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Greetings Coalition Family!

*In the dim and distant past
When life's tempo wasn't so fast,
Grandma used to rock and knit,
Crochet, tat and baby sit.*

*When the kids were in a jam,
They could always call on Gram.
But today she's in the gym
Exercising to keep slim.*

*She's checking the web or surfing the net,
Sending some e-mail or placing a bet.
Nothing seems to stop or block her,
Now that Grandma's off her rocker.*

We are in the third generation of parents as 'homies', children 'raised' in the atmosphere of respect for no one over thirty. This culture regards elders as disposable, beings to be stashed away in assisted/primary care facilities, rather than valuable and vital community members. The origin can be traced back to the social revolutions of the sixties that rode the energies of the civil rights efforts of black americans. A return to real parenting is necessary! As we resume our Community Improvement Workshops, we are calling out to those in our network with expertise in parenting instruction/counseling to come forward to lead our families back to wholeness. Please contact us at: The.PA.Coalition@gmail.com 215.387.2734, or any of our organizational members.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

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City Year Greater Philadelphia's 9th Annual Serve-A-Thon will be held on May 15th.

City Year unites young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. As tutors, mentors, and role models, as young leaders we make a difference in the lives of children and transform schools and neighborhoods across the United States and in South Africa.

We also hold large-scale community service events throughout the year, like

Serve-A-Thon
to be held on
Saturday, May 15th
8:15 am to 2:00 pm
Tustin Recreation Center
60th Street and Columbia Avenue
West Philadelphia 19151

I want to extend a welcome, and encourage you to come out and participate. At Serve-A-Thon we will be working on a multitude of projects such as painting, landscaping, and light construction!

We will also have MUSIC, a CARNIVAL for the kids, and LUNCH provided to all volunteers! For more information or to register please visit our website www.whyiserve.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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While the technology revolution has yet to reach far into the households of those in developing countries, this is certainly another area where more developed countries can assist those in the less developed world. -Carol Bellamy

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Click here:

EightCitiesMAP

Choose

"Philadelphia's Online Community

"Newsletter" from the menu.

From our friends at the Campaign for Youth Justice

The [Campaign for Youth Justice](#) urges groups from across the country to show support for reducing the practice of trying, sentencing, and incarcerating youth in the adult criminal justice system by signing onto the enclosed [National Resolution on Trying and Sentencing Youth as Adults](#)

Every year an estimated 200,000 youth are tried, sentenced. or incarcerated as adults in the United States, and most of these children are prosecuted for non-violent offenses.

Young people who are tried in the adult system are more likely to reoffend than youth retained in the juvenile system, and when they are sentenced as adults they are exposed to collateral consequences that impact their ability to further their education and employment.

Prosecuting youth to the adult system is a pathway to recidivism, abuse, and long-term negative consequences to their educational and employment options. It is a dangerous and costly practice.

Please sign onto the National Resolution today and show your support for keeping young offenders out of the adult criminal justice system. Groups wishing to sign-on to the resolution should email the

Campaign for Youth Justice at jjstate@cfyj.org

subject=Resolution

Sign Name; Organization

City, State

Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere.

Carl Sagan

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.

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The deadline is Friday, May 14. The link to the resolution is <http://www.campaignforyouthjustice.org/national-resolution.html>
<<http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=134Fn2I4ty6NvqBF0%2FOHes5INSqVL9hr>>

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Paul "Earthquake" Moore

Presents

Community Boot Camp

From April 2010 through SEPTEMBER 2010

All young people are invited to experience a weekend of fun, discipline, and leadership activities.

It is the first of seven individual weekend sessions for youth scheduled to be held from April through September 2010

Hosted by Paul "Earthquake" Moore, Community Boot Camp is an exciting and positive weekend for youth in the Philadelphia and Delaware County areas.

For two days and one night, children ages 8-15

will have the opportunity to spend time with positive role models from various industries including city officials, TV and radio personalities, and sports figures. The aim is to show young people a better way of life through positive activities and role models and make them believe they can have an impact on their surrounding communities and future careers.

Young people will spend the night in the field, sleeping in tents, during which time they will be mentored by the men and women of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Activities to take place will include:

- ~ Community Clean up
- ~ Salute Report
- ~ Military Alphabet Code
- ~ Military Time
- ~ Violence, Drug and Alcohol Prevention
- ~ Community Basketball
- ~ Drilling Ceremony

Community Boot Camp is being sponsored in part by PAUL "EARTHQUAKE" MOORE, from PHILADELPHIA, a community activist, Moore has had the privilege of developing programs and activities that support positive teen development. Holds basketball tournaments, skating parties, Black History Month activities, and

neighborhood clean-ups.

In addition, the organization has supported youth in developing relationships with the church.

Don't miss the opportunity to register your child for Community Boot Camp. Parents can register by calling 215-385-2696 or Camps begin

April 17-18, 2010

And run through to

September 2010

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Donations are needed to buy daily meals, sleeping bags, and equipment for the youth who attend. Those who wish to donate to the Community Boot Camp should call 215-385-2696, or email Paul "Earthquake" Moore at

earth_quake1@hotmail.com

All checks should be and sent to

P.O. Box 5323

Philadelphia, PA 19142. Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrV_WEqETN4

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Partners sought for youth action teams

Since 1997, MEE has implemented a unique youth employment model in which it hires and trains local youth to conduct peer-to-peer outreach to deliver health promotion messages to their community.

Most recently, MEE implemented Community Action Teams as part of its Blueprint for a Safer Philadelphia campaign, through which it provided employment, life skills and self efficacy and leadership training for 100 young people.

MEE is seeking strategic partners to pursue or use available grant money for summer employment programs in other locations, and is reaching out to organizations that have access to youth and workforce development funds. CAT participants can help in developing leadership skills and a positive self-image, receive training in important life, academic and communications skills, gain exposure to new experiences, people and places, earn money and incentives as compensation for their participation, build their resumes with outreach and communications experience, and earn community service credits for high school.

For more information, call William Juzang at 215-829-4920 or [email](#)

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CCP sponsors summer program for males

Community College of Philadelphia has announced its 2010 Center for Male Engagement Summer Enrichment Program, geared towards African

*He who controls others may
be powerful, but he who
has mastered himself is
mightier still.
Lao Tzu*

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American males. The program is a
four-week intensive summer program for
high school students graduating in June 2010
who intend to enter the Community College of Philadelphia for the first time
as a full-time student in fall 2010.

Students who successfully complete the program will automatically become
a member of the Community College of Philadelphia's Center for Male
Engagement. Through the Center, they will be assigned a Support Coach
who will assist them with personal needs in addition to encouraging them to
take advantage of the many academic and social opportunities at the College.

The program takes place
Monday through Thursday,
9am to 3pm, from
July 12th through August 5th.

For more details, [click here](#) or call 215-751-8817.

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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.

To establish any mode to abolish war, however advantageous it might be to Nations, would be to take from such Government the most lucrative of its branches. - Thomas Paine

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
Cornell University Summer College Programs for High School Students
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Ithaca , NY 14853
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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.

It takes only a minute to get a crush on someone, an hour to like someone, and a day to love someone, but it takes a lifetime to forget someone. Unknown

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 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:

- May 3
- May 17
- May 31
- June 7

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CAP 4 Kids Hint of the Week

Philadelphia is a beautiful melting pot of cultures, races, religions, and languages. To meet the need of this diverse population, the content Cap4Kids can be translated into over 30 languages. To do so just go to the home page, www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia and click on any of the flags, then chose the language you want to translate to. It's as easy as that. Then you can use the Immigration/Refugee handout to help families in need of these services at

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

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Black College Tours 2010 (40+)

For the Lexophiliacs

If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.

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

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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

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?

Do you remember this guy?

*My jokes are in my head
and I have a duplicate copy
of my jokes in a lot of
British comics' heads,
where they are safe. - Emo
Philips*

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- * 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
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

Greetings Everyone,

Our 1st fund-raiser event at Champagne Cafe' was so nice we had to do it
twice!

**ACCEPT THE SHADOW-
SIDE WITHIN**

*Deep in the well of the Soul
the shadow-side of yourself,
cries out for release.*

*Deep in the savage-side of
the Soul,
your darkest Self
sings your Death Chant.*

*Deep in the Soul's twilight,
where clouds are passing
by,
and souls are marching on,
you pray, one day you, too,
will belong.*

*Accept the shadow-side
within;
Accept your whole Self.
Transform those inward
demons
into the Warriors they are
meant to be*

*For you are made of dark
and light,
of sun and shadow,
of good and, yes, of bad.
You need them all.
You are them all.
Grandma Edna Gordon,
Hawk Clan Elder of the
Seneca Nation, Six Nations
Iroquois*

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On Saturday May 1, 2010

SMSV INC.

will be hosting a

Beef-Turkey and unlimited beer fundraiser

for our youth programs at
Coo's Sports Bar & Lounge

located at

822 N. Broad St.

This is a newly renovated & spacious facility that serves great food! Tickets are only \$20 and are being sold by several board members, if you would like to purchase a ticket & support our youth programs please respond back to this e-mail. Tickets are going fast so please don't delay there was a limited number of ticket's printed.

**WE WILL ALSO BE AIRING THE MAYWEATHER VS. MOSLEY
FIGHT!!**

Thank You For Your Support!

A. Nasir

(215) 983-7841

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EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Lifeguard Positions Philadelphia

Department of Parks & Recreation

Do you have what it takes to be a lifeguard?

- Must be certified in Lifeguard Training, First Aid & CPR
 - Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must pass a drug screening, criminal record, child abuse and FBI clearance check

Want to become a Lifeguard?

- You must be at least 15 and know how to swim to take the class
- Pass a lifeguard screening, once you pass, you can enroll in a class
 - Classes starting now: (3 locations)

Sayre Morris Pool

59th & Spruce

<http://www.facebook.com/l/d7464;215.685.1993>

Lincoln Pool

My Mother-In-Law is a great housekeeper. She's been married and divorced four times and each time she's kept the house

**The Raw Family
Newsletter**

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

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Rowland & Shel mire St

<http://www.facebook.com/l/d7464;215.685.8751>

Pickett Pool

Wayne & Chel ten St

<http://www.facebook.com/l/d7464;215.686.2196>

- Cost is \$100 for the entire course and materials

Minimum salary is \$12.33 per hour

Maximum salary is \$14.60 per hour with experience

Be responsible, save a life, make some money

Members of the NAACP Philly Youth Council have the opportunity to obtain much more info, and direct contact information for more opportunities. Visit the NAACP Philly Office at 1619 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, or attend one of our 2nd/4th Saturday meetings, or any of our community service activities to join our group now!

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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

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!

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.
John Adams

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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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Summer camp in Bulgaria open to young journalists worldwide

International Experience, Study Abroad, Young Journalists Deadline:

High school students worldwide who are interested in journalism, writing and personal development are invited to attend an Educational Summer Camp in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria from July 4 to 24.

Deadline to apply: June 20.

All courses will be taught in English. In addition to the aforementioned topics, the curriculum includes sports, field trips to the Rila Monastery and Sofia, movies and other activities.

The summer program is organized by the American University in Bulgaria.

The camp fee is 510 (about US\$710).

For more information, visit

<http://www.aubg.bg/camp>

or e-mail Nadejda Afendova at nadia@aubg.bg

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HEALTH MATTERS

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...

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. – Winston Churchill

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 consigliore 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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GREEN PIECE

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.

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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.

*When you were born, you
cried and the world
rejoiced. Live your life so
that when you die,
the world cries and you
rejoice. - Cherokee
Expression*

You can register now by visiting 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.

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Take a minute to view the agenda

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

and workshops

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

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 of 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.

Register today for the 2010 Good Jobs, Green Jobs

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Philadelphia is a huge underutilized asset.

From Dust to Dollars: Creating Value from Underutilized Assets

*Remember Jethro
Clampett?*

By Rosabeth Moss Kanter

Jethro walked into a doughnut shop and asked for a job, the manager decides to give the him a test so he walks out of the shop and comes in again, pretending to be a customer.

Manager: What do you sell here?

Jethro: Uh... I dunno.

Manager: No, you've got to say "Doughnuts"

So the manager goes out and comes in again.

Manager: What do you sell here?

Jethro: Uhhh...

Doughnuts!

Manager: Are they fresh?

Jethro: Uh... I dunno.

Manager: No, you've got to say "Yes, yes, very fresh"

Again he walks out of the shop and re-enters.

Manager: What do you sell here?

Jethro: Doughnuts!

Manager: Are they fresh?

Jethro: Uh... Yes, yes, very fresh!

Manager: Can I have one?

Jethro: Uh... I dunno.

Manager: No no no, you've got to say "If you don't, then someone else will"

So the manager walks out and comes in AGAIN.

Manager: What do you sell here?

Jethro: Doughnuts!

Manager: Are they fresh?

Jethro: Yes, yes, very fresh!

Manager: Can I Have one?

Jethro: If you don't, then somebody else will!

So he gets the job, on his first day of work a guy comes in with a pistol in his pocket.

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

Guy: What's in the cash register?

Jethro: Doughnuts!

Guy: Are you being fresh with me?

Jethro: Yes, yes, very fresh!

The guy takes the gun out of his pocket and holds it up to Jethro's head.

Guy: Do you want me to blow your brains out?

Jethro: If you don't, somebody else will!

(Thx. to Rose Burch)

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

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."

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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Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...
Kathy's Korner!

Duties of a Wife

Three men were sitting together bragging about how they had given their new wives duties.

The first man had married an Asian woman, and bragged that he had told his wife she was going to do all the dishes and house cleaning. He said it took a couple of days but on the 3rd day he came home to a clean house and the dishes were done.

The next man had married a Italian woman. He bragged that he had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes and the cooking. On the 1st day he didn't see any results, but the next day it was better. By the 3rd day, his house was clean, the dishes were done and he had a huge dinner on the table.

*The last man was married to a Sistah. He boasted that he had told her that her duties were to keep the house clean, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed, and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the 1st day he didn't see anything, the 2nd day he didn't see anything but by the 3rd day most of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye; enough to fix himself a bite to eat, load the dishwasher and call a landscaper.
(Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)*

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: May 15th.

The collections take place at the co-op's garage,
at 542 Carpenter Lane,

which is across the street and a bit further down the block from the Big Blue Marble bookstore.

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

The #5 category includes yogurt cups, sour cream containers, hummus tubs, some medicine bottles, and more. Your recyclables must be clean and dry to be accepted. Check to make sure there are no other materials (paper, screws, other number plastics) on the items you bring in. Impurities of any kind compromise the recycling process and usually lead to the discarding of an entire batch. Exclude any lids unless they are clearly marked #5. (Most lids from #5 containers are #4 plastic, but this is not always the case.)

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

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

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

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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 inside the car before getting in.

Getting Out

Democracy... while it lasts is more bloody than either aristocracy or monarchy. Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There is never a democracy that did not commit suicide. - John Adams

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- 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

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION

Mark Your Calendar!

Community Improvement Workshops
Free Interactive Workshops

Leading From the Bottom Tuesday, May 18, 2010
6-8:30pm

I have an idea that the phrase 'weaker sex' was coined by some woman to disarm the man she was preparing to overwhelm. - Ogden Nash

Facilitated by
John Elliott Churchville, Ph.D, J.D.,
Chairman/CEO Liberation Fellowship CDC

Urban Networking 101
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
6-8:30pm

Facilitated by
Michael Rice, Network Entrepreneur
CEO
Professional Networking Associates
Publisher, The Connector, Networking Resource Magazine

School District Building
440 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA

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Contact info: Call 267-303-0653
Or register online:

www.theconnectornetwork.com/communityleadership

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Starting a Nonprofit Organization

Tuesday, May 4, 2010
10:00AM-12:30PM
FREE

[Registration required](#)

Montgomery Auditorium, Parkway Central Library
For more information, call
215-686-5423 or
donskyj@freelibrary.org

Sharon Wilson, Esq.--Managing
Partner of Wilson and Wilson, LLP,
Adjunct Professor of Law at Temple University,
and former Director of Temple University's Beasley School of Law's
Center for Community Nonprofit Organizations--will teach you how to start

and run a successful nonprofit organization, including tackling incorporation, drafting bylaws and director's responsibilities, applying for 501(c)3 status, and all the steps between.

[More about this event](#)

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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

*I found one day in school
a boy of medium size ill-
treating a smaller boy. I
expostulated, but he
replied: The bigs hit me,
so I hit the babies; that's
fair. In these words he
epitomized the history of
the human race.
-- Bertrand Russell.
(Education and the Social
Order)*

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influence sexual behaviors;

How service providers can be more culturally aware, and increase the effectiveness of their outreach, media and materials; and
Strategies for attracting the hardest-to-reach audiences to HIV-prevention, testing and treatment programs.

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

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

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At- Risk Youth

Annie E. Casey Foundation

<http://www.aecf.org>

A private charitable organization dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children in the United States. The foundation offers community-focused grants. The site also has several publications. Provides funding to both 501(c)(3) and local/state government. Organizations wishing to send a proposal to the Foundation should submit a letter of no more than three pages explaining the organization and its project and how the money will be used. Send the letters to: The AEC Foundation; Attn: Office of the President; 701 Saint Paul St.; Baltimore, MD 21202.

Phone: 410-547-6600

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AOL Time Warner Foundation

<http://aoltimewarnerfoundation.org>

The AOL Time Warner Foundation is dedicated to using the power of media, communications and information technology to serve the public interest and strengthen society. However, rather than simply providing grants 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

Our talents are the gift that God gives to us... What we make of our talents is our gift back to God. - Leo Buscaglia

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education, civic and community service, and arts and culture.

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Beaumont Foundation

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

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

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The Student Achievement Grants program provides grants of \$5,000 each to improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Proposals for work resulting in low-income and minority student success with honors, advanced placement, and other challenging curricula are particularly encouraged. Grant funds may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, software, and scholars-in-residence.

Applicants must be practicing U.S. public school teachers in grades K-12, public school education support professionals, or faculty and staff at public higher education institutions.

Visit the NEA Foundation Web site for complete grant program information

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

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

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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.

I have always been on the side of the heretics against those who burned them because the heretics so often turned out to be right... Dead, but right.
-- Edward R. Murrow

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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 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.

If employees understand the reasons behind the rules and regulations, the chances are excellent that they will respect them. - Johnson & Johnson Co. (Employee Relations Manual 1932)

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!!

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

*Some days you're the dog,
and some days you're the
hydrant. - Unknown.*

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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 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.

*The hardest thing to learn
in life is which bridge to
cross and which to burn.
-- Unknown.*

Creative Kids Club is a member of The Coalition, Inc. See their new web
<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 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.

Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius... and a lot of courage... to move in the opposite direction. -- E. F. Schumacker.

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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.

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

*War never decides who is
right, only who is left. --
Unknown*

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
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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If there is any great secret of success in life, it lies in the ability to put yourself in the other person's place and to see things from his point of view - as well as your own. - Henry Ford

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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

Evelyn Graves Drama Productions
presents
A MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE
the play

Samson and Delilah
Sunday, May 9th 2010
Evelyn Graves Dinner Theater
1115 Whitby Avenue (at W. Cobbs Creek Parkway)
Yeadon, PA 19050

Dr. Evelyn Graves Founder/Artistic Director
Donation \$48 Orchestra \$52 Youth \$20 Dinner Included

for more information: 215.727.7796

www.EvelynGravesDramaProductions.com

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Free Library Author Events

Isabel Allende
[Island Beneath the Sea: A Novel](#)

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

7:30PM

Simulcast Only.

Buy Tickets Online>>

Barbara Gohn Day Memorial Lecture

Isabel Allende takes traditional Latin-American magical realism and bends it to her own purposes to weave beguiling historic, political, and feminist narratives. Her first international bestseller was The House of the Spirits, which was adapted into the eponymous film starring Meryl Streep. She is the author of several other popular novels, including

To dare to live alone is the rarest courage; since there are many who had rather meet their bitterest enemy in the field, than their own hearts in their closet. -- Charles Caleb Colton

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Daughter of Fortune (a 2000 Oprah Book Club selection), Zorro, and Portrait in Sepia.

She has also written a collection of stories, three memoirs, and a trilogy of young adult novels. Her books have been translated into more than 27 languages and are bestsellers across four continents. Her new novel tells of Tété, a slave and concubine, and her struggle for independence.

Charlaine Harris [Dead in the Family: A Sookie Stackhouse Novel](#)

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

7:30PM

FREE

Dead in the Family is book 10 of Charlaine Harris's no. 1 New York Times bestselling Sookie Stackhouse series.

The basis for the hit

HBO series True Blood, the novels follow telepathic barmaid Sookie Stackhouse as she navigates a southern Louisiana world full of vampires, werewolves, shape shifters, and fairies. The books have garnered an Agatha Award nomination and an Anthony Award for best paperback original; the television series has won Golden Globe, People's Choice, and Emmy awards

Harris is the author of three more mystery series (Aurora Teagarden, Lily Bard, and Harper Connelly),

as well as the stand-alone mysteries, Sweet and Deadly and A Secret Rage.

Matthew B. Crawford

[Shop Class as Soul Craft:](#)

[An Inquiry into the Value of Work](#)

Thursday, May 6, 2010

7:30PM

FREE

In Shop Class as Soul Craft, Matthew B. Crawford a mechanic with a Ph.D. in political philosophy from the University of Chicago—examines the pretensions of the high-prestige workplace and, he writes, "advances a nestled set of arguments on behalf of work that is meaningful because it is genuinely useful. It also explores what we might call the ethics of maintenance and repair." Francis Fukuyama, in his New York Times review, called Shop Class as Soul Craft "a beautiful little book about human excellence and the way it is undervalued in contemporary America." As jobs become increasingly

abstract, Crawford offers a moving reflection on why and how to live more meaningfully in the world.

Pull the string, and it will follow wherever you wish. Push it, and it will go nowhere at all. - Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Holly Black

[White Cat](#)

with Cassandra Clare City of Glass

Saturday, May 8, 2010

4:00PM

FREE

White Cat is the first of the Curse Workers books, the highly-anticipated new fantasy series from Holly Black

Black is the New York Times bestselling author of The Spiderwick Chronicles,

basis for the successful eponymous feature film. With White Cat, Black leaves behind tales of old-world faerie mischief for a modern-day dark fantasy caper complete with con artists, criminal curses, family intrigue, and romance. Black's first book, Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale, was included in the American Library Association's Best Books for Young Adults; her other young adult novels include Valiant and Ironside, winner of the Andre Norton Award for excellence in young adult literature.

[Cassandra Clare](#)

Cassandra Clare's Mortal Instruments series has a fan in Twilight author Stephenie Meyer, who writes, "The Mortal Instruments series is a story world that I love to live in... if it has to end, then City of Glass is the most perfect way for that to happen. Beautiful!"

Beginning with City of Bones and City of Ashes--both New York Times bestsellers--this dark, urban fantasy tells the story of Clary Fray, a teenage girl who becomes entangled with Shadowhunters--a race of powerful, demon-destroying warriors--and the quest to find the "mortal instruments" that can control them. Clare's next book, Clockwork Angel, is due to be released in September 2010.

Monday Poets

Nick Lantz - [We Don't Know We Don't Know](#)

Monday, May 3, 2010

6:30PM

FREE

Skyline Room, Parkway Central Library

For more information, call

*Advance, and never halt,
for advancing is
perfection. Advance and
do not fear the thorns in
the path, for they draw
only corrupt blood. --
Khalil Gibran.*

215-686-5402 or thatcher@freelibrary.org

Nick Lantz is a former Jay C. and Ruth Halls Poetry Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Called a startling new voice, he is author of *We Don't Know We Don't Know*, winner of the Breadloaf Writers' Conference Bakeless Prize and Winner of the 2008 Katharine Bakeless Nason Prize for Poetry.

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General Information

Author Events are held in the Montgomery Auditorium at the Parkway Central Library
1901 Vine Street,
unless otherwise noted.

Events generally consist of a talk by the author or
and a Q & A period with the audience followed by a book signing. Books
are sold on-site.

Seating begins 45 minutes prior to event start times.

No tickets or reservations are required for Free Author Events.

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Writing Radio Drama Workshop

Character, plot, story, description, soundscape, dialogue, these and more are
the elements that combine in the author controlled medium of dramatic
radio.

This radio scriptwriting workshop will guide workshop participants through
the process of creating short radio plays for WPEB. Participants should
come to this workshop with a story idea for a topic or issue relevant to their
community, and be prepared to get dramatic!

More info on the instructor, Ed Shockley: <http://www.edshockley.com/>
INSTRUCTOR: Award-winning writer and 2008 Pew Fellow Ed Shockley
has authored more than 70 plays, films and the new book, *Notes from a
Practicing Writer*. His radio credits include head writer for the NPR show,
The Corner and *Unsung Heroes*; actor in Ismael Reed's *Mumbo Jumbo*; and
co-creator of the Philadelphia Dramatists Center Radio Play initiative.

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

DATES: Mondays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 TIME: 7:00-9:00 PM; SPRING 2010

Location: Scribe Video Center,
4212 Chestnut Street, 3rd Floor

Fee: \$75. Free to members of the WPEB 88.1 FM community

Boone T. Nguyen

If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment. -- Marcus Aurelius

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Scribe Video Center
4212 Chestnut Street, 3rd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104
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f. 215-222-4205

www.scribe.org

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SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2009

5:00 p.m.

A Special Jazz Vespers Performance
Barbara Montgomery
presents the

6th Annual Mother's Day Concert

TO REMEMBER AND HONOR THE VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE
AND THEIR FAMILIES
WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FOREVER

with Tom Lawton, piano, Lee Smith, bass, and Ed Dennis, drums

Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion
2110 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
215.567.3668

Ms. Montgomery's music:

"think Benny Carter's alto with lyrics...a woman with something to offer..."
George Harris, All About Jazz

"a measure of spiritual intensity that goes far beyond..." swing2bop.com

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with a commitment to the mentorship of youth
bcreative~bgiving~bpeace

<http://www.bandbjazz.org>

and

the mission of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion

<http://www.lc-hc.org>

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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 .
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

The Philadelphia International Action Center will once again be holding a
GIANT RUMMAGE SALE

This year it will be on Saturday, MAY 8.

Please consider donating any used (or new) items that you are eager to be rid
of that someone else may treasure or be eager to have.

We need: BOOKS, RECORDS, CD'S, CLOTHING, TOYS, GAMES,
HOUSEWARES, SMALL APPLIANCES, SMALL & MID SIZE
FURNITURE, BIKES, LINENS, ETC.

We can also use plants and bake goods.

If you have items to donate, give us a call at 215-724-1618 or email

PhillyIAC@peoplesmail.net

Call for location

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Paul "Earthquake" Moore Presents

11th Annual

Weekend of Peace

Gospel-O-Rama

Friday, May 14th, 2010

from 8-11 p.m.

Elmwood Skating Rink
2400 S. 71st St.

\$10 Donation- dedicated to youth activities in Philly/DE County

Motorcycle Ride for Peace

Saturday, May 15th, 2010

Begins at 11 a.m.

at Broad St. & Pattison Ave.

Ride sponsored by the State Burners MC

Riders Wanted

Dep. Comm. Steven Johnson to kickoff the ceremony

Sponsored by: Pasco, Inc.

For more information, contact Paul "Earthquake" Moore at

215-385-2696 or Earth_quake1@hotmail.com.

The Officers and Councilors of the
Historical Society of Pennsylvania present

A 1910 CELEBRATION

One reason to smile is that every seven minutes of every day someone in an aerobics class pulls a hamstring.

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BOBBED HAIR, BUNNY HUG, 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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SAVE THE DATE
(May 19-21, 2010)

Important Conference for Community Leaders

As a leader in your community--whether you define that "community" as family, neighborhood, region, and/or group affiliation--you know the challenges and triumphs of doing that work effectively.

I-LEAD and the POWER Coalition would like to invite you to an upcoming conference designed for leaders just like you, to provide opportunities for supporting your work, for disseminating useful information and resources, and networking with other leaders from the Philadelphia region.

The conference, entitled "Yes We Can! Be Part of the Change...Be Part of the Movement," is being held from May 19-21 in historic Valley Forge. On

May 20, workshop topics--focusing on higher education, community technology, health care reform, violence prevention, faith-based initiatives, etc.--are designed to be relevant to today's community leaders, to encourage sharing, and are organized around the principles and concepts of the CPR Blueprint.

The CPR (Community Through Personal Responsibility) Blueprint was developed and articulated in conjunction with other community leaders, and has grown since its inception in 2006. We would like to share this with you,

“Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.” Ancient Chinese saying

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and invite you to share it with other leaders, whether or not you decide to attend the May conference. This document is available for download [at:p://www.i-lead-community.org/downloads/CPR_Blueprint.pdf](http://www.i-lead-community.org/downloads/CPR_Blueprint.pdf)

If you would like to receive more information about the conference, please contact Veronica Norris (Chair, Conference Planning Team):
(877) 427-8092 Ext. 2 or vnorris@i-lead.org

If you would like more information about the CPR Blueprint, please contact Denise Kirkland (Director of Organizational Development):
(877) 427-7037 or kirkland@i-lead.org

We hope to hear from you, and hope the values and commitments of the CPR Blueprint resonate with your work. Most importantly, we hope to meet you at the upcoming conference!

Donna Diehl 215-707-1827 [voice]

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MAY 1st: the 6th Annual MAY DAY MARCH in NYC!

Saturday, May 1, 2010

12:00pm - 4:00pm

Location: UNION SQUARE 14th St. & Broadway, Manhattan

<http://www.may1.info/>

OPEN EVENT - FORWARD WIDELY! INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW TO SUPPORT THIS CAUSE!

**JOIN THE 6th ANNUAL MAY DAY MARCH SAT MAY 1ST,
MARCH FOR WORKER & IMMIGRANT RIGHTS
12noon UNION SQUARE
14th St. & Broadway, Manhattan**

**Rebel Diaz Arts Collective Bronx & May 1st Present:
MAY DAY FREEDOM FEST -Invest in our Youth!
Hip-Hop Concert in Support of Immigrant & Worker Rights. Performances
by New York's leading artists & youth!**

I had rather believe all the Fables in the Legend, and the Talmud, and the Alcoran, than that this universal frame is without a Mind. - Francis Bacon

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Join thousands of workers and immigrants demanding FULL RIGHTS NOW!

NO TO THE GUEST WORKER PROGRAM!

NO TO WAR!

PASS THE DOMESTIC WORKERS BILL!

LEGALIZATION OF IMMIGRANTS!

JOBS, HOUSING, & SERVICES FOR ALL!

Tell Senator Schumer Real Immigration Reform Means:

- Stop Criminalizing Immigrants
- Not Just TPS, Amnesty for Haitian Immigrants Repeal NAFTA/CAFTA
- Political Asylum for Victor Toro
- Stop Sexual Trafficking

The Schumer Plan is not "Comprehensive Immigration reform." It is Sensenbrenner with another name, it will lead to an increase in raids & punishment of immigrants.

Visit: www.May1.info For information call: 212.633.6646 Volunteers Needed! Email: MayDay2010@peoplesmail.net
55 W. 17th St. 5th Fl. Manhattan

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WOMEN OF COLOR EXPO!

A Celebration of Black Women! An empowering, motivational, and entertaining forum that targets the specific needs and interests of Black Women! General sessions and seminars addressing critical issues facing Black Women from a pool of critically acclaimed presenters! Live Entertainment from some of today's hottest new talent.

The Women of Color Expo 2010 offers your company the opportunity to participate in an integrated consumer-marketing platform geared to drive awareness and promote the trial of your products. Key areas of the expo include beauty treatments, hair demonstrations, educational seminars and live entertainment featuring some of today's hottest talent.

The purpose of the "Women of Color Expo" is to reach out to aspiring and achieving women in the community from entry level to professionals. The expo will serve as a nucleus of support to identify and address the critical needs of women of color in the workforce as it relates to their career mobility and personal achievements.

The Chris Kerry group would be honored to have you attend the

Men make history, and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better. - Harry Truman

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"Women of Color Expo"
held at the
Downtown Philadelphia Marriott
May 8th 2010
and
GlenPointe Marriott
Teaneck, New Jersey
August 14th 2010.

Dates for Baltimore and Detroit coming soon.

For questions about: sponsorship, vending and general inquiries please contact Kym at Raveena Media Group for more information.

Ph: 267-386-8204 ext. 2 or raveenamediagroup@gmail.com.
Subj:"Women of Color"

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](#).

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I am the founder of the
C.N.A.s (Christians "N" Action)

which is a ministry that has a heart for people and their needs.
We feed our community on a weekly basis and provide clothing to them but
lately we haven't been able to because we have been out of funds. I have
tried to solicit funds for some time now. No one seems to be able to help.
While prayers are fine people still need food. The provisions have come out-
of-pocket (mine) up until this time, but I have run dry. I believe that people
want to make a change in their lives if some of us are willing to lend a hand.

"CHRISTINA SHERMAN" passionatepromos@yahoo.com
(864) 207-0488

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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 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:

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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 (Espanol)

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

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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.

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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

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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