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Greetings Coalition Family!

Philadelphia is being plagued by 'flash mobs', groups of young people using the internet to coordinate their negative activities eliciting the question "Where Do These Children Come From?" (excerpted from a message to The Coalition Group)

It's no mystery where today's children come from, they come from where children have always come from, and they come from us! Your child's slavery to fashion, style, and peer pressure was cultivated from the cradle. Whenever you boast about the cost of some insignificant adult amusement that you could not afford, but afforded yourself anyway, you are making a statement.

What message do you think you're sending when you 'must have' the latest cell phone... the largest HD TV... the fanciest truck... all the while complaining about rising prices, and perhaps having to check caller ID before answering the phone in case the call is from a bill collector?

These lessons are taught and re-taught, and become an integral part of your children's psychological make-up.

Children's minds are super absorbent, especially those things that we don't 'try' to teach. Add to that the intentional misdirection of the system, and there is no wonder why your children respond the way they do. When you don't emphasize and educate the positive and wholesomeness of life, you allow your children to absorb the more available negativity aimed at them from a culture that wishes to destroy you.

Where do these children come from? They come from us! They are us, and in order to change them, we must first change ourselves!

"We have to face the fact that either all of us are going to die together or we are going to learn to live together and if we are to live together we have to talk."

-- Eleanor Roosevelt.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

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Free Scholarships to Cornell’s Summer College

Cornell's Summer College, now in its forty-ninth year, is one of the nation's longest running and most highly regarded precollege academic programs.

It brings more than 800 academically talented high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors from around the world to Cornell each summer for three- and six-week programs.

Summer College students have the unparalleled opportunity to:

- *experience what it's like to live and learn at a great Ivy League university,
- *take real university courses,
- *work closely with Cornell's world-renowned faculty,
- *learn three to six college credits,
- *explore majors and career options,
- *get a jump on successful college applications,
- *make friends from around the world-and much, much more.

As Cornell alum, you also might be interested to know that in addition to the gains realized by students, Summer College contributes significantly to Cornell's recruitment efforts by introducing a geographically, ethnically, and socio-economically diverse group of talented students to Cornell at the crucial time. Many former Summer Collegians apply to Cornell, and each year a significant number are members of the entering class.

Again, we would be grateful if you would share this information with individuals or organizations you think could benefit from our award-winning Cornell program. This year's application deadline for most programs is April, 30. Students can connect with other Summer College fans through the Facebook link on our homepage <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu/> and can reach us directly at summer_college@cornell.edu or 607.255.6203.

Best regards,

Abby H. Eller, Director, and the Summer College staff
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EightCitiesMAP*

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

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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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

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved. – Helen Keller

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

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:

- 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 The Philadelphia Foundation's website on March 25th.

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

As you make your way through this hectic world of ours, set aside a few minutes each day. At the end of the year, you'll have a couple of days saved up. - Age 7

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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

As we have discussed over the past few months, youth violence and interpersonal violence affects us all and jointly as well as individually we can help prevent interpersonal violence through many different means from: lead screening; teen pregnancy prevention and teen family programs; child abuse prevention; domestic violence screening and prevention; quality child care; affordable and safe housing; head start programs; mentoring and after school programming; and living wage employment.

As you know many of these resources can be found on the www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website.

Please continue to advocate for every child, every family, every community to prevent and address youth violence and the many permanent scars that it leaves.

To bring awareness to this epidemic and to highlight the many amazing youth in our community, Physicians for Social Responsibility are hosting the annual Legs Against Arms 5K run/1 mile walk at St. Joes to bring about awareness of the programs that address youth violence.

Please see <http://www.legsagainstars.org/> for more information.

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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), and on the

It's naive to expect partisan politicians to play fair, I know; still, I'm always surprised by the boldness of their hypocrisies. – Wendy Kaminer

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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).

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

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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

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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 website, under the Education parent handout

http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/education.html

Nothing could be worse than the fear that one had given up too soon, and left one unexpended effort that might have saved the world.

– Jane Addams

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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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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 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, www.germantownavenueparents.com, www.norristownmom.com.

THIS WEEK

You are invited to the following event:

TEEN Recruitment & Scholarship Drive for Fostering Fierce, Fit & Focused Young Women

featuring Rev. Jacqueline Glass - Founder of At The Well Women's Conference, Inc.

Date:

Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Location:

Cafe' International - We Cater to The World
241 East Front Street
Trenton, NJ 08618

localwisdom@weareboost.org

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I have no idea of submitting tamely to injustice inflicted either on me or on the slave. I will oppose it with all the moral powers with which I am endowed. I am no advocate of passivity. – Lucretia Mott

Does your ministry partner with a School District of Philadelphia local Elementary or Middle School?

If yes, you are cordially invited to attend the School District of Philadelphia's implementation training of its Business and Career Exploration Program for students [scheduled to begin in September], at approximately 10:00am on Saturday March 27, 2010. This training will be convened in the Second Floor Auditorium of the School District of Philadelphia Headquarters located at 400 N. Broad Street in Philadelphia

The Program represents a state of the art initiative and first of its kind that provides elementary and middle school aged children throughout the city with reality based positive life experiences of business and career options through personalized assembly presentations, learning projects, entrepreneurship opportunities, mentoring, visitations, and special corporate incentives. The program for many of our youngest citizens reignites the flame and dreams of what our children's lives can become.

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Plan Meeting for Susquehanna to Lehigh /Other Funky STUFF !

Hello All,

Everything in decency and in order! PLEASE COME CORRECT OR DO NOT COME AT ALL!!!

HOW CAN WE HAVE A PLANNING SESSION WHEN THERE IS AN AGENDA THAT YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF? REGARDING LAND IN NORTH PHILLY

(Susquehanna AVE @15th Street)
Behind Duckrey School where we are proposed to have the March 30, 2010 meeting.

For the Lexophiliacs

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

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

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Where BROTHER KENTU used to have games for our YOUTH. WHERE, SINCE HE HAS PASSED, NO MEN HAVE TAKEN UP THE JOB OF MAKING A PROGRAM THERE FOR OUR YOUTH. WITH A VACUUM AND SOME BAD INTENTIONS!

There has been actions taken by the School Reform Commission initiated by our Representatives, Namely Jewell Williams, to transferred this land without community input. This process has taken place, October 21, 2009 by the (SRC) and will be further investigated on April 14, 2010 at the SRC meeting (440 N. Broad Street).

PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE TO RECEIVE MORE DETAILS ON:

How land is proposed to be taken from the TAXPAYERS without Community Participation.

How TAXPAYERS are not receiving Fair Market Value.

How our CHILDREN are being denied RECREATION.

How by RESOLUTION there is to be a plan to have DECENT RECREATION FOR OUR YOUTH.

AS OUR YOUTH TWITTER TO FIND SOME PLACE TO FIND ENJOYMENT, OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TAKE AWAY A BASKET BALL AREA BEING USED BY YOUTH ! WHY??

Please respond if you would like to have documentation before the meeting on March 30, 2010.

Jjdthrbnsn@aol.com

PLEASE BRING A GROUP OF VOTING AGE YOUTH TO THIS PROPOSED MEETING!

THE Truth shall set us FREE!!

SubjectNeighborhood Plan Meeting for Susquehanna to Lehigh / Broad to Glenwood (2)

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EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Do you remember this guy?

I was walking down fifth avenue today and I found a wallet, and I was gonna keep it, rather than return it, but I thought: well, if I lost a hundred and fifty dollars, how would I feel? And I realized I would want to be taught a lesson. - Emo Philips

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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 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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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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

Nobody has ever before asked the nuclear family to live all by itself in a box the way we do. With no relatives, no support, we've been put in an impossible situation. – Margaret Mead

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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:

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 filling applications.

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.

If you have only one smile in you, give it to the people you love. Don't be surly at home, then go out in the street and start grinning "Good morning" at total strangers. – Maya Angelou

**The Raw Family
Newsletter**

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

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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

HEALTH MATTERS

FREE HIV/AIDS Seminar

The Blizzards of 2010 could not keep us down! We will be holding our, FREE HIV/AIDS seminar along with FREE HIV counseling and testing, on Saturday, March 27th, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Vernon House, located in Vernon Park, (corner of Cheltenham and Germantown Avenues) Philadelphia, PA 19144

Please pass this along to your constituents. As is our usual custom, we will be granting the 1st 20 people who attend the seminar and get tested, a \$20.00 gift card to a local grocery store.

John Elliott Churchville, Ph.D., J.D., Chairman/CEO

College isn't the place to go for ideas. – Helen Keller

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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 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.

If a test of civilization be sought, none can be so sure as the condition of that half of society over which the other half has power - from the exercises of the right of the strongest. Harriet Martineau

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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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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).

For more information, go to www.philabundance.org

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Tips for making oatmeal appealing to kids

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

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It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. – Susan B. Anthony

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GREEN PIECE

Greater Philadelphia Green Business Program Celebrates One Year anniversary

April 7, 2010 (rain or shine!)

5:30 – 7:30pm

Courtyard at One Logan Square (18th and Cherry Streets)

Philadelphia, PA.

In case of rain, indoors at 1 Logan Sq. lobby

Join us for food, drinks, music and networking with Green Business Program members. Non-members are also invited to learn more about the program.

RSVP at <http://phillygreenbiz.eventbrite.com>

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Gubernatorial Forum on Urban Sustainability

Academy of Natural Sciences

19th St and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Thursday, April 15, 2010

Reception: 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Program: 6:30-8 p.m.

As Pennsylvania moves toward electing its next Governor, the Urban Sustainability Forum has invited all of the candidates to discuss their positions on significant issues related to the environment, sustainability and natural resources. This will be an important opportunity to get to know the candidates and their positions.

Auditor General Jack Wagner- Confirmed

Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Hoeffel- Confirmed

Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato- Confirmed

State Senator Anthony Williams- Confirmed

Attorney General Tom Corbett- Invited

State Representative Sam Rohrer- Invited

Robert Allan Mansfield- Invited

Richard Gordon- Invited

RSVP is required for this event:

www.pennsylvaniagubernatorialforum.eventbrite.com/

Larry watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that, mommy?' he asked. 'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. 'What's the matter, asked Larry 'Giving up?'

(Thx. to Shirley Odom)

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

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Philadelphia is a huge underutilized asset.

From Dust to Dollars: Creating Value from Underutilized Assets

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/harvardbusiness?sid=H6f94aa705ec4920897666766dea63ef6>

By Rosabeth Moss Kanter

The green movement focuses attention on numerous resources going to waste that could be turned into cost savings, revenue streams, and profitable businesses while saving the earth — wind power, solar energy, fuels from burning biomass. That sensibility signals an important new value proposition: From dust to dollars! Build innovation around existing but underutilized assets.

Waste was an industrial age motif. To have more of something than one could possibly use signified affluence and high status. That was the point of the impractical extra space at Donald Trump's palace, Mar a Lago, or the hundreds of pairs of shoes owned by former Philippines First Lady Imelda Marcos. In that context, growth came from selling

Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...
Kathy's Korner!

A man runs into the vet's office carrying his dog, screaming for help. The vet rushes him back to an examination room and has him put his dog down on the examination table. The vet examines the still, limp body and after a few moments tells the man that his dog, regrettably, is dead.

The man, clearly agitated and not willing to accept this, demands a second opinion.

The vet goes into the back room and comes out with a cat and puts the cat down next to the dog's body. The cat sniffs the body, walks from head to tail poking and sniffing the dog's body and finally looks at the vet and meows.

The vet looks at the man and says, "I'm sorry, but the cat thinks that your dog is dead too." The man is still unwilling to accept that his dog is dead.

The vet brings in a black labrador. The lab sniffs the body, walks from head to tail, and finally looks at the vet and barks.

*The vet looks at the man and says, "I'm sorry, but the lab thinks your dog is dead too."
The man, finally resigned to the diagnosis, thanks the vet and asks how much he owes.
The vet answers, "\$650."
(cont.)*

bigger portions, larger cars, and more of everything, guaranteeing waste. Of course, one person's waste was another person's waste management company; I know many immigrants who attained the American dream through scrap metal.

In today's less-forgiving times, it's not enough to hide conspicuous consumption behind gated communities, cloth coats, or vans instead of limousines, and to give up corporate jets and lavish parties. It is imperative (and good business) to better use underutilized assets, not simply to reduce waste.

Munch on some food examples. In Boston, order Peking duck, and get the skin and some meat. In Hong Kong, Peking duck includes the skin, meat, and broth in separate courses. In Beijing, Peking duck uses all of the above plus adds the bones — no waste. A Taiwanese executive friend who summers on Cape Cod visits the docks most mornings to ask fishing crews for the fish heads they discard. Creative cooks invent wonderful dishes out of leftovers, tossing the rest in the compost pile to enrich the soil.

Don't take me literally. The idea is unlock the hidden value of something that would otherwise be wasted. Used tires — a major pollution problem — are being used by Cemex in road beds in Mexico and by Brazilian artists in Sao Paulo to create attractive, comfortable furniture.

Companies recycle cans and bottles but rarely create innovations out of them. An entrepreneur friend made watch faces out of discarded soda bottle caps, selling them as fashion watches (at high margins considering the zero cost of the bottle caps). Students in a high school chemistry class in New Hampshire collected used cooking oil from local restaurants to convert into fuel that they hoped would run school buses, while extracting the glycerin to make soap that they sold to fund their experiment. Talk about synergies.

What byproducts have hidden value? Companies are experimenting with carbon capture that can reduce carbon footprints while being used for carbonated beverages. Zoos have been particularly creative with the kind of waste-we-don't-talk-about-in-polite-company (and I don't mean composting toilets, although that might be a good idea too). Toronto and Singapore zoos took the lead in creating a profitable line of fertilizers for home gardens by processing and packaging animal waste under the brand name "Zoo Doo."

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"\$650 to tell me my dog is dead?" exclaimed the man.

"Well," the vet replies, "I would only have charged you \$50 for my initial diagnosis. The additional \$600 was for the cat scan and lab tests."

(Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)

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Space often goes to waste. Companies can turn unused conference rooms into training centers for other organizations. Airports recognize that the areas between gates are retail sales opportunities; the Pittsburgh airport was among the first to be a destination shopping mall, not just a transportation platform. WPP grew to a global advertising giant from a company making wire shopping carts when managers realized the carts could hold advertising placards. Minute Clinics in CVS pharmacies offer routine health services in underutilized areas near aspirins and greeting cards. I've urged branch banks to give floor space to neighborhood merchants for displays and demonstration, building community value and bringing traffic to the branch.

Human energy can also be put to better use. Years ago I joked that communities could generate electricity by from runners on a giant treadmill. Then I discovered that this idea is the basis of actual experiments.

Bicycles power computers for children in remote villages that lack electricity.

So why not go further? What if every office had a health center connected to a generator? Employees could get exercise while displays show them how much power they are producing.

Get fit and keep the lights on at the same time.

Of course, it's also essential to better utilize the most underutilized asset of all in many companies: brainpower. Employee imagination could be used to search for trash, literal or figurative, with innovation value.

Mount a campaign for the best ideas about using underutilized or discarded assets. There's nothing to lose — it's wasted anyway — and a great deal to gain. Besides, chairs made out of used tires are great for the beach, and compost plus Zoo Doo grow wonderful gardens.

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Spring Green Intentions Outside Your Front Door & Inside Your Four Walls

Free Public Awareness Forum sponsored by

<http://www.viridian.com/greenjobsjersey>

Date:
Saturday, March 27, 2010
from
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Location:

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Township of West Windsor Town hall
271 Clarksville Road
Room B

West Windsor Township, NJ 08550

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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

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:
April 17th.

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 live in a world which respects power above all things. Power, intelligently directed, can lead to more freedom. – Mary McLeod Bethune

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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/>

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

PERSONAL AND HOME SECURITY

Protect Yourself When Using Public Transportation

- Have your fare or pass ready in hand when boarding the bus.
- During off hours, ride as near to the driver as possible.
- If someone on the bus bothers you, change seats and tell the driver.
- Look around when getting off the bus or trolley, and be aware of those around you.
- If you are going to be out late, be sure you have cab fare.

Nature has no mercy at all. Nature says, "I'm going to snow. If you have on a bikini and no snowshoes, that's tough. I am going to snow anyway." – Maya Angelou

- At night, avoid dark and isolated intersections or stops.

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

For a more aggressive role in your protection:
www.selfdefensewithanattitude.com

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION

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

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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, e-mail: 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:

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-

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!' After a few seconds, Little Larry stood up. The teacher said, 'Do you think you're stupid, Larry?' 'No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!' (thx. to Ramona Newberry)

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

<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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Larry's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. 'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him. Larry asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture ? "'
(thx. Ron Aldridge)

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

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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 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

*The world is moved along,
not only by the mighty
shoves of its heroes, but
also by the aggregate of
tiny pushes of each honest
worker. – Helen Keller*

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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

and

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.

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 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

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding.

"But, officer," the man began, "I can explain"

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But, officer, I just wanted to say"

"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

(thx. Debra Kerlin)

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>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 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!!

*Not everything that is faced
can be changed, but
nothing can be changed
until it is faced. – Lucille
Ball*

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

MISSION

Our mission is to provide recreational and educational events, activities

I must admit that I personally measure success in terms of the contributions an individual makes to her or his fellow human beings. Margaret Mead

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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 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

Liberty is not less a blessing, because oppression has so long darkened the mind that it can not appreciate it. – Lucretia Mott

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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

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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 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.

I always distrust people who know so much about what God wants them to do to their fellows. – Susan B. Anthony

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 website, under the Safety Handout (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 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

*Our doubts are traitors and
make us lose the good we
often might win, by fearing
to attempt. – Jane Addams*

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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 .

email nkillebrew@ogontzave.org

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Jus' Words at Dowlings Place

1310 No. Broad St. Phila

Every Thurs. 9pm to 1am

- Poets
- Rappers
- Singers
- Spoken Word Artists

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COMING UP

*It gives me a deep
comforting sense that
"things seen are temporal
and things unseen are
eternal." – Helen Keller*

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
by DJ Derrick Rose

Hosts: Earl Harvey and Rhonda Yancy
Phone: 215-247-2312 for information
Donation 7.00 after 9:30

www.phillysplatinumgrille.com

e-mail earlharvey@aol.com

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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.

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)

*Resentment is like drinking
poison and waiting for the
other person to die.
-- Cindy Clabough.*

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
- Cardenas-Grant Communications
- Clear Channel Communications
- Office of PA State Representative Tony Payton, Jr.
- 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 agency based in Raleigh, NC (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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The Top Secret Rosies of WWII

An Illustrated Lecture by LeAnn Erickson

March 30, 1:30 pm

Samuel L. Paley Library

at

Temple University

1210 Polett Walk

*He who angers you,
controls you --
Elizabeth Kenny.*

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In 1942, only months after the United States entry into WWII, a secret military program was launched to recruit women to the war effort. But unlike recruiting Rosie to the factory, this search targeted female mathematicians who would become human 'computers' for the US Army.

These women worked round-the-clock shifts creating ballistics tables that proved crucial to Allied victory. Rosie made the weapons, but the female computers made them accurate. When the first electronic computer (ENIAC) was invented to aid ballistic calculation efforts, six of these women were tapped to become its first programmers.

Professor LeAnn Erickson discusses "Top Secret 'Rosies': The Female 'Computers' of WWII," a documentary project currently in post-production that will share this untold story of the women and technology that helped win a war and usher in the modern computer age.

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FUNTIMES MAGAZINE WILL HOLD MISS BLACK AMERICA CONTESTANT SEARCH

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

*"In order to be irreplaceable
one must always be different."
- Coco Chanel*

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

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National Association of Black Social Workers

Our 42nd Annual Conference will be held in
Philadelphia, PA
from
April 6-9, 2010
at the
Philadelphia Downtown Marriott Hotel.
1201 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

This year's conference theme is
"Keepers of the Village: The Role for Community Organizers".

For more information about the conference checkout the National website at www.nabsw.org

Please consider this your personal invitation to join us in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as we launch another decade of championing and supporting our communities.

The National Conference offers numerous opportunities to enhance your skills, learn about African-centered approaches of implementing human services delivery systems, and examine research conducted by people of African ancestry for the betterment of our community. You will network and exchange ideas and approaches with other committed professionals. You will also be able to nurture your spirit and revitalize your energy.

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The Officers and Councilors of the
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**A 1910 CELEBRATION
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AND BIRTH OF A BUILDING**

Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.
Historical Society of Pennsylvania
1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Building

HONORING

Cokie Roberts, Jerry and Marciarose Shestack,
and Henry Lafayette Collins III

If you would like to receive an invitation, please
contact Emilie Kretschmar at 215-732-6200 ext.300
or ekretschmar@hsp.org.

For more information, click here.

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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
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/641169.
The Working Group kindly invites all participants to bring with them to

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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 its 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

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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SPECIAL NOTICE!

Skip A Meal For Haiti

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

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk!" (thx. Tom Meehan)

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 or text YELE to 501501 to donate \$5.00 on your phone bill

UNICEF at www.unicefusa.org or call 800.367.5437

Doctors Without Borders at www.doctorswithoutborders.org or call 888.392.0392

American Red Cross at www.redcross.org or call 800.REDCROSS (800.733.2767) or 800.257.7575 (Español)

Partners in Health at www.pih.org or call 617.432.5256

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HABESHA, Inc. is planning its 7th Black To Our Roots Educational Tour to Ethiopia/Ghana for the summer of 2011.

The Black To Our Roots Educational Tour is a spiritual, cultural, and academic experience where youth of African descent learn about themselves by spending several months learning about Africa in general, and Ghana/Ethiopia specifically, through workshops, fieldtrips, fundraisers, and community service projects before they travel to the "Motherland". In order to reclaim our African identity, we return across the Atlantic Ocean where so many of our ancestors suffered on the slave ships during the middle passage.

*The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.
- Ayn Rand*

If you would like to report on a recent community event, feel free to send us a brief account of what happened in document format, and we will share it with our readers.

Send your information to: [News From The Coalition, Inc.](#)

All entries for submission should be received by noon, the Monday prior to publish date and in Press Release form.

We are currently recruiting participants, including chaperones "Jegnas" and youth, to travel with us during the summer of 2011.

We will be having an interest meeting on
Saturday, March 27th from 1-3pm
at the Georgia State University College of Education
Building Room 150,
located at
30 Pryor St. Atlanta, GA 30303.

You are encouraged to come if you, or someone you know is interested in an opportunity to travel to Africa.

To learn a more about HABESHA, Inc. and the Black To Our Roots Program, visit the Black To Our Roots page at
<http://www.habeshainc.org/BTOR.html>.

We look forward to seeing you on March 27th!

HABESHA, Inc.
P.O. Box 1291
Redan, Georgia 30074
US

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 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.

*The most unpardonable sin
in society is independence
of thought.*
Emma Goldman

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-- A choice of additional benefits including an educational webinar series.

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

A HAND UP!

America's Original Savings Network

As amazing as it may sound many people do not realize how easy it is to LEGALLY stop paying for their groceries! This is how the one hour television show began for the company whose website is at:

<http://nofullprices.net>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Are these manufacturer coupons or coupons that I print on my computer?

A: All of our coupons are actual manufacturer coupons. Fewer and fewer retailers accept coupons that are printed from your computer because of a huge increase in counterfeit coupons. Actual manufacturer coupons which we issue are accepted everywhere that coupons are accepted.

Q: Can these coupons be doubled?

A: Yes. These are manufacturer issued coupons and may be doubled in any store that offers double coupons.

Q: What are the face values and the expiration dates of these coupons?

A: Being manufacturer coupons, the manufacturer determines the face values of the coupons. We currently stock coupons ranging in value from 40 cents to 5.00 dollars. The coupon expiration dates are generally valid for 90 days.

Q: How can I use \$1,000.00 worth of coupons in 90 days?

A: With our program, you get to choose the coupons you want, when you want them. This way you never have to worry about the coupons expiring.

Q: How do I choose the coupons I want?

A: Each coupon book contains coupon request slips which you fill out and send in. Those coupons are then mailed to you.

Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you'll be criticized anyway. -- Eleanor Roosevelt.

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Call For Chairs

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

Please email 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).

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.

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us." -- Helen Keller

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
19139 Philadelphia, PA 19124

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, or

Maripat Pileggi, mpileggi@clsphila.org.

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Volunteer In Africa

Explore a Continent of Contrasts while Volunteering in Africa

For over a decade, Cross-Cultural Solutions has supported thousands of volunteers in Africa on programs in Ghana, Morocco, South Africa and

*Be careful what rubbish
 you toss in the tide.
 On outgoing billows it
 drifts from your sight,
 But back on the incoming
 waves it may ride
 And land at your
 threshold again before
 night.
 Be careful what rubbish
 you toss in the tide...
 -- Ella Wheeler Wilcox,
 The Tides.*

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**WORD-OF-
 THE-WEEK**

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 bul\: Of low birth or
 family; not noble;
 not illustrious;
 plebeian; common;
 humble; Not noble
 in quality, character,
 or purpose;
 characterized by
 baseness, lowness,
 or meanness.

Tanzania.

CCS volunteers work side-by-side with local people in community organizations focused on supporting social services, education, and health initiatives.

Discover one of the world's most diverse continents and see firsthand the challenges it faces and how you can make a positive impact with CCS.

Go to: www.cross-cultural-solutions.org

IT'S HERE!!

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.

To join: [A Hand Up!](#)

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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 Or you can tune in via podcast at 646-652-2232

Call in and give your thoughts, comments, opinions at 1-646-652-2232 or send an instant message to mwmsistahood@aol.com to chat on line.

