/operating expenses, seed money, program development, as well as other areas. For more information please contact: Banta Company Foundation; 225 Main Street; PO Box 8003; Menasha, WI 54952-8003.

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### **Best Buy Children's Foundation**

<http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/>

The mission of the Best Buy Children's Foundation is to improve the lives of youth aged 5 - 18 in communities where Best Buy maintains a business presence. The Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations with innovative approaches to developing life skills in young people through education, mentoring, and leadership development. Funds can be used for: program development; direct project support; specific curriculum development; and scholarship aid for participants in life skills or mentoring programs. The Foundation typically awards grants ranging from \$2000 - \$10,000 to nonprofits.

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### **Healthy Community Outreach Program**

will be granted to nonprofit organizations to support grassroots efforts which increase awareness on critical health initiatives through health walks, health fairs and health education outreach.

Grants up to \$25,000 will be considered.

Please provide all levels of event sponsorships on your application. Nonprofit organizations with evidence of IRS 501(c)(3) designation or de facto tax-exempt status may apply for a grant, with the following exceptions: advertising; capital campaigns; grants or scholarships to individuals; multiyear requests; political causes and events; or religious organizations in support of their sacramental or theological functions.

[http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants\\_reg/guidelines.html](http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants_reg/guidelines.html)>Awards

Ongoing Deadline

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### **Ben and Jerry's Foundation**

Ben and Jerry's Foundation has no specific program areas. The Foundation seeks projects that lead to societal change or address the root causes of problems. The Foundation awards grants ranging in amount from \$1,000 to \$15,000. Applicants must submit a letter of interest at any time during the year.

<http://www.benjerry.com/foundation/index.html>

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## **AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE NOT APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

Even if you do not have a college-aged child at home, please share this with someone who does, pass this scholarship information on to anyone and everyone that comes to mind. Though there are a number of companies and organizations that have donated moneys for scholarship use to African Americans, a great deal of the money is being returned because of a lack of interest.

No one is going to knock on our doors and ask if we can use a scholarship.

Take the initiative to get your children involved. There is no need for money to be returned to donating companies because we fail to apply for it.

Please pass this information on to family members, nieces, nephews, and

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friends with children etc. We must get the word out that money is available. If you are a college student or getting ready to become one, you probably already know how useful additional money can be. Our youth really could use these scholarships. Thanks!!

For a list of scholarships please visit our group 'The Coalition, Inc.'

<http://groups.google.com/group/coalition-the>

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### **SpotLight On Our Efforts**

#### **CREATIVE KIDS CLUB**

In 1996, a group of children from Salem Mission Baptist Church needed activities to keep them occupied but funds were low. So the youth group set out to find free fun things for them to do. The very first trip was to a free grandparents' festival, in Fort Washington, PA. This event gave out free samples of different products to the children; they played interactive games, and had a great time. That trip attended by four families marked the beginning of the Creative Kids Club that now has over 75 families and are still growing.

Children in our club must be "creative" in motion in everything they do; this is the purpose of our name. We strive to bring out the creativity of our members through exposing them to art craft workshops, recreational activities and cultural events.

The Creative Kids Club members are youth (ages 1 to 18) and their families, of all socioeconomic levels, and diverse multicultural religious beliefs. Whether they're foster children, youngsters cared for by their grandparents, little one from single or two parent homes or developmentally delayed children, we even managed to create an enriching symbiosis between the club's special needs members and seniors. We strive to teach our children by being different are what make you special. The developmentally delayed children and youth integrate and increase their self-esteem when they are included as members of the club. Likewise, senior citizens on limited income have gotten in on the Creative Kids Club action; they enjoy the company of the youth who appreciate having a grandparent around.

The Creative Kids Club's programs are design to provide structured developmentally appropriate recreational services in the areas of program development, recreational interaction and training/workshops.



*This dog, is dog, a dog,  
good dog, way dog, to dog,  
keep dog, an dog, idiot dog,  
busy dog, for dog, 20 dog,  
seconds dog! ... Now read  
without the word dog.*

Our motto is “You Provide the Family, We’ll Provide the Fun.”

## MISSION

Our mission is to provide recreational and educational events, activities and workshops that empower our families and youth, to strength and enhance personal growth, education, self-sufficiency and leadership.

## VISION

Our vision is to provide recreational resource for individual and families to recreationally interact as a family unit.

Creative Kids Club is a member of The Coalition, Inc. See their new website <http://www.creativekidsclub.net/>

To contact Creative Kids Club:

<http://www.creativekidsclub.net/#/contact-us/4537314362>

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## Village of the Arts and Humanities

The Village of Arts and Humanities, located at  
2544 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19133,

seeks to build community through its innovative education, social, construction and arts programs. In all of its projects and activities, the Village seeks to do justice to the humanity of people who live in inner-city North Philadelphia and in similar urban situations.

The need for a new urban landscape in 1986, spawned The Village Arts and Humanities (the Village) of North Philadelphia. Emerging as an outgrowth from a place Arthur Hall named Ile Ife Black Humanitarian Center—Ile Ife is drawn from Yoruba (Nigeria) cosmology and means the birthplace of humanity and also the “House of Love”--the Village was incarnated from a small neighborhood park project headed by Lily Yeh, the Village founder and two African American men in recovery from substance abuse. Since its inception, the Village has transformed a 260 square block area of North Philadelphia, one block at a time through a neighborhood revitalization program that has evolved into a major provider of arts-inspired programs including education, land transformation, construction, and economic development. Fast forward 20 years, and you can’t miss the impact of the Village within the community, starting with the larger than life murals, and



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colorful tile mosaics that punctuate housing projects, parks, even sidewalks as a visual testament to the work being done to improve the lives of North Philadelphia residents.

Today, we are a multi-faceted, professionally staffed, arts organization, governed by a community-based board of directors. We have won numerous local and international awards and citations for innovation and achievement, and earned high marks within the community for serving thousands of low-income, primarily underserved African American dwellers. However, North Philadelphia could well be anywhere around the globe where people suffer due to cultural differences or economic inequities; and that is why our program resonates so strongly worldwide.

We foster a new multiculturalism that embraces the gifts and the challenges expressed by all cultures and people. Our programs seek to tap into the common threads of all communities that have been labeled at risk, underprivileged, impoverished, undereducated, and stressed to create anomalies in the same undeniable way that the blues, gospel, jazz and even hip hop have done, with cross cultural success. We know that the Arts transcend race, culture, religion, education, socioeconomic background, gender, sexual orientation, age, or ableism.

Our work is described as provocative, muscular and risky. We are not limited by convention but instead boldly redefine art to incorporate environmental justice, greening and beautification, as well as community organizing.

Solid is the foundation from which we were originated. Lily Yeh endeavored under difficult situations and limited resources to make work that has forever shifted perceptions in the lives of oppressed people living in urban settings. We value our staff, board of directors and volunteers and recognize their ability to affect change.

If you are interested in learning more about the Village's arts and environmental programs, special events, performances, volunteer opportunities, and other ways to help, please contact our Volunteer/Outreach coordinator at 215.225.7830 or

[volunteers@villagearts.org](mailto:volunteers@villagearts.org)

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The mission of

### **The Children's Advocacy Project (CAP)**

is to help bridge the gap between the many quality social service agencies in the Philadelphia area and the families that need their help the most. To bridge this gap, we aim to empower and to inform those that

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care for the children of Philadelphia through this web site. The CAP will assist families, health care professionals, and social service providers by furnishing the tools necessary to connect families in need to the appropriate social service agencies that serve them.

To continue our series of Cap4Kids Hints of the Week and the root causes of violence in our city, let's consider Lead Poisoning.

Lead poisoning directly affects our children's developing brain and several studies (see attached PDF from Minneapolis Dept. of Health) show a direct correlation between Lead exposure, anti-social behavior and violence.

On the [www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia) website, under the Safety Handout

([http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent\\_handouts/safety.html](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/safety.html)),

there are links to the Childhood Lead Prevention Program of Philadelphia, as well as Free Home Safety inspections to pick up lead in the environment BEFORE the toxic effects affects our children.

Daniel R. Taylor, D.O., FAAP

<http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/>

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### **Website Offers Revolutionary Green Alternatives for Communities/Nations**

Greetings. I hope that you and your business/ organizations are all doing well. As we enter into a new year, I expect that many of us have already envisioned what we would like to accomplish in this new year. As long as we have positive intentions for not just ourselves but also our fellow inhabitants on this planet as well as the mother Earth herself, may the Creator of the Universe bless our visions and goals to become a material manifestation.

I would like to invite everyone to visit

<http://africanindependence.org/Projects.aspx>

I am one of the co-founders of this organization. While the initiative of this organization focuses on improving the lives of the African Diaspora and building up eco-friendly, peaceful, self sustaining and prosper communities in their ancestral lands, we extend a welcome hand for

*We allow our ignorance to prevail upon us and make us think we can survive alone, alone in patches, alone in groups, alone in races, even alone in genders. – Maya Angelou*

all to check a part of our vision out by visiting our site. Our site was put in video format for simplicity and visuals to keep the interests of our visitors. When you first click on the provided website address, you will notice that we begin with our goals on dealing with electricity. There are actually two clips explaining the same technology,

we recommend the second clip for a more detailed explanation on how this technology works. The following two clips deals with how we plan on providing clean water to the citizens and then water recycling.

The fifth video demonstrates how sewer systems are unnecessary. There are many issues that we tackle on our site. We are currently in talks with university and reverse engineers to have these technologies made at a lower cost and with high quality specifications.

Any feedback or suggestions is welcome and any donations would be highly appreciated.

There is a lot of useful information and we encourage all to take advantage of of it and to view it for themselves, we're confident that you will be excited as we are once you see the potential in such technology.

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## **ARTS FOR AWARENESS**

*I see little of more importance to the future of our country and of civilization than full recognition of the place of the artist. If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him. Pauline Kael*

### **SAVE the DATE for the 2010 West Oak Lane Jazz and Arts Festival**

Mark your calendars for another fabulous festival in West Oak Lane third weekend in June 2010.

For more information about volunteering, vending, and sponsorship, visit [www.westoaklanefestival.com](http://www.westoaklanefestival.com) .  
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### **“Panoramic Poetry Show”**

Poetry Set

“OCTOBER GALLERY”

*I do not believe that women  
are better than men. We  
have not wrecked railroads,  
nor corrupted legislature,  
nor done many unholy  
things that men have done;  
but then we must remember  
that we have not had the  
chance. – Jane Addams*

701 Market Street Bldg.  
on the 3rd Floor.  
“Ross Dept. Store”  
on the Market St. Level,  
(and it’s the Littman Building, enter thru 8th Street Side. Come to the  
center, and enter thru glass doors of Mellon Independence Center. This  
is Cheyney University’s Center City Campus.)

“FRIDAY” March 12h, 2010

&

March 19th, 2010

Starting @ 7:30pm

“PANORAMIC POETRY”

POETS doing their thing – LYRICAL SPIRITS getting down.

\*\*\*”ADMISSION FREE” – FOR PERFORMING POETS!!!\*\*\*

Please don't forget parking is very difficult in Center City. Allow time to  
park legally and arrive at the October Gallery on time.

The reading is \$10.00 for audience members, discounted to \$7.00 if you  
call or e-mail to reserve a spot ahead of time.

[PanoramicPoetry@OctoberGallery.com](mailto:PanoramicPoetry@OctoberGallery.com)

October Gallery

701 Market Street Bldg. 3rd Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19106

215.629.3939 ..... Room #319

[www.OctoberGallery.com](http://www.OctoberGallery.com)

<http://www.myspace.com/panoramicpoetry>

Panoramic Poetry on Facebook as well....

<http://www.myspace.com/Crucialpoet>

Go to [PanoramicPoetry@OctoberGallery.com](mailto:PanoramicPoetry@OctoberGallery.com) to SIGN-UP, if you are a  
Poet wanting to perform.

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- Poets

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## **COMING UP**

### **VF Outlet Berks Jazz Fest Announces Line Up**

The Annual VF Outlet Berks Jazz Fest is celebrating its 20th anniversary next year, with a recently released lineup of jazz, blues, and contemporary acts. The growing music festival now spans 10 days, from  
March 19–28, 2010.

Presented by the Berks Arts Council, the fest promises more than 130 events at various venues, clubs and restaurants throughout Reading and Berks County, Pa.

The Berks Arts Council 20th annual VF Outlet Berks Jazz Fest.

Tickets are on sale NOW!

Call CD Exchange at 610-777-2310 to order by phone.

To order online <http://www.berksjazzfest.com>

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## **IDAAY Friends and Family**

Thursday, March 25, 2010

from 6-8:00pm

we will be showcasing our documentary on the

### **Don't Fall Down In the Hood Program.**

One of the only programs of its in kind in the country  
working with young men arrested for  
guns, theft, assault, and narcotics charges.

We invite you to come out and  
view this unique program through the eyes of the young people sent here  
by

Philadelphia Family Courts.

Your \$20 donation will gain you entrance into  
the event

AND

You will receive a DVD copy of the documentary to bring  
home.

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The viewing will be held at

Temple University,  
Ritter Hall,  
Kiva Auditorium.

corners of  
13th Street & Cecil B. Moore Avenues  
in Philadelphia.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 23, 2010 via reply email.

Sandi Ramos

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### **Old School Mt. Airy Groove Party**

PHILLY'S PLATINUM GRILLE

March 26th Time: 9:30 PM - 2 AM

Market Square Shopping Plaza

7719 Crittenden St. @ Mermaid Lane  
Chestnut Hill Philadelphia, PA 19118

Aries Free with I.D

featuring R&B, Old School Rap, Bop, Cha-Cha, Salsa and Line dances  
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Hosts: Earl Harvey and Rhonda Yancy

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**The PA Advisory Board for Stop Hunger Now, Clear Channel Communications, State Representative Tony Payton, Jr., The Sam Dalembert Foundation** and a broad coalition of partners are rallying hundreds of Philadelphia area residents to package meals for the citizens of Haiti.



*When he was in office, George W. Bush visited a primary school to talk about the war. After his talk he offers question time. One little boy puts up his hand and George asks him what his name is. "Billy." "And what is your question, Billy?" "I have 3 questions. First, why did the USA invade Iraq without the support of the UN? Second, why are you President when Al Gore got more votes? And third, whatever happened to Osama Bin Laden?" Just then the bell rings for recess. George Bush informs the kiddies that they will continue after recess.*

*When they resume George says, "OK, where were we? Oh that's right question time. Who has a question?" Another little boy puts up his hand. George points him out and asks him what his name is. "Steve." "And what is your question, Steve?" "I have 5 questions. First, why did the USA invade Iraq without the support of the UN? Second, why are you President when Al Gore got more votes? Third, whatever happened to Osama Bin Laden? Fourth, why did the recess bell go off 20 minutes early? And fifth, what happened to Billy?"*

With your help **we will package 200,000+ meals in one day**. Stop Hunger Now will ship all meals directly to partner agencies in Haiti at the conclusion of the event.

Join us for a dynamic day of packaging, music, food, prizes and **special VIP guests! Please be sure to register for one or more shifts**, then join our [Facebook](#) Group and follow us on Twitter [@philyfeedshaiti](#) for breaking details and be the first to hear about special guests and prizes.

Saturday, March 27, 2010

from

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Sherman Mills

(Ridge Avenue & Scotts Lane)

Alexandra Hall

3502 Scotts Lane

Philadelphia 19129

*\*Children 5 and older, accompanied by a parent/guardian or adult chaperone are welcome!*

*\*\*Groups leaders may register their entire group, please enter details for each volunteer.*

### **Philly Feeds Haiti Partners and Sponsors**

- *The Mercer Advisory Group*
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  - *Come Kleen Productions*
- *Sherman Properties and Sherman Mills*
  - *Keystone Outdoor*
  - *Sam Dalembert Foundation*
    - *Signature RED, LLC*
- *MCTS Media Group "Change Radio Block"*

*This effort is organized by Stop Hunger Now, an international relief*

*A politician was walking home from the county courthouse the evening of Election Day when he came upon a young boy sitting on the curb, bawling his eyes out.*

*"Why are you crying?" the politician asked.*

*"My dad died," the boy replied.*

*"That's terrible, when did it happen?"*

*"Five years ago," the boy said.*

*"Five years ago? And you are still this upset?"*

*"It's not that," the boy said.*

*"It's just that my dad voted today, but he didn't come to see me."*

*agency based in Raleigh, NC ([www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org)), and the Stop Hunger Now PA Advisory Board, a cross section of area leaders from business, political, non profit, faith and media sectors.*

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## **FUNTIMES MAGAZINE WILL HOLD MISS BLACK AMERICA CONTESTANT SEARCH**

**Philadelphia, PA** – February 13, 2010: FunTimes Magazine is partnering with Miss Black America to hold a information search at its offices at 1226 Stiles Street on April 3, 2010. The event will take place from 3pm to 4:30pm. Miss Black America is looking for contestant's ages 9 to 29. The purpose of this special contestant search is to encourage African and Caribbean women to participate in the Miss Black America Pageant. Interested participants will receive a \$50 voucher to waive registration fee.

FunTimes seeks to bridge cultures and bring communities together. Its target audience is African and Caribbean Immigrants and the African Diaspora. The magazine is distributed to major cities in the US, Europe and in Africa.

FunTimes Magazine was first published in 1992 in Monrovia, Liberia during the civil war. The premier US edition was published in October 2008. The magazine addresses issues that are important to Africans and Caribbeans like health. FunTimes has participated in community events such as youth soccer tournaments (in Liberia) and a lecture series (USA).

The Miss Black America Pageant is recruiting contestants to compete in a Beauty, Talent, and Intellect Pageant. The MBA Pageant's motto is: "Sow the Seeds of Positivity & Reap the Flowers of Success. The MBA Pageant is more than a contest of beauty. It is a lifetime enrichment and motivational program. It instills positive practices for all participants.

**Contact:** Eric Nzeribe (215) 954-6300 or (610) 809-1656

Email: [info@funtimesmagazine.us](mailto:info@funtimesmagazine.us)

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**Help for Haiti: Beyond media Coverage**

to be held on

Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010

6:30-8:30pm at

Penn Museum,

3260 South Street,

Philadelphia, PA 19104

(Culture, politics, history, social customs and music)

Or for details please visit: <http://www.penn.museum/press-releases/716-help-for-haiti-beyond-media-coverage.html>

For more information

Prema Deshmukh

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3260 South Street Philadelphia, PA 19104

Tel:215-898-4065/66 Fax: 215-898- 4262

<http://www.penn.museum/educators-k-12/199-commonwealth-lecture-program.html>

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The Ladies of the Black Women's Educational Alliance  
( Philadelphia Chapter)

Presents:

**An Evening of Elegance: Celebrating the First Ladies of  
Philadelphia**

on

Friday, March 19, 2010

at the

Embassy Suites Hotel

9000 Bartram Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19153

6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Speaker: Ms. Autumn Adkins, President of the Historical Girard College

First Ladies of Philadelphia Honorees:

Dr. Arlene Ackerman- Education Award

Bishop Audrey Bronson - Religious Commitment Award

Ms. Dee Phillips ( PFT/CASA) - Service to the School District of  
Philadelphia Award

*As a potential juror in an assault-and-battery case, I was sitting in a courtroom, answering questions from both sides. The assistant district attorney asked such questions as: Had I ever been mugged? Did I know the victim or the defendant?*

*The defense attorney took a different approach, however. "I see you are a teacher," he said. "What do you teach?"*

*"English and theater," I responded.*

*"Then I guess I better watch my grammar," the defense attorney quipped.*

*"No," I shot back. "You better watch your acting."*

*When the laughter in the courtroom died down, I was excused from the case.*

Ticket Price: \$60.00 Attire:  
Elegant Dress

For Ticket Information Contact:  
Kim Collins. B.W.E.A. Membership Chairperson at  
[kcakal1@aol.com](mailto:kcakal1@aol.com)

or

215-520-0676

(Tickets are moving fast, so call or e-mail me to reserve your tickets)

\*\*Proceeds will Benefit Our Black History Essay Contest Participants  
and  
other B.W.E.A. Educational Initiatives

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**RUNOKO RASHIDI SPEAKS ON THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN  
THE AMERICAS (FROM THE VERY BEGINNING TO THE  
EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI)**

RUNOKO RASHIDI IN WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY 13 MARCH 2010

4:00 PM

AT THE TREE OF LIFE CHARTER SCHOOL  
2315 18TH PLACE, NE  
WASHINGTON, DC

\$15.00 ADMISSION

CALL 202 829 7204 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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**RUNOKO RASHIDI IN HARLEM, NEW YORK**

SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2010

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4:00 PM

AT THE NATIONAL BLACK THEATRE  
2031 FIFTH AVE (OFF 125TH STREET)  
HARLEM, NY

\$20.00 ADMISSION

CALL 917 676 2355 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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**RUNOKO RASHIDI ON BLACK WOMEN**

RUNOKO RASHIDI IN BOSTON

MONDAY 15 MARCH 2010

6:30 PM

WHERE: 1234 COLUMBUS

\$10.00 ADMISSION/DONATION/LOVE OFFERING

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 617 755 6463

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to non-governmental organizations and has the honour to inform them that the

**Ninth session of the Working Group of Experts on  
People of African Descent**

will take place at the  
United Nations Office  
in Geneva, Palais des Nations  
Room CXI

12 to 16 April, 2010.

The ninth session will include an analysis of structural discrimination against people of African descent, including in the areas of access to education, access to health, in the administration of justice, and the use of desegregated data as a tool to combat structural discrimination. The

*You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it. – Maya Angelou*

session will also contain a discussion of possible activities in the context of the International Year for People of African descent (2011), as proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution A/Res/64/169. The Working Group kindly invites all participants to bring with them to the session any proposals they may have concerning possible activities in the context of the International Year for People of African Descent. The discussion of these proposals will assist the Working Group in formulating its contribution to a program of plausible activities for the International Year

The opening meeting will begin at 10 am. on Monday 12 April 2010. The provisional agenda will be available on DHCHR website shortly.

Interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, those non-governmental organizations which were accredited to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance as well as those that were accredited to the Durban Review Conference are invited to communicate the names of these representatives by fax +41 22 928 40 50 On letterhead, signed by the appropriate official of their Organization. For further information, please contact Mr. Richard Clarke (tel: +41 22 928 9874

[ADUsecretariat@ohchr.org](mailto:ADUsecretariat@ohchr.org)

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights seizes this opportunity to renew to non-governmental organizations the assurance of its highest consideration.

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### **Leadership Exchange seeks 2010 applicants**

The 2010 Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange, a project of the Economy League of Greater Philadelphia, will bring together 100 of the region's most prominent business, nonprofit and government executives to explore efforts around innovation, sustainability, and workforce in Greater Philadelphia and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Application deadline is March 15th.

For more information or to apply, click [here](#)

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**SPECIAL NOTICE!**

**Skip A Meal For Haiti**



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Most Americans eat at least three meals a day. Some eat more often. Millions of people in Haiti have not had a meal in one week and a good meal in recent memory. Will you skip a meal for the people of Haiti and send the money to a relief agency?

**Will you not eat one meal, on one day so that they can eat for a week?**

The cost of lunch at almost any affordable restaurant in America is between \$5.00 and \$14.00. Some restaurants have menus that serve four and five course dinners that can cost as much as \$100.00 per person, not including beverages. For as little as two dollars a day, you can help provide food, drinking water and some sanitation supplies for a Haitian child or adult. A \$14.00 contribution can help feed and hydrate a Haitian child for a week. We can all afford to make a difference!

The Black Star Project is asking you to miss at least one meal this week for the people of Haiti and to send the money that you would have spent on your breakfast, lunch or dinner to a relief fund that is on the ground working in Haiti.

Many people say they want to go to Haiti to help those affected by the earthquake. The cost of a round trip flight from New York City to Port-au-Prince, Haiti is more than \$2,000.00. Decent hotel lodging, which is virtually impossible to find in Haiti, might cost another \$2,000.00 for one week. And your mouth would become another mouth to feed of more than 2 million people who need food and water day.

Instead of going to Haiti, will you miss a lunch for Haiti and send the money you would have spent on that lunch to one of the on-the-ground relief agencies listed below:

The Black Star Project (773.285.9600) recommends that you send your contributions to:

Yele Haiti (Wyclef Jean's Relief Effort) at [www.yele.org](http://www.yele.org) or text YELE to 501501 to donate \$5.00 on your phone bill

UNICEF at [www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org) or call 800.367.5437

Doctors Without Borders at [www.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org) or call 888.392.0392

American Red Cross at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call 800.REDCROSS (800.733.2767) or 800.257.7575 (Español)

Partners in Health at [www.pih.org](http://www.pih.org) or call 617.432.5256

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As Salaamu Alaikum,

Remember Surah Al Maun 107. Providing the daily necessities. We know that unemployment is high, people are losing their homes, health insurance (if they had it to begin with) and put on top of that marital problems, etc. We need your help today! We are getting more phone calls from people in need.

We have women who are being abandoned by husbands who have children. Older women who for various reasons are alone (children grown) no husband. We need your help. We are asking for your help to raise \$1,650 by Sunday to help keep some people off the streets. Our deadline is Monday 5 pm to pay for their shelter, insh'Allah.

Send your donations by Paypal to [haleem1@aol.com](mailto:haleem1@aol.com) or mail to:

Baitul Salaam Network, Inc.  
PO Box 115470,  
Atlanta, GA 30310.

Send this note to all you know.

ma salaam

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[www.blogtalkradio.com](http://www.blogtalkradio.com)  
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## **COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **Group offers low-cost web access to nonprofits**

Mobile Citizen, a provider of mobile broadband for education and nonprofits, will offer a Technology Assistance Grant program beginning in January to provide non-profit organizations with affordable access to the Internet.

Available only in Portland, Oregon, Las Vegas, and Philadelphia, the grant includes reduced-price service from Mobile Citizen, with unlimited usage for only \$10/month or \$120/year per account. It

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bundles Mobile Citizen's wireless broadband, powered by WiMAX, a fourth generation (4G) technology from Clearwire Corporation with a variety of benefits available only to grantees, including:

- 12 months of service from Mobile Citizen extended to 15 months at no additional charge. With this, nonprofits receive three free months of service per account.
- Dedicated Mobile Citizen Customer Care customized for non-profit organizations.
- A free one-year membership to NTEN, a nonprofit technology network, ongoing information and news as well as access to a support community.
- A choice of additional benefits including an educational webinar series.

For more information, email [Kecia Carroll](mailto:Kecia.Carroll).

### **A HAND UP!**

#### **Call For Chairs**

Overbrook Art Center needs chairs ASAP (100 or so) Can also accept stackable chairs.

Please email [Safiya134@aol.com](mailto:Safiya134@aol.com).

Thanks so much. Safiya

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#### **LIHEAP Extension**

1. The LIHEAP program (Cash and Crisis) end date has been extended from March 15 to April 2, 2010.
2. A \$100 supplemental LIHEAP Cash payment will be made to all LIHEAP households who are eligible for a cash grant.  
Households that were already approved for LIHEAP cash will automatically receive another \$100 (most payments will go directly to utility/vendor).

An additional \$100 supplemental LIHEAP Cash payment will be made to LIHEAP households with a "vulnerable household member". Vulnerable is defined as 60 or over, 5 or younger, or with a disability. This supplemental payment will be in addition to the \$100 Cash grant supplement which will be provided to all LIHEAP households eligible for a cash grant (discussed in #2).

*The white American man makes the white American woman maybe not superfluous but just a little kind of decoration. Not really important to turning around the wheels of the state. Well the black American woman has never been able to feel that way. No black American man at any time in our history in the United States has been able to feel that he didn't need that black woman right against him, shoulder to shoulder -- in that cotton field, on the auction block, in the ghetto, wherever. – Maya Angelou*

4. As of February 8, 2010, DPW will accept all regulated utility termination notices, dated February 1 or later for the purpose of providing Crisis grants. In Philadelphia, shut-off notices from PGW and PECO dated February 1 or later will be accepted as proof of a Crisis.

Until now, only applicants without heat were eligible for Crisis.

5. As of February 8, 2010, individual households will be able to apply for a second Crisis grant up to the maximum total amount of \$400. The “one and done” rule has been waived.

A second Crisis grant may be issued to households who have previously received one of less than \$400. Both grants cannot total more than \$400.

The second grant must be accepted by the fuel vendor or utility company as sufficient to resolve the crisis. The utility must agree to accept the Crisis amount as sufficient to Avert termination until May 1, as per the LIHEAP State Plan.

Download LIHEAP Applications in English and Spanish at:  
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/LIHEAP/>

To apply for LIHEAP Cash and/or Crisis, mail or take the application to:

LIHEAP District County Assistance Office (formerly Tioga)

1348 W. Sedgley Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19132

Monday – Friday

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

you can also apply for LIHEAP Crisis by going to:

Elmwood  
District Boulevard District

5740 Market Street, 1st Floor 4109 Frankford Avenue

Philadelphia, PA

*No matter how big a nation is, it is no stronger than its weakest people, and as long as you keep a person down, some part of you has to be down there to hold him down, so it means you cannot soar as you might otherwise. – Marion Anderson*

THURSDAYS ONLY TUESDAYS ONLY

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

DO NOT MAIL APPLICATIONS TO THESE OFFICES!  
WALK-IN APPLICATIONS ONLY!

Questions? Contact Thu Tran,  
[ttran@clsphila.org](mailto:ttran@clsphila.org), or

Maripat Pileggi, [mpileggi@clsphila.org](mailto:mpileggi@clsphila.org).

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**Our group A HAND UP! Is now open, please go to:**

**[A HAND UP!](#)**

In response to the needs of many grassroots organizations for the basic tools to implement and sustain their ideas and projects, The Coalition, Inc. members have come together to establish a network to facilitate the distribution/re-distribution of unwanted, unneeded, surplus and even repairable items for recycling.

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## WORD-OF- THE-WEEK

**serendipity** \ser-uhn-DIP-uh-tee\  
The faculty or phenomenon of making fortunate accidental discoveries.

**Remember to support The Coalition, Inc.'s on-air personalities...**

**Civil Alert World** with Brother Sabir Bey Saturdays 5:30pm to 6:30pm on WNJC 1360 AM. Also listen in on WKDU 91.7 AM Friday, 12am to 3am

**Sister Phile Chionesu**, organizer of the Million Woman March, "**Nu Day Resurrection and Liberation**" Show LIVE each Saturday evening 10:30 PM--12:00 midnight EST.

"NU Day" is heard in Philly and, worldwide, through the internet at: [www.blogtalkradio.com/empresschi](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/empresschi) Or you can tune in via podcast at 646-652-2232

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