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Greetings Coalition Family!

*"You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love". --
Henry Drummond*

FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

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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.

It is a child who has never traveled who says that only his mother prepares tasty meals.

Ghanaian Proverb

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

*Click here:
EightCitiesMAP*

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

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

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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**One City, Once Voice: The 4th Annual Youth Outreach, Education,
and
Empowerment Summit
A conference for youth by youth!**

Date: Saturday, June 26

Time: 11am-6pm

Location: Student Center of Temple University

Address: 1755 N. 13th Street

This summit offers a safe space for young people between the ages of 13 and 24 to explore issues around prevention, sexuality, diversity, and education and outreach about HIV and other STDs.

The 4th Annual Youth Summit is using art, performance, spoken word and dance to remind and empower youth that we are one city with one voice! In addition to interactive workshops by and for youth, the year's summit will include an original poetical written and performed by Y-HEP's Sound Effex group.

Adults - we have something for you as well! The Summit includes workshops for adults who are parents, mentors and advocates for youth.

(Lunch Will Be Served)

"Small differences in your performance can lead to large differences in your results." Brian Tracy

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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[Register Now!](#)

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SLAM

The School District of Philadelphia's **Summer Learning And More** will offer academic and enrichment opportunities to many of the students in the public school system.

Charter school students are only eligible if they have failed courses and need to recover credit. Interested charter school parents/students should contact their charter school to confirm that the school will accept credit granted from S.L.A.M. programming.

Registration for charter school students is done at their current school.

The program will run from June 29 to July 28. To find out who is eligible to attend and what types of programming are offered [click here](#).

Visit or call your school to register for S.L.A.M. today!

Please e-mail your questions to summerslam@philasd.org.

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ASAP seeks info for annual after school directory

ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships is updating its annual directory of after school programs to be published in September in the Philadelphia Daily News.

The directory is also available on the web as a service to parents, caregivers and youth workers.

To be listed, after school sites or programs can go [here](#) or call 215-545-2727 ext. 12.

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Pipersville, PA 18947

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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 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

*Heaven never helps the
man who will not act.
Sophocles*

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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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Cap4Kids

Many studies show with intensive Early Intervention services, many children with developmental delays can catch up to their peers. In Philadelphia for those under 3 years old, referring to a family to Childlink from the doctor's office just got a lot easier.

On the www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website, under the Early Intervention Services handout (http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/early_intervention_services.html), you will find a new 1 page referral that should speed up the entire Childlink referral process.

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Teen pregnancy is a major issue that many of our communities face.

Here are the facts:

The U.S. has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the industrialized world – twice as high as in England or Canada.

2006 saw the first rise in the U.S. teen pregnancy rate in 15 years.

An estimated 750,000 teens will become pregnant this year.

- About 1 in 3 women become pregnant at least once before they're 20.
- A sexually active teen girl who does not use contraceptives has a 90% chance of becoming pregnant within a year.
- It affects education - only a third of teen mothers earn their high school diploma. And only 1.5% has a college degree by age 30.
- It also affects their kids - girls born to teen mothers are more likely to be teen mothers themselves. Boys born to teen moms are more likely to end up in prison.
- 75% of girls and over half of boys report that girls who have sex do

Verbosity leads to unclear, inarticulate things. Dan Quayle

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so because their boyfriends want them to.

- 8 in 10 girls and 6 in 10 boys say they wish they had waited until they were older to have sex.

Most teens (6 in 10) and adults (3 in 4) believe that teen boys often receive the message that they are “expected to have sex.”

Diapers are expensive, but it's nothing compared to the \$9 billion that teen pregnancy costs the United States each year. This includes increased spending in child welfare costs and public sector health care.

To address these issues, on the www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website, under Pregnancy and Infant Resources, there is a section on Teen Pregnancy resources including the ELECT Teen CPC centers with a newly posted referral sheet, fact sheet (see attached), and Middle Years and MARS programs. http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/pregnancy_resources_and_infants.html

Please become familiar with these resources and refer families and teens in need.

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Black College Tours 2010 (40+)

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

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PhillyGoes2College

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

The Mayor's office recently created an office called "PhillyGoes2College" that will start working to improve these statistics

(http://www.philly.com/inquirer/home_top_stories/20100104_Nutter_to_focus_on_increasing_college_admissions.html), and on the

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

*From wonder into wonder
existence opens.
Lao Tzu*

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

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

Students

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

Get all of the details at

www.BlackBusinessNetwork.com/theone

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Help For Parents With School-Age Children

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

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

On the www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website, under the Education parent handout

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

*"Never stop doing your best just because one person doesn't give you credit."
Author Unknown*

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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

Coalition president Gary R. Adams is honored to be among those being honored at the

Million Woman March's "Salute To Our Brothers"

This year's event will pay tribute to Black men (in the Philly area) who have shown their support and commitment to the development of the Million Woman March/Movement, in addition to being incredible examples of REAL Black men (in a variety of ways) who are not only just concerned about the well being of People of African Descent, but are also pro-active in addressing relevant matters and thus have demonstrated a seriousness regarding the obtainment resolutions, justice and overall liberation/freedom for their families, communities, and People as a whole. Other honorees include: Bro. Sentwaki Ngozi, Bro. Ahmad Tahir, Bro. Rob Dickerson, Bro. Sabour Malik Khan, Bro. Bob Shipman, Bro. Shangowande Amen, Bro. George Gordon, Bro Yumy Odom, Bro. Keith Hodges, Bro. Saboor Muhammad, Bro Ramisous Maat, Bro Andrew Johnson, Bro. Muhammad Abdul Aziz,

The "Salute To Our Brothers" Tribute and Fundraising Dinner will take place on

Sun. June 27, 2010

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Songhai City Cultural Center

3117 W. Master Sts.

Be careful of your thoughts, they may become words at any moment... -- Unknown.

Award Presentations and Guest Speakers

Open Natural Foods Buffet (Vegetarian, Vegan, & Raw)
African Marketplace and Live Entertainment,
Poetry/Spoken Word, Wearable Art Fashion Show, Community Jam
Session

Tickets can be purchased at:

“Spirit First Foods” 4505 Baltimore Ave.
Pearl of Africa 624 South Street

Tickets are: \$30.00 per person \$50.00 per couple
Coalition members will receive a \$5.00 discount on single tickets
purchased by June 20th.

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Donations are also welcomed and appreciated.

Proceeds will go towards MWM "Enough Is Enough" Anti-Violence and
Abuse Campaign, Lil' Sistahs Rites of Passage and Sistering Programs,
and other MW Self-Determination Programs

For more information, to volunteer, make a donation, to vend contact the
Official Million Woman Movement at: 267.6363802
nationalmwm@aol.com or officialmwm@yahoo.com

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SUNDAYS @SEVEN

will feature performance poet

MRS. BETTY'S SON (aka Shyster)!

(Resident poet of The Coalition, Inc.)

Wow. Shyster has been with the First World family since he and Quiet
Rage, as part of The Master Griot Project, opened up First World's
workshop production of Zuhairah's "From Ancient To Hip Hop: The
African Continuum" at the National Black Theatre in Harlem back in Feb
2007.

With a passion that will move you to change, have you jump on your feet,
repeat his lyrics, say Amen and hallelujyer!, spiritual street poet Mrs.
Betty's Son (aka Shyster) is real. "...he's like a mixture of Saul Williams
and Freddie Foxx. He beat us into submission with every word that
exploded from his soul." --Wize Intelligence

*"Slow down and enjoy life.
It's not only the scenery you
miss by going too fast - you
also miss the sense of where
you are going and why." -
Eddie Cantor*

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So, come experience Mrs. Betty's Son while having fun and supporting First World Theatre Ensemble. FYI: Shyster is a character study for Z. Ask her to do Shyster when you get there LOL!

<http://www.philadelphiaweekly.com/events/Sundays-At-Seven-The-Re-Emerganece-of-First-World-Theatre.html>

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010

www.sumcplace.com

129 Park Avenue,
Swarthmore, PA

7pm - Free Admission –
RSVP at (484) 461-8748

or

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=122469417774610&index=1>

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Step into Action, Initiate Change: A Forum Theatre Intensive

A 3-day active training to use Forum Theatre, the heart of Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed, to transform real concerns into invigorating, interactive theatrical dialogue, and empower you to spring into action in your community!

June 25, 26 & 27
The Adrienne,
2030 Sansom St
Philadelphia, PA

For more information visit:

http://www.gasandelectricarts.org/Gas_%26_Electric_Arts/Forum_Theatre_Week_Long.html

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Philadelphia Town Meeting: Our Budget, Our Economy

Space is limited for this Town Meeting site. Registrations to attend will be considered on a first come, first serve basis. If registrations for this site are reaching capacity and not representative of the demographics of the local community, some participants will be invited to host or attend a nearby Community Conversation (a smaller meeting near you).

When I took my 5-year-old to the optometrist to pick up his new glasses, he asked why he had to wear them. The doctor replied, "They're to help you read and be able to see the computer better."

When we got back home, my son sat down at the computer. In a few minutes he called me over and said, "There's something wrong with my glasses."

"What's the problem?"

"I can see the computer better, but I still can't read."

(thx. Strong Stewart)

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

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AmericaSpeaks: Our Budget, Our Economy and the National Town Meeting provide an opportunity for Americans to share their perspectives and listen to the perspectives of others to create solutions for our nation's economy. By registering for the National Town Meeting you agree to thoughtfully share your views, respectfully listen to others, and fully engage in dialogue to find common ground and shared priorities. The recommendations that come from your participation will help the country and our leaders move forward on these difficult and critical issues.

Organized by AmericaSpeaks, the Our Budget, Our Economy meetings will take place on Saturday, June 26th (in twenty cities simultaneously, including Philadelphia)

The Philadelphia Grand Ballroom, 3rd Floor
First District Plaza,
3801 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
11:30 am to 6:00 pm

The initiative will bring together demographically diverse groups in the 20 cities and invite volunteers to convene smaller conversations in communities across the nation. The forums will be held simultaneously and linked together by satellite and the Internet for a truly national discussion, which will be the largest and most comprehensive opportunity to date for Americans to deliberate on our federal budget.

Participants will weigh in on the policy options framed by a diverse, bipartisan group of experts. The resultant recommendations, reflecting priorities from a broad cross-section of the America public will be shared with policymakers as America's solutions for a sustainable fiscal future.

The Philadelphia Town Hall meeting will be held at the First District Plaza, 3801 Market Street in West Philadelphia, from 11:30am to 6pm. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, click [REGISTER](#) NOW!

To participate, you MUST register.

There is no fee to register and lunch and snacks will be provided free. Where possible, childcare, transportation assistance and translation services will be provided.

A life long supporter of the Republican party was lying on his death bed when he suddenly decided to join the Democratic party.

"But why?" asked his puzzled friend, "You're Republican through and through... Why change now?"

The man learned forward and explained, "Well, I'd rather it was one of them that died and not one of us."

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To register

Log on to: <http://usabudgetdiscussion.org>

Click on Participate found at the top of the page.

On your right, in the vertical menu, under 'Join the Discussion' click on Philadelphia. This will open up the Registration form.

Complete and submit the Registration form.

You can also register by calling toll-free at 866-755-6263

Space is limited so register now !

Your voice will be heard !

Participants in the Town Meeting will reflect the political, socio-economic, and ethnic diversity of the United States. After June 26, AmericaSpeaks will present the priorities that emerge from the National Town Meeting to Congress and President Obama, as well as the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform and the Bi-Partisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force. The results that emerge from the discussion will have credibility with policy makers because they will reflect the authentic views of a large, informed, and representative group of Americans. The discussion will not be manipulated by any side or point of view, and will give the American public a real chance to find common ground.

For additional information, visit our website at:

<http://usabudgetdiscussion.org>

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SCOP 11TH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR WITH HIV TESTING

The Department Of Human Services Community Based Prevention Services (SCOP) is hosting "The 11th Annual Health Fair With HIV Testing" at Myers Recreation Center, 58th & Kingsessing Avenue, on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Mr. Vernon Montague for Workshop & Vendor Information at: (215) 873-3774.

"Be yourself. An original is always worth more than a copy." Author Unknown

This is a FREE Event for both youth and adults. Make plans to attend.

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The Raw Family Newsletter
<http://www.rawfamily.com/>

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

WURD-AM sponsors Radio Idol contest

WURD 900 AM is looking for people who want to be a talk show host. The contest runs through Labor Day. A Radio Idol winner will be selected at the end of August 2010 with the prize of hosting their own show in the fall.

Demo tapes for the contest can be emailed via mp3 files to
1341 N. Delaware Avenue,
Suite 300;
Philadelphia, PA 19125.

Audio Cassette, CD or 5-minute DVD videotapes can also be sent.
Call 215-425-7875 for more information.

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Temporary Summer Jobs for Oil Spill Clean-up

Please note the following announcement from Shamrock Environmental Corporation. Read carefully and respond as instructed.

TEMPORARY WORKERS FOR GULF COAST OIL SPILL NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Shamrock Environmental Corporation has been contracted to provide support personnel to assist with the oil spill clean-up throughout the Gulf Coast.

Areas where work may be performed are Louisiana , Mississippi ,
Alabama

and Florida . All workers will require OSHA 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operator Training (WE WILL PROVIDE). Successful completion of a physical and drug screen are also required. Each applicant must be 18 years of age or older. The hours will vary but expect LOTS of overtime.

RATE OF PAY: \$13.00/hr. straight time

\$19.50/hr. overtime (after 40 hours/week)

PER DIEM: \$26.00/day for meals

LODGING: Provided

Our problems are man-made, therefore they may be solved by man. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings. - John F. Kennedy

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Work may include, but is not limited to manual labor associated with removing crude oil from impacted beaches, rocks, boom, or any other items that have come in contact with the oil. Technicians may be required to operate pressure washers, mops, rakes, shovels or a variety of other hand tools or small pieces of equipment while wearing proper protective gear. Work environment may include working on or near water, in marshland, beach and estuary locations in hot and humid conditions day or night.

Work is available IMMEDIATELY for safety conscious workers. Transportation to the Gulf Coast will be provided. The HR Group has been contracted to conduct this recruitment.

*Applications MUST be completed at:

<http://www.shamrockenviro.com/docs/ShamrockEmpApp.pdf>

Send resume to:

recruiter@shamrockenviro.com<<http://us.mc353.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=recruiter@shamrockenviro.com>>

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BPI Building Envelope Professional Certification

June 21 through June 24

The Next Step Toward Full BPI Accreditation

Class Limited to 12 Students, Register Today

BPI Envelope Professional teaches how to discover problems and prescribe improvements to help tighten the building envelope (shell), stop uncontrolled air leakage and optimize comfort, durability and HV/AC performance.

You will understand relationship between building envelope systems and other systems of the building, and learn techniques for improving efficiency and durability of the building envelope in existing buildings. Students will learn the best practices for envelope improvements including duct blasting, series leakage testing, infrared imaging, insulation installation, ventilation & CAZ testing. Both written and field testing are included. By taking both BPI Envelope

Certification in addition to basic BPI Building Analyst, you can apply for the next level - BPI Accreditation. For more information on accreditation, go to www.bpi.org. Cost: \$1775.00 per person.

Certified Training provided by Performance Systems Academy through a

Battle of the sexes: (This is a new feature, please send in your observations...fight nice.)

*If Gloria, Suzanne, Debra and Michelle go out for lunch, they will call each other Gloria, Suzanne, Debra and Michelle. But if Mike, Phil, Rob and Jack go out for a brewsky, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla, Peanut-Head and Useless.
(Thx. to Antoinette Marrs)*

partnership between Lehigh Carbon Community College and AFC First, the leader in energy-efficient and lending in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic United States through its EnergyLoan program and the administrators of Pennsylvania's energy efficiency program, Keystone HELP.

Click Here to Register

Payment in full via credit card required at registration

HEALTH MATTERS

National HIV Testing Day

Events are happening all over Philadelphia!

This year for National HIV Testing day, one of our focus is involving faith based communities to encourage their congregation to get tested for HIV.

On Sunday, June 27th, 2010, from
10am-2pm

Philadelphia FIGHT will be at
St. Michael's Lutheran Church
6671 Germantown Avenue
offering FREE HIV Testing.

Pastor Ingram and Vicar Debbie will be tested in front of their congregation to encourage their congregation to get tested.

This year's testing day goal was to reach hold as many events throughout the city to encourage folks to get tested and know their status.

Do you have a church group or a community group that wants to do testing?

Let us know!

To find out more, [click here](#)

Or go to: www.hivtest.org

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Experts say 40 percent of cancers could be prevented

Kate Kelland

Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...
Kathy's Korner!

In a small business office they have a voice mail that instructs callers to leave their name and address, and to spell any difficult words.

Early one Monday the secretary was reviewing the weekend messages and he heard an enthusiastic young woman recite her name and address and then confidently offer:

"My difficult word is propensity, P-R-O-P-E-N-S-I-T-Y."

(Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)

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

Read the full story

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

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Get Fresh!

Volunteer with Philabundance Fresh for All

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

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

And you can help by volunteering.

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

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

Looking for something physical?

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

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

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

For more information, go to www.philabundance.org

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Tips for making oatmeal appealing to kids

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

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GREEN PIECE

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

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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.

The revolution has always been in the hands of the young. The young always inherit the revolution. Huey P. Newton

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."

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

Handling criticism:

If it's untrue, disregard it.

If it's unfair, keep from irritation.

If it's ignorant, smile.

If it's justified, learn from it.

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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!

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:
June 19th.

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.)

*Never let your sense of
morals keep you from
doing what is right.
-- Isaac Asimov.*

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

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

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

The #5 stamp needs to be visible on each item. Lids are separate items.

Don't assume lids are the same number plastic as the container; sometimes they are but usually they are not. Check to make sure there are no other materials (labels, paper, other number plastics, metal) on the items you bring in.

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

We'll see you soon!

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

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

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

PERSONAL AND HOME SECURITY

Staying Safe on the Mean Streets of Life

Others won't always rush to your aid if you are under attack - learn why and what you can do to make others help.

There are very few things as hard to understand as the senseless murder of a young person. Murder is never easy to come to terms with but when it is the murder of somebody young, somebody who is just starting to live, it is even harder. In my community we are struggling with such an event. On December 7, 2002 a 19-year-old girl named Breann Voth was

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murdered while walking to work. Her body was found a few hours later on the side of a river. She was face down and nude - she had been assaulted and murdered. As the story started to unfold it came out that several people had heard her cries for help but had done nothing; they had not even called 911. Her cries were said to have lasted over 10 minutes and still, nobody so much as called the police. Why?

The answer is a well-documented psychological phenomenon known as the Diffusion of Responsibility. Diffusion of Responsibility is a part of a bigger phenomenon known as Bystander Apathy. Bystander Apathy and the Diffusion of Responsibility happen when witnesses to a crime believe that they do not need to act to help because there are so many others around that somebody else will come to the rescue. It does not mean that these people are heartless and uncaring, it does not mean that they do not want to help, it just means that they think somebody else will do it so they do not feel as strong an urge to rise to the occasion. This phenomenon was first studied in 1964 when New York was shocked by the brutal murder of Kitty Genovese in plain sight of her neighbors.

In the Genovese case the bystanders not only heard the crime as it happened, 38 of them watched as she was assaulted and beaten to death. The assault lasted half an hour, plenty of time to either intervene or alert the police, and yet at least 38 of Kitty's neighbors did nothing but watch. In answer to this unsettling situation psychologists coined a new theory called Bystander Apathy. According to the theory Bystander Apathy only occurs in groups and the larger the group the greater the apathy. The mechanism that fuels the apathy is the Diffusion of Responsibility. It is a phenomenon that people only feel when they are in a group or when there appears to be somebody of authority (like a police officer, doctor, nurse, firefighter...) on the scene. They convince themselves that somebody else, somebody more qualified or who has a better understanding of the situation, will help so they do not have to. It is a very common reaction to an uncommon situation and it has nothing to do with how good people are, how much empathy they feel or how capable they are of helping.

Source: <http://walking.about.com/cs/med/a/strangerdanger.htm>

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

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION

Revolutions have never lightened the burden of tyranny. They have only shifted it to another shoulder. – George Bernard Shaw

[Aspen Institute](#) offers scholarships to students of color. The Aspen Institute Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation in Washington is offering scholarships to introduce a diverse group of students to issues and challenges affecting philanthropy, social enterprise, nonprofit organizations, and other actors in the social sector. The \$2,000 fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of color. Fellows undertake research, writing, logistical, and administrative support for PSI's leadership initiatives, public programs, and convenings. Application guidelines are available [here](#).

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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.

The only thing that stands between a man and what he wants from life is often merely the will to try it and the faith to believe that it is possible. - Richard M. DeVos

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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 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.

*The art of being wise is
knowing what to overlook. -
William James*

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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 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/neaafd>

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

Doctor: We need to get these people to a hospital!

Nurse: What is it?

Doctor: It's a big building with a lot of doctors, but that's not important now!

(Ethan Pollard age 9)

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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

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

Here's a quick eye test for your kids... can they see the ice cream truck from three blocks away?

(Thx. Stan)

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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>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.

The Klan, hoping to assure its membership of the purity of the Anglo-Saxon female, posed this question "Would you consider carnal knowledge of Tiger Woods? 1% said, "Yes" 2% said, "No!" 97% said, "Never Again"

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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

Dear Friends:

We are reaching out to you today with exciting news. **Moms Against Guns** is officially joining forces with **CeaseFirePA**.

This union represents more voices, more power and more resources to fight one Pennsylvania's most contentious issues: illegal guns. While we have loosely partnered with CeaseFirePA in the past and stand at their side as they advocate for better gun laws, there has never been a formal partnership. Tomorrow, that will change.

And we wanted to make sure that you're the first to know before this news goes public. You've been a staunch supporter of Moms Against Guns - many since we began this fight together at a public rally in Philadelphia's Love Park in 2007.

Since then - we've made great strides.

But the economic and political climate is now different than it was in 2007. Since our economy took such a dramatic turn two years ago, nonprofit groups like CeaseFirePA and other advocacy and service organizations have been trying to do more with less.

In a rocky political and economic environment, it's increasingly difficult to get an issue - like limiting illegal guns and the violence they create in our state - in front of the most influential decision makers in Harrisburg.

Four years ago... no, it was yesterday. Today I... No, that wasn't me. Sometimes I... No, I don't. – Steven Wright

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Without a unified voice on this issue, we are all at risk of appearing less organized and powerful when we stand against the gun lobby.

We feel proud and privileged to serve among Ceasefire's constituencies and we know this affiliation offers new strength and opportunity. We have the utmost respect, confidence and admiration for the leadership of Phil Goldsmith, its board president, and Joe Grace, its executive director.

It is our hope that our participation on the board and the force of our combined voices will increase the overall capacity and power to fight in a more organized way for better, safer gun laws.

Today we have garnered close to 7,000 signatures on our petition - thanks to your efforts. But we're far from our goal. We set an ambitious goal of 50,000 signatures, but that goal was not arbitrary. We were told by political advisors that 10,000 signatures would get some policymakers' attention; and 25,000 would show we were serious. But 50,000 could turn a vote - that's why we set this bold goal.

Our joining with CeaseFirePA offers us the opportunity to reach more people (voters) so we can reach our 50,000 signature goal. In turn, we offer CeaseFirePA new constituents, new ideas, and more leverage.

We will continue to personally answer your emails and we'd like to hear from you. After our websites have been integrated, which should happen by mid- summer, you will have the full capacity of CeaseFire's advocacy, strategic advice and direction, as well as the opportunity to volunteer, donate if you wish, or help secure more petition signatures.

As founder of Moms Against Guns, I have been invited to be a new vice president of the CeaseFirePA board, and one of Philadelphia's most influential social activists - Project H.O.M.E. president and co-founder, Sister Mary Scullion - has also agreed to join the CeaseFirePA board with me.

We hope you will continue to partner with the new and improved "us" -- CeaseFire and Moms Against Guns. Your voices and vision have never been more needed.

Thank you with all of our hearts for all you have done so far. If we work together - we can and will prevail.

Sincerely,

Lynne Honickman

The ear of the leader must ring with the voices of the people. – Woodrow Wilson

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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 technology.

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ARTS FOR AWARENESS

*Answer not a fool
according to his folly,
lest ye be as also unto
him. - Proverb*

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

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

ACHIEVEability seeks volunteers for golf tournament

The AT&T National Golf Tournament is coming to Aronimink Golf Club June 28th – July 4th and the PGA's concessions caterer has reached out to [ACHIEVEability](#) to staff their concession stand with volunteers in order to earn donations.

ACHIEVEability needs 140 volunteers to fill all of the time slots available at the tournament.

For every shift it fills, ACHIEVEability will earn approximately \$25-\$30.

Volunteers will get a free ticket to the event, complimentary parking and free food and beverage for the day they work, as well as the satisfaction of earning donations to help single parents of West Philadelphia break the cycle of poverty.

Shifts are from 7am – 3pm and 11am to close (usually sundown).

Volunteers must be 16 years old or older.

To sign up, email [Stephani Peters](#) or call 215-748-8804.

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FunTimes Magazine

Welcome to our special edition recognizing women in the media.

They wield a lot of influence, serve as inspiration to countless people in our community especially our youth and ultimately are the voice to the voiceless.

Currently the magazine is available in Brown's Family Shoprite's, local store and at our local West Philadelphia office.

Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit. - Proverb

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Inside this issue we featured Philly's "Women On Air." They made their careers raising the awareness of the public and connecting people to the services and opportunities that could benefit them, not to mention the fact, they provide us the music of our lives.

Our Women on Air are Thera Martin Connelly-WURD, Hip Hop Pioneer Lady B-107.9FM WRNB, Loraine Ballard Morrill-Clear Channel, Radio personality Tiffany Bacon ñ 107.9FM WRNB, Lori Wilson -NBC10 The 10! Show, radio personality Golden Girl -Power 99FM, Lehronda Upshur formerly of Power 99FM,

Also gracing our cover is Nigerian's own Gina Yashere, HBO Def Jam Comedienne and Nollywood actress Benita Nzeribe, keeping us updated on the world of entertain both in the U.S. and overseas. Because of articles like these, we can assure our readers a solid and well rounded publication. Let us tell you why you should read FunTimes Magazine. It is a high quality magazine, unique and dedicated to Africa and the Diaspora audience, has multiple media outlet, great content, and fast growing readership, cost effective and has a huge impact on what matter most.

Everyone will naturally love this issue for its wit, humor, honesty, and real life stories. Make sure you don't miss out, dive into the latest in culture, health, relationships and the community information -- check us out at www.funtimesmagazine.us

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ACANA 3rd Annual African Festival

August 7, 2010

2:00PM -8:00PM

Great Plaza @ PENN LANDING

Philadelphia, PA

Contact Information:

ACANA

5530 Chester Ave

Philadelphia, PA 19143

Voffeejabateh@acanaus.org

awalker@acanaus.org

215-729-8225

Ext. 109

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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.

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

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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 "Women of Color Expo" held at the

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

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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!

"None of us has gotten where we are solely by pulling ourselves up from our own bootstraps. We got here because somebody bent down and helped us." - Thurgood Marshall

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?

The mail carrier had a registered letter that needed a signature for a party on his route. Receiving no response to his knock on the front door, he went around to the back door which he found open, except for the screen door. He knocked. A high pitch voice from inside said, "Come in."

Upon entering the kitchen, he was confronted by the largest German Shepard he had ever seen. The dog bared his fangs menacingly, forcing the mail man against the wall. The mail man shouted, "Lady, call off you dog before he eats me alive."

The only response he got was that same high pitch voice coming from the next room saying, "Come in."

Pressing his body against the wall, he slowly worked his way to the door way leading to the next room. Looking around, he saw the room was empty, except for a parrot in a cage. After the threat from the huge dog, he was becoming quite irate and said to the parrot.

"Darn you, don't you know any words besides 'Come in?'"

Without a moments hesitation the parrot responded, "Sic him!"

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

UNICEF at www.unicefusa.org or call 800.367.5437

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

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

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

Charity water at <http://www.charitywater.org>

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America's Original Savings Network

As amazing as it may sound many people do not realize how easy it is

*Lord, give me the serenity
to accept the things I
cannot change, courage to
change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the
difference... Reinhold
Niebuhr.*

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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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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I know of an excellent Charter School, you may have heard of it,
"Knowledge Is Power Program"
(KIPP).

It has 80% of its students continue on to college and it only goes up to the 8th grade. It's fairly new with such a high success rate already. You may have heard of it.

Now they are expanding to 9th grade and possibly beyond, but they are in

need of a building. I was hoping if anyone could help find a location or know of somewhere. It would be greatly appreciated by our future professionals, CEO's and potential politicians of America and me :)

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Please contact me, my information is below, or Mr. Aaron Bass, Principal
267-249-6089.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Have a Great Day.

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May God Bless You Always in All Ways

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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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Of all parts of wisdom the practice is the best. - John Tillotson

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WORD-OF-THE-WEEK

confabulation

\kon-FAB-yuh-lay-shuhn\, Familiar talk; easy, unrestrained, unceremonious conversation.

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

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

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

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

Or send an instant message to mwmsistahood@aol.com to chat on line.

