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# News From The Coalition, Inc.

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## Greetings Coalition Family!

Life is about choices and decisions, not everything that happens is a direct result of our actions, but it is usually resultant from a decision or choice made at sometime in our lives. Spring is here and perhaps it's time to do some serious spring cleaning.

*Not everyone is healthy enough to have a front row seat in our lives. There are some people in you life that need to be loved from a distance.*

*It's amazing what you can accomplish when you let go of, or at least minimize, your time with draining negative, incompatible, not-going-anywhere relationships, friendships.*

*Observe the relationships around you. Pay attention. Which ones lift and which ones lean?*

*Which ones encourage and which ones discourage?*

*Which ones are on a path of growth uphill and which ones are going downhill?*

*When you leave certain people do you feel better or worse?*

*Which ones always have drama or don't really understand, know or appreciate you?*

*The more you seek quality, respect, growth, peace of mind, love and truth around you, the easier it will become for you to decide who gets to sit in the front row and who should be moved to the balcony of your life.*

*"If you cannot 'change' the people around you, change the people that you are around"...Unknown*

## **FOR OUR CHILDREN**

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

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### **Free Library of Philadelphia Teen Poetry Slam**

Poetry and Spoken Word

Friday, April 23rd 2010 at 3:30 pm  
Montgomery Auditorium  
Central Library  
1901 Vine Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Rules: Performers must be prepared to present twice  
Poems must be performed not read  
Performances limited to 1 ½ minutes  
No props or audio  
Keep it clean!!!

Prizes: 1st prize: \$150, 2nd Prize: \$100, 3rd Prize \$75  
Open to all Philadelphia High School Students

Deadline to Register:

Monday, April 19, 2010

To register call or email Aurora Sanchez at 215.686.5415 or [sancheza@freelibrary.org](mailto:sancheza@freelibrary.org)

Montgomery Auditorium  
Parkway Central Library  
1901 Vine St  
3:30 pm

Event open to the public

This program has been made possible with generous support from the Philadelphia City Institute Board of Managers.

Aurora V. Sanchez  
Free Library of Philadelphia  
1901 Vine Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

215.686.5415 (Teen Outreach and voicemail)

215.686.5372 (Teen Author Series)

215.563.3628 (f)

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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](mailto:summer_college@cornell.edu) or 607.255.6203.

Best regards,

*"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them."*  
Henry David Thoreau

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.

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[www.summercollege.cornell.edu](http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu)

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**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 and sessions that have minimal impact to our community. The Father

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

*Often, when I am reading a good book, I stop and thank my teacher. That is, I used to, until she got an unlisted number. -- Age 15*

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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 19

- May 3

- May 17

- May 31

- June 7

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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](http://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.legsagainstarms.org/> for more information.

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*Resolved, that the women of this nation in 1876, have greater cause for discontent, rebellion and revolution than the men of 1776. - Susan B. Anthony*

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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.

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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**

*"Normal day, let me be aware of the treasure you are. Let me learn from you, love you, bless you before you depart. Let me not pass you by in quest of some rare and perfect tomorrow. Let me hold you while I may, for it may not always be so. One day I shall dig my nails into the earth, or bury my face in the pillow, or stretch myself taut, or raise my hands to the sky and want, more than all the world, your return." - Mary Jean Iron*

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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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## **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

*It has been my philosophy  
of life that difficulties  
vanish when faced boldly.  
Isaac Asimov*

The African American United Fund  
will participate for the second year in the  
Philly Spring Clean Up  
Saturday  
April 10 from 9am to 2pm

We plan to clean  
North Broad Street from Diamond to York.

Volunteers are still needed.

Call 215-454-2583 for more information

<http://www.phillycleanup.com/General/Home.asp?Section=Home>

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You can find AAUF on MySpace and Facebook too!

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### **Poetry Set**

Where: "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.

When: "FRIDAY" – April 9h, 2010 & April 16th, 2010 – Starting @  
7:30pm

What: "PANORAMIC POETRY" - POETS doing their thing –  
LYRICAL SPIRITS getting down.

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



**For the Lexophiliacs**

*A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.*

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

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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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**“African American Short Films”**

City: Philadelphia

Station: WPVI-TV ABC

Date: 4/10/2010

Time: 2:00pm

Set Your VCR, DVR to record or TIVO African American Short Films, Watch Us Again or Watch US Later!!!!

Email us by clicking [Contact Us](#) so we can read your comments and notify you when we are next on.

GoodThoughts, Frank Badami

This show contains 3 short films. Enjoy!!!!

In this episode you will see:

“African American Short Films”

Right here you will see short films made by African Americans that range from comedy to drama and all the shades in-between that are entertaining and totally socially relevant.

“Ties That Bind” is a very dramatic short film based on a true story. It was written and directed by Angelina Gibbs and Stars her mother Marla Gibbs and her good friend, actress Karen Malina-White.

“The Porter” is a Black History Month offering, with its story spanning 3 generations of a family growing from struggle to freedom.

Do you remember this guy?

*People always ask me, "Where were you when Kennedy was shot?" Well, I don't have an alibi.*  
Emo Philips

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“Weigh Money” This film depicts the turn around in a man’s life as we see him mature from a child to an adult.

Please tell your friends and family to watch the airing of this show. And If they email us [shortfilms@badamitv.com](mailto:shortfilms@badamitv.com) we will notify them when we are next on.

GoodThoughts, Frank Badami  
Visit us @ <http://www.badamitv.com>

Thanks for watching!

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## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### 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.

**SEEING WITH  
VISIONARY EYES**

*Take my hand, this  
weathered branch,  
and walk with me along  
Life's Pathway  
in this, my land, my sacred  
land.  
I'll not lead... nor you.  
Creator shows the Way.  
Side-by-side we'll walk, just  
we two.  
Yes, you and me. You'll see.  
You'll see.  
With visionary eyes you'll  
see.  
So don't be shy, dear friend.  
Take my hand and let us  
make our visit.  
Even now the spirits come,  
Creator-sent.  
As we, too, are Creator-  
sent,  
if we but knew.  
Look there! A Hawk!  
She flies before our eyes,  
a red-tailed miracle.  
She flies within us, too, you  
know.  
Use your inner eyes  
to see how she flies...  
Grandma Edna Gordon,  
Hawk Clan Elder of the  
Seneca Nation, Six Nations  
Iroquois*

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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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**HEALTH MATTERS**

**Muslim groups building health network**

Beginning with the Philadelphia area, the [Muslim Alliance in North America's SHARE Centers](#) and the [Islamic Social Services Association of Philadelphia](#) are working to build a network of existing free health care clinics by networking with tens of thousands of Muslim physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, health care providers, and private ambulance services.

This network, which will begin in Philadelphia, will also lay the groundwork for additional clinics that will reach out to the unserved or underserved citizens, particularly of America's inner city neighborhoods where there are over 30 million Americans uninsured, of which 50% - 60% are African American and Hispanic. The groups are sponsoring a presentation on the initiative

at a health care forum on

April 24th

beginning at

1:30pm

at the

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Broad and Spruce Streets

Philadelphia

The forum will be followed by an entertainment program at 6pm.

Tickets for the full day of activities are \$50.

Register [here](#).

For more information, call Qasim Khan at 773-557-9315 or Rashidah Abdul Khabeer at 215-432-6691.

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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

*Our being is subject to all the chances of life. There are so many things we are capable of, that we could be or do. The possibilities are so great that we never, any of us, are more than one-fourth fulfilled. - Katherine Anne Porter*

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?

#### **The Raw Family Newsletter**

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

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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=n1&feedName=ushealth600>

*Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view and demand that they respect yours. Chief Tecumseh*

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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](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://advison.webevents.yahoo.com/mompowergroup/>

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## **GREEN PIECE**

### **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.



*There is always hope when people are forced to listen to both sides... John Stuart Mill*

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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.pennsylvania gubernatorial forum.eventbrite.com/](http://www.pennsylvania gubernatorial forum.eventbrite.com/)

Sponsored by the members of the Urban Sustainability Forum: 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, The Academy of Natural Sciences, Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture), City Parks Association, City of Philadelphia, Clean Air Council, Community Design Collaborative, Delaware Valley Green Building Council, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Drexel University, Energy Coordinating Agency, GRID Magazine, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Philadelphia Parks Alliance, Philadelphia University, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, Sierra Club, Southeastern PA chapter, Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia, Temple University Ambler, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, University of Pennsylvania  
Additional support provided by: Clean Water Action, Committee of Seventy, Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania, Economy League of Greater Philadelphia, and PennEnvironment.

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## **EARTH DAY 2010 for PEACE**

Thursday, April 22

in Philadelphia

“Honor the Earth: Abolish Nuclear Weapons”

Unite and Organize for a Nuclear-Free Planet!

12 noon:

Rally at Independence Mall

Rain or shine,

6th and Market St.

With music, speakers and special guests

1 to 4 pm: Earth Day ceremony at Independence Mall

and Peace Walk to Camden, NJ (South Waterfront community)  
Stay tuned for more details

AND

*I used to think that the  
whole world was against  
me. But I've found that a  
few smaller countries are  
neutral... Unknown*

Please also gather with us

Wednesday, April 21  
6 to 8:30 pm

Potluck Dinner followed by Lecture + Discussion  
“New Strategies for Nuclear Disarmament in the Obama Era”  
Featuring Dr. Joseph Gerson, American Friends Service Committee  
(AFSC) Director of Peace and Economic Security

Location: Rufus Jones Room,  
Friends Center 15th and Cherry St.,  
Philadelphia

(free + open to all)

Sponsored by AFSC, Brandywine Peace Community,  
Energy Justice Network, Proposition One Campaign and  
Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom

For more info: Call 610-544-1818 / Email [nptwalk2010@gmail.com](mailto:nptwalk2010@gmail.com)

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The Blue Green Alliance wanted to pass on the exciting news that  
registration is now open for the 2010 Good Jobs, Green Jobs

<http://www.greenjobsconference.org>

National Conference,

May 4-6, in

Washington, D.C.

The 2010 Conference is the leading forum for turning ideas into action  
and building a green economy that creates good jobs, reduces global  
warming and preserves America's economic and environmental security.

You can register now by visiting [www.greenjobsconference.org](http://www.greenjobsconference.org).

This year's Conference promises to be an extraordinary event. The  
Conference features two days of exciting plenaries and more than 100  
informative workshops on topics ranging from green manufacturing to  
environmental and occupational health and safety to business,  
investment and new markets.

Take a minute to view the agenda

<http://www.greenjobsconference.org/agenda/2010>

and workshops

<http://www.greenjobsconference.org/workshop-schedule/2010>.

*A man gets pulled over by the police for speeding. The cop walks up to the car and says to the driver, "Sir, did you know that you were going 60 miles an hour?" The driver says, "Officer, there is no way I could have been going 60 miles an hour!" The cop says, "Really! Why is that? The driver replies, "I could not have been going 60 miles an hour because I've only been out driving for 25 minutes."*

*(Thx. to Sylvia Spradley)*

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

Featured speakers include Richard L. Trumka, President of the AFL-CIO, Leo W. Gerard, International President of the United Steelworkers, Carl Pope, Executive Director of the Sierra Club, Dr. Paul Anastas, Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office and Research and Development, Dr. David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, Michael Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia, Robert Stanton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget, Rick Fedrizzi, President and CEO of the U.S. Green Building Council, and George H. Miller, President of the American Institute of Architects.

In addition, this year's Conference features the 2010 Green <http://www.greenjobsconference.org/greeninnovationexpo> Innovation Expo, where more than 100 exhibitors from labor, industry, environment and academia will be on hand to demonstrate how they are charting the path toward growing the green economy and developing clean energy jobs.

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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

Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...  
Kathy's Korner!

*A prisoner in jail received a letter from his wife:*

*"I have decided to plant some lettuce in the back garden. When is the best time to plant them?"*

*The prisoner, knowing that the prison guards read all the mail, replied in a letter:*

*"Dear Wife, whatever you do, DO NOT touch the back garden! That is where I hid all the gold."*

*A week or so later, he received another letter from his wife:*

*"You wouldn't believe what happened. Some men came with shovels to the house, and dug up the whole back garden."*

*The prisoner wrote another letter:*

*"Dear wife, NOW is the best time to plant the lettuce!"*

(Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)

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 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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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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## Don't throw your old TVs away!

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

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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 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

*Only since the Industrial Revolution have most people worked in places away from their homes or been left to raise small children without the help of multiple adults, making for an unsupported life. - Martha Beck*

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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 from Carjacking

Carjacking is the taking of a motor vehicle in the possession of another by means of force or fear. Security conscious drivers are less likely to be a victim of carjacking than those who are careless. Crimes can take place at any time but more often take place at night, and are more often committed by young males. Top spots for carjacking include intersections and parking lots at malls, apartments, businesses and schools. The following precautions will reduce your chances of being victimized:

#### Getting In

- Reduce your chances of being carjacked by walking to your car purposefully, and stay alert.
- Approach your car with the key in hand. Look around and

*The most important things  
are the hardest to say,  
because words diminish  
them... Stephen King*

inside the car before getting in.

### Getting Out

- Park in well-lighted areas, near sidewalks or walkways. Avoid parking near dumpsters, wooded areas, large vans or trucks, or anything else that limits your visibility.
- Never leave valuables in plain view even if the car is locked. Put them in the trunk or out of sight.
- Keep doors locked and windows rolled up, no matter how short the distance or how safe the area.
- Look around, especially at places where you slow down or stop such as garages and parking lots, intersections, self-serve gas stations and car washes, highway entry and exit ramps, and ATMs.
- When coming to a stop, leave enough room to maneuver around other cars, especially if you sense trouble and need to get away.
- Avoid driving alone, if possible. Travel with someone, especially at night.
- Don't stop to assist a stranger whose car has broken down. Help instead by using your cell phone or driving to the nearest phone and calling police to help.
- Always keep your car well maintained, and make sure you have plenty of gas. (*Develop the attitude that anything below ½ tank is critical*)

### If It Happens to You

- If the carjacker threatens you with a gun or other weapon, give up your car. Don't argue. Your life is worth more than a car.
- Get away as quickly as possible.
- Contact the police immediately.

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**

**Fellowship Available to Cover 65th UN General Assembly in New**

## York for Journalists from Developing Nations

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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, 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

*The math teacher saw that Larry wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, 'Larry! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?' Larry quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'*  
(submitted by Ron Aldridge)

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-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



*Giving someone all your  
love is never an assurance  
that they'll love you back!  
Don't expect love in return;  
just wait for it to grow in  
their heart but if it doesn't,  
be content it grew in yours.*

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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### **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

*"Peace, in the sense of absence of war, is of little value to someone who is dying of hunger or cold. Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free."  
The 14th Dalai Lama*

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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 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).

When Grandpa and Billy entered their vacation cabin, they kept the lights off until they were inside to keep from attracting insects. Still, a few fireflies followed them in. Noticing them before Grandpa did, Billy whispered, 'It's no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights.' (thx. Gloria Wesley)

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

*Revolution is not something fixed in ideology, nor is it something fashioned to a particular decade. It is a perpetual process embedded in the human spirit. - Abbie Hoffman*

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!!

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

*Anger: an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than on anything on which it is poured...-- Seneca.*

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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 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

*Our subconscious minds have no sense of humor, play no jokes and cannot tell the difference between reality and an imagined thought or image. What we continually think about eventually will manifest in our lives. - Sidney Madwed*

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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 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.

*Napoleon had been fighting this army of slaves and free people in Haiti and it depleted his forces. And after the Revolution, when the French were driven out, they stopped and sold this big chunk of North America to the Americans for very little money. - Edwidge Danticat*

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 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.

*The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and will to carry on.*  
- Walter J. Lippmann

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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 prosperous 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 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

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*Woman's dearest delight  
is to wound Man's self-  
conceit, though Man's  
dearest delight is to  
gratify hers. -- George  
Bernard Shaw*

## **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*

### ***Morning Haiku with Sonia Sanchez***

Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 1:00PM

Independence Foundation Poetry Salon

An acclaimed poet, activist, and scholar, Sonia Sanchez is the former Laura Carnell Professor of English and Women's Studies at Temple University. Called a “lion in literature’s forest” by Maya Angelou, Sanchez has written more than a dozen books of poetry, including the American Book Award-winner *Homegirls and Handgrenades*. Her new book of poems is a collection of haiku that celebrates the lives and mourns the deaths of revered African-American leaders.

Free Library of Philadelphia

Central Branch

Skyline Room: 4th Floor

Cost: Free

Phone: 215-686-5322

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### **Precious author to speak in Library series**

[Sapphire](#) is the author of two collections of poetry, *American Dreams* and ‘Black Wings & Blind Angels’, as well as the brutal, poignant novel, ‘Push’.

In *Push* - the basis for the 2009 prize-winning film *Precious* – Precious Jones cannot find a way to make a better life for herself. Physically and emotionally abused by her mother, sexually abused by her father, overweight and illiterate, Precious is saved by an incredibly determined teacher who teaches her to read and shows her the power of telling her own story.

*The ability to speak eloquently is not to be confused with having something to say.. Michael P. Hart*

The film adaptation has won many awards, including the 2009 Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award, as well as a Golden Globe Award and an Academy Award for the actress Mo'nique, who portrayed Precious' mother.

The talk will take place on  
Sunday,  
April 18th

12 noon  
at the  
Central Free Library,  
1901 Vine Street  
Philadelphia.

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

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### **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) .

email [nkillebrew@ogontzave.org](mailto: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**

### **African-American Freedom and Reconstruction League Pre-rally Meeting**

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, the African-American Freedom and Reconstruction League will hold a pre-rally meeting before descending



*He who, having lost one ideal, refuses to give his heart and soul to another and nobler, is like a man who declines to build a house on rock because the wind and rain ruined his house on the sand. -- Constance Naden.*

on the state capitol in support of sentence reduction for non-violent lifers

In preparation of the rally to be held at the Capitol in Harrisburg on April 20, 2010, we will have a meeting to discuss the agenda and Senator Shirley Kitchen's Senate Bill 2550. We are looking for volunteers interested in carrying signs and assisting passengers as we travel and arrive at the destination. We are expecting some of the same activists and speakers from our former meeting to address us again if they are available.

Please come out to support us, the activists, and the brothers and sisters that are needlessly imprisoned for crimes in which they did not harm the victims.

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Date: Saturday, April 17, 2010

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Berean Institute  
19th & Girard Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19121

Admission is free to the public

For more information, call:  
(215) 235-6776 or 215-474-3577

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## **Free Library Festival Events**

On Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18, 2010, the Free Library Festival <http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/> returns to the Parkway Central Library <http://libwww.freelibrary.org/branches/branch.cfm?loc=CEN> celebrate reading, creativity, and literacy with two days packed with author appearances, live performances, and fun family entertainment. Hope to see you there!

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### **Festival Highlights Musical Performances**

In addition to dozens of author appearances, check out some of these amazing musical acts that will be appearing at the Festival this year!

Maud in Cahoots

Performance Stage: Shakespeare Park

*Say what you mean and  
mean what you say...  
George S. Patton*

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?location=Performance%20Stage%3A%20Shakespeare%20Park>

Saturday, April 17, at 3:00 PM

Originally from Dublin, Ireland, violinist and vocalist Maud moved to New York City in 2007 and formed the band Maud in Cahoots

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?event=25598>

three New York musicians and her sister, Zoe. Praised for their fresh arrangements, catchy melodies, and quirky song subjects, their genre-bending music--which The Irish Times finds "unique" and MNN Television, "exquisite"—combines contemporary alternative, pop, soul, and Motown sounds through performances on a range of instruments, including the violin, tuba, cello, piano, drums, and, occasionally, the glockenspiel.

Antonino D'Ambrosio | A Heartbeat and a Guitar: Johnny Cash and the Making of Bitter Tears with music by Martin Perna, Gustavo Rodriguez, Anthony Roman, and David Milone Performance Stage: Shakespeare Park

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?location=Performance%20Stage%3A%20Shakespeare%20Park>

Saturday, April 17 at 4:00 PM

In A Heartbeat and a Guitar, writer/filmmaker Antonino D'Ambrosio

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?event=25045>

tells the story behind Johnny Cash's little-known 1964 protest album inspired by the Native People's rights movement, Bitter Tears: Ballads of the American Indian.

D'Ambrosio will be accompanied by music performed by Martin Perna of Antibalas and TV on the Radio, banjo player Gustavo Rodriguez, and Anthony Roman and David Milone of Radio 4.

Cumbiagra

Performance Stage: Shakespeare Park

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?location=Performance%20Stage%3A%20Shakespeare%20Park>

Saturday, April 17 at 5:00 PM

Cumbiagra

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?event=25583>

is a Brooklyn-based band that has been rocking latin dance parties in and around New York City since its formation in July of 2008. Cumbiagra plays a combination of classic (and not-so-classic) Colombian and Mexican cumbias, vallenatos, and quebraditas

as well as original pieces that draw on the many influences of Cumbiagra's diverse members, including reggae, R&B, and salsa. WYNC calls them "a standard-bearer of the style...having cemented their place in Brooklyn as a go-to group for the vintage

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cumbia music of Colombia and Mexico."

Ju-Taun

Performance Stage: Shakespeare Park

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?location=Performance%20Stage%3A%20Shakespeare%20Park>

Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 PM

Ju-Taun

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?event=25215>

(pronounced "zha- tawn") is an up-and-coming R&B group from Camden, New Jersey.

Their smooth style mixes vintage soul music with rhythm and blues--a sound inspired by artists such as Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, and Michael Jackson. The group gained national attention when they placed second out of thousands of competitors in the MTV hit series MTV's Top Pop Group. Their new album, Love Changes Things, was released in June 2009, with notable tracks including "Go Slow" and "Get @ Me."

Zydeco-a-Go-Go

Performance Stage: Shakespeare Park

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?location=Performance%20Stage%3A%20Shakespeare%20Park>

Sunday, April 18 at 4:00 PM

A swinging, high-energy zydeco band, Zydeco-a-Go-Go's

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?event=25258>

is, "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!" or "Let The Good Times Roll!"

Formed in 1992, Zydeco-a-Go-Go is the Mid-Atlantic's premier practitioner of Louisiana dance music, combining Cajun two-steps with Creole zydeco and classic New Orleans rhythm & blues to keep people moving all night (or day!) long. The members of Zydeco-a-Go-Go are experienced musicians who have toured with other famous artists, and their album, Let the Good Times Roll, has been highly praised, with Louisiana radio station KBON adding it to their regular playlist.



Music for the Whole Family

The Cat's Pajamas

Performance Stage: Shakespeare Park

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?location=Performance%20Stage%3A%20Shakespeare%20Park>

Saturday, April 17 at 1:00 PM

Described as "the most polished act in the Philly kids music scene" (Philadelphia Folksong Society Newsletter), The Cat's Pajamas

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<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?event=25582>

combine high energy children's music with engaging dance routines, costumes, props, and puppetry, for a performance that entertains both kids and parents alike. They have produced three award-winning CDs, were featured on WXPN Kid's Corner, and perform nationally. One pleased parent endorsed, "there are only two bands I'll take my kids to: Troutfishing in America and The Cat's Pajamas!"



Books on Music or by Musicians Tina Campbell of the urban gospel duo

Mary Mary | Be U: Be Honest, Be Beautiful, Be Intentional, Be Strong, Be You!

Bank of America Main Stage: Auditorium

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?location=Bank%20of%20America%20Main%20Stage%3A%20Auditorium>

Saturday, April 17 at 12:00 PM

In her new book, Tina Campbell

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?event=25011>

--one-half of the urban gospel duo Mary Mary, and recipient of three Grammy Awards, two American Music Awards, an NAACP Image Award, and a BET Award, among others--encourages young women to discover themselves by focusing on their natural beauty and utilizing their unique inner strengths and talents.

Tom Moon | 1,000 Recordings to Hear Before You Die: A Listener's Life List CLEAR Writers Salon: Room 108

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?location=CLEAR%20Writers%20Salon%3A%20Room%20108>

Sunday, April 18 at 12:00 PM

Tom Moon

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?event=25248>

a music critic for for the Philadelphia Inquirer for nearly 20 years and a two-time recipient of the ASCAP-Deems Taylor Music Journalism Award, uses his expert knowledge to direct listeners to exceptional recordings in genres ranging from classical to jazz, rock, pop, blues, country, folk, musicals, hip-hop, and more.

Tommy James | Me, the Mob, and the Music: One Helluva Ride with Tommy James & the Shondells

Bank of America Main Stage: Auditorium

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103234831293&s=14537&e=001HPQ9pCGLBwTnfoLDZSecmXW8prOO4k3vxy\\_DsnQ93hjMe-qgamp1PPmfBNiJVhUSO8uByiVDjgnBAjgDm0Tb7d2p0GOxBAJ3-kWCdK9X6Gt76Kpj5I8pwVgPwY5DndN-](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103234831293&s=14537&e=001HPQ9pCGLBwTnfoLDZSecmXW8prOO4k3vxy_DsnQ93hjMe-qgamp1PPmfBNiJVhUSO8uByiVDjgnBAjgDm0Tb7d2p0GOxBAJ3-kWCdK9X6Gt76Kpj5I8pwVgPwY5DndN-)

*If all the cars on the Earth were lined up bumper to bumper, some idiot would try to pass them.*

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Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 PM

Legendary rock-and-roll artist Tommy James

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/program.cfm?location=Bank%20of%20America%20Main%20Stage%3A%20Auditorium>

Is the creator of dozens of hit songs, including "I Think We're Alone Now," "Mony Mony," and "Crimson and Clover."

As the leader of Tommy James and the Shondells he has sold more than 100 million records, earned 23 gold singles, and nine gold and platinum albums. His new book follows his lengthy career, from his start at age 12 in a small town in Michigan to his work with Morris Levy--the infamous "godfather" of the music business--at Roulette Records.



### Free Library Festival

Saturday & Sunday, April 17 & 18, 2010

Now in its fourth year, the Free Library Festival

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/bookfestival/>

is the Library's annual burst of ideas and inspiration. Well on its way to becoming a Philadelphia tradition, the Free Library Festival embodies the Free Library's Mission

<http://www.freelibrary.org/about/role.htm#flp>

of creating a welcoming environment for individual enlightenment and community enrichment by presenting free cultural programming for all to enjoy.

The Festival weekend is packed with free programming for all ages, including talks by bestselling authors, poetry readings, musical performances, tours of the Library's special collections, and programs and activities just for children. A fun, free way to spend the day, the Free Library Festival connects book lovers from throughout the mid-Atlantic region.



Festival events are free and open to the public. Seating begins 15 minutes prior to event start times. Seating is first come, first seated. Space is limited in some venues. Authors will be on-hand to sign copies of their books after their events, unless noted. Books are sold on-site.

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NATIONAL MARKETING CONFERENCE



*The progress of the American Revolution has been so rapid and such the alteration of manners, the blending of characters, and the new train of ideas that almost universally prevail, that the principles which animated to the noblest exertions have been nearly annihilated. -Mercy Otis Warren*

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The Frator Heru Institute

Spring II Semester Registration  
PROGRAM GUIDE

Monday, April 19 - Thursday, May 27, 2010  
Spring 2010 - Semester II

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Registration:

Mon., April 12 — Thurs., April 15 (5p.m.— 7p.m.)

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from time to time, but most  
pick themselves up and  
hurry off as if nothing  
happened... Winston  
Churchill*

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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  
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

*“If Theocracy is a government under God, then what is Democracy?”  
L. Falcon*

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

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

### **A HAND UP!**

### **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?

*Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable... Sydney J. Harris*

**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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**America's Original Savings Network**

*Animals are reliable,  
many full of love, true in  
their affections,  
predictable in their  
actions, grateful and  
loyal. Difficult standards  
for people to live up to...  
Alfred A. Montapert*

## **JOIN THE COALITION, INC!**

To join The Coalition  
go to:

[TheCoalitionInc.net](http://TheCoalitionInc.net)  
and download a copy  
of the Pledge of  
Commitment and  
return it to us  
[the.pa.coalition@gmail.com](mailto:the.pa.coalition@gmail.com)

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.

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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](mailto:Safiya134@aol.com).

Thanks so much. Safiya

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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 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](http://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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## WORD-OF-THE-WEEK

**paroxysm** \PAIR-

uhk-siz-uhm\:

(Medicine) A sudden attack, intensification, or recurrence of a disease; Any sudden and violent emotion or action; an outburst; a fit.

**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

Call in and give your thoughts, comments, opinions at 1-646-652-2232

Or send an instant message to [mwmsistahood@aol.com](mailto:mwmsistahood@aol.com) to chat on line.

