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**News From  
The Coalition, Inc.**

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**Subject: Friday 06 May News From The Coalition, Inc.**

**Greetings Friends and Members of The Coalition, Inc.,**

**Happy Mother's Day to all the hard working mothers who do a phenomenal job of raising some of the best people ever, community volunteers who give selflessly year after year to raise the quality of life for people they may never meet. For them we share a bit of whimsy that may not be whimsical at all...**

## **You're Really A Mom When...**

- **You count the number of sprinkles on each kid's cupcake to make sure they are equal.**
- **You want to take out a contract on the kid who broke your child's favorite toy and made him/her cry.**
- **You have time to shave only one leg at a time.**
- **You hide in the bathroom to be alone.**
- **Your child throws up and you catch it.**
- **Someone else's kid throws up at a party and you keep eating.**
- **You consider finger paint to be a controlled substance.**
- **You mastered the art of placing food on a plate without anything touching.**
- **Your child insists that you read "Once upon a Potty" out loud in the lobby of the doctor's office and you do it.**
- **You hire a baby sitter because you haven't been out with your husband in ages, then you spend half the night talking about and checking on the kids.**
- **You hope ketchup is a vegetable because it's the only one your child eats.**
- **You find yourself cutting your husband's sandwiches into unusual shapes.**
- **You fast-forward through the scene when the hunter shoots Bambi's mother.**
- **You obsess when your child clings to you upon parting during his first month at school, then you obsess when he skips in without looking back.**
- **You can't bear to give away baby clothes--it's so final.**

- You hear your mother's voice coming out of your mouth when you say,  
"Not in your good clothes."
- You stop criticizing the way your mother raised you.
- You read that the average-five-year old asks 437 questions a day and feel proud that your kid is "above average."

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

**(see inside for quotes from some famous mothers)**

**Our Community Improvement Workshops are back! Our next scheduled workshops are Computer Basics with Yvonne Haughton Tuesday May 10th and We Be Bloggin' with Tech Guru J C Lamkin Thursday May 12th , Urban Networking with Michael Rice and Leading From The Bottom with Dr. John Elliott Churchville are scheduled for Tuesday May 24th and Thursday May 26th respectively. RSVP required.**

**These are very popular workshops and class size is intentionally limited, so register now! We look forward to seeing you there.**

**The Eighth Annual Weekend Of Peace will be held on July 29th through 31st 2011 at various locations (TBA). This event, occurring annually since it's humble beginning in 2004 as an invitational citywide youth basketball tournament, brings healthy alternatives to violence in its myriad of forms (physical; economic; educational; health; sexual; environmental; self-inflicted... et al) to people and communities who may otherwise not be aware of these resources, or know how to gain access. This free-to-the-community event is open to all entities who wish to offer positive programs and services to our communities**

**intended to promote better personal, family, community and global health. We encourage all who value life to participate.**

**This is an invitation for your organization/institution/business to participate in this ambitious project. We invite you to contribute in whatever way you can, we also invite you to take advantage of our broad platform and set up an exhibit outlining your services to the community at one of our many event locations. Contributors and Coalition members: free; Non-contributing businesses: (fee to be determined). We reserve the right to determine which services are healthy to the community.**

**Coalition members are particularly urged to be involved as The Coalition, Inc. came into being as a direct result of community leaders “Communicating, Cooperating and Collaborating” to provide safe activities and a sense of purpose to our youth. This is not a one weekend a year event. Programs are launched in recognition of community needs, and existing programs are brought to the attention of those people whom they are designed to serve. To join The Coalition, obtain a Pledge of Commitment by sending request via email [The.Pa.Coalition@gmail.com](mailto:The.Pa.Coalition@gmail.com) or calling 215.387.2734 to request one via traditional mail.**

**For more information on the Weekend Of Peace, contact Abdul Malik Raheem 215.410.2859 email: [peacemalik@gmail.com](mailto:peacemalik@gmail.com); or Calvin Johnson 215.738.5181**

**For seven years members of The Coalition, Inc. has been working to build a network for community groups to increase their efficiency, effectiveness and visibility. We created News From The Coalition, Inc. to be a news organ to maintain communication, promote cooperation and inspire collaboration among entities who have the same goals. Since then we have become international, we wish that all information pertinent to the betterment of families and communities world wide be accessible to all the groups concerned. In the same spirit we have created The Coalition E-group to share information that may not make it to the weekly E-newsletter.**

**Please accept this invitation and use this group to share your projects and concerns with other members and the general public.**

**Access to The Coalition E-Group can be gained at <http://groups.google.com/group/coalition-the>**

**The economy will get worse before it gets better, so The Coalition is looking to collaborate with all local food banks, organizations and volunteers to ensure we have the means to identify and distribute necessities to needy families as the numbers increase. Please contact us [The.Pa.Coalition@gmail.com](mailto:The.Pa.Coalition@gmail.com) or 215.387.2734**

**The opportunity to become a member of The Coalition Board of Directors is here again. If you were nominated previously and did not get selected, you are still eligible to present your request again.**

**Members are elected to one-year terms beginning in January or June. We will be accepting nominations for additional board members to fill any**

**vacated seats to be considered in our June 2011 elections. So if working with some of the most progressive minds ever come together for a single cause appeals to you, please send all nominations with resume'/bio to [The.Pa.Coalition@gmail.com](mailto:The.Pa.Coalition@gmail.com). Place 'Nomination' in the subject line.**

**Resistance to oppression is often based on a love that leads us to value ourselves, and leads us to hope for more than the established cultural system is willing to grant ... such love is far more energizing than guilt, duty, or self-sacrifice. Love for others leads us to accept accountability (in contrast to feeling guilt) and motivates our search for ways to end our complicity with structures of oppression. Solidarity does not require self-sacrifice, but an enlargement of the self to include community with others. - Sharon Welch**

**Look for our new website opening soon! [www.TheCoalitionInc.org](http://www.TheCoalitionInc.org)  
Coalition members are invited to send us a brief description of your services for our Community Resources page along with your web link if applicable.**

**More and more we must realize that we need each other to attain our ultimate goals, we must remain focused and open to new and different ideas and methods. "Communicate... Cooperate... Collaborate." The Coalition, Inc. is committed to affecting real change in our communities, if you are committed, seek collaboration with other projects that are also committed and use your combined resources to**

**attain your goals. If you require assistance, we will be happy to refer you to reputable efforts to collaborate with. Call us (215.387.2734) or email us at [The.PA.Coalition@gmail.com](mailto:The.PA.Coalition@gmail.com).**

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