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News From The Coalition, Inc.

"Communication – Cooperation – Collaboration"

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Greetings Coalition Family!

We are issuing a call to ALL Block Captains and Block Captain Organizations to help form alliances to better serve our neighborhoods. Most of our problems are the same and we can help each other by communicating. Get to know the Block Captains of all blocks that connect with your street. Please contact us for more information and/or assistance. 215.387.2734

*Until all of us have made it, none of us have made it. -
Rosemary Brown*

*"We each hold a piece to the puzzle." – Dr. John Elliott Churchville
"Communicate... Cooperate... Collaborate"*

FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

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Cap4Kids Hint of the Week

School is underway, homework is being assigned, and quizzes are completed. For some children with learning differences, this is quite a struggle.

To get a child tested for learning differences and an IEP, one must request it, usually in writing.

On the www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website, under the Resources tab (<http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/resources.html>), you will find sample letters drafted by the Education Law Center for IEP, Revels, Independent Evals, 504 accommodations and a guide for families going through this process.

Also, please check out the many other resources on this tab, and continue to link families in need with the resources to help their children succeed.

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THIS WEEK

National PTA's Urban Family Engagement Initiative (UFEI)

in partnership with

Philadelphia UFEI Team and PAPTA

is hosting a

FREE Bully Prevention & Anti-Violence event in the community.

Workshop sessions will focus on bullying prevention, education, solutions, and cyber-bullying.

Saturday September 24, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Salvation Army KROC Community Center

4200 Wissahickon Avenue,

Philadelphia, PA 19129

To register:

<https://ptaspeakers.wufoo.com/forms/philadelphias-connect-for-respect-conference/>

Or call 1.800.307.4782 ext 3322

RSVP for event by 9/21/11. Free lunch and materials provided.

Parents, caregivers, educators, business leaders and concerned citizens of our community play an important role in community conversations to build

Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable. ~Kenyan 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 eighty countries!

*Click here:
EightCitiesMAP*

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

*awareness and take action to stop bullying
and violence in our community.*

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Area faith organizations plan convention to influence city's future

More than 35 congregations from every section of Philadelphia - across lines of race, income level and faith background - are coming together to advocate for changes to policies that impact our families and neighborhoods and to reduce poverty in our city.

At the founding convention of POWER – Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild - congregations will be promoting a bold vision for change in areas of jobs, education, public safety, housing and healthcare and seeking commitments from decision-makers to prioritize a policy agenda to connect 10,000 jobs to Philadelphians over the next 5 years through improved and targeted job training and education strategies.

The meeting will be held on
Sunday, September 25th at 6pm at
Tindley Temple United Methodist Church,
750-762 S. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA.

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Anti-bullying event set for Bartram High School

No Bull: Stopping Bullying in Southwest Philadelphia, a presentation by the University of Pennsylvania Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Summer Project, will take place on

Monday, September 26th at 3:30pm at
Bartram High School
2401 South 67th St. in
Philadelphia, PA
To RSVP, [email](#)

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORUNITIES

True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends, but in their worth and value. - Benjamin Johnson

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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FEMA positions up to six figures available in our online [Coalition Group](#) ongoing updates will be posted as they become available.

Job Fair of Philadelphia

Tuesday

September 27, 2011, 10AM - 1PM

Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel

640 West Germantown Pike

Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

<http://www.catalystcareergroup.com>

HEALTH MATTERS

Voucher programs offer fresh produce to seniors and mothers

Each summer, the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides vouchers redeemable for fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs to senior citizens at approved local farmers markets, roadside stands and community-supported agriculture programs.

The program provides low-income seniors with four vouchers, totaling \$20, which they can exchange for Pennsylvania-grown produce. To qualify for the program, individuals must be 60 or older by December 31, 2011, with a total household income before taxes of less than \$20,147 for a single person and \$27,214 for a couple, based on 2010 income. Proof of age and residency is required. To find out what senior centers are providing vouchers across the city, contact the PCA help line at 215-765-9040.

The vouchers will be made available at the

Philadelphia Senior Center,

Broad and Lombard

from 2pm to 4pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays starting July 11th until they run out.

For information about voucher distribution at the Philadelphia Senior Center, contact Charles Brown at 215-546-5879.

A searchable list of participating farmers markets can be found [here](#). A similar program, the state's [Farmers Market Nutrition Program](#), offers food for low-income women who are pregnant or who have a child up to age 5 who is at nutritional risk. Both programs run now through November 30th.

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GREEN PIECE

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Sponsored By the Streets Department's Sanitation Division

"If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living." - Gail Sheehy

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WHO: Streets Department's Sanitation Division

WHAT: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

WHEN: Saturday – September 24, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Streets Department's Sanitation Facility
3rd District Highway Yard at 22nd and York Streets

Citizens are invited to participate in a free citywide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection.

This event provides citizens with an opportunity to recycle or dispose of unwanted

Household Hazardous Waste accumulated in their home or garage. Citizens may also bring their old and unused cans of **oil-based** paint (latex or water based paint is **not** hazardous), solvents, pesticides, flammable liquids such as old gasoline and kerosene,
used oil, antifreeze and brake fluid.

These items contain elements that are potentially hazardous when disposed of in the trash.

Over 3,700 Philadelphia residents dropped off over 264,000 lbs. of potentially hazardous material during the City's 2010 Household Hazardous Waste program.

Trained staff will be on hand to sort and properly package materials dropped off for disposal.

**No waste materials
generated by a business will be accepted.**

This event will be held rain or shine. For additional information and a list of materials eligible for drop off, please contact the Streets Department's Customer Affairs Unit at (215) 686-5560.

For more information regarding drop off events in the participating counties, visit the Streets Department's web site at

www.phila.gov/streets or our new

website at www.philadelphiastreet.com. For all City services, call 3-1-1.

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Real success comes in small portions day by day. You need to take pleasure in life's daily little treasures. It is the most important thing in measuring success. - Denis Waitley

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The [Electronic Industries Alliance](#) provides a list of local electronic recycling facilities, including Philly's Northeast Drop-off Center at State Road & Ashburner Street and Northwest Drop-Off Center at Domino Lane & Umbria Street.

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

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

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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 programs.

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

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION

SpotLight On Our Efforts

*"Don't let your victories go to your head, or your failures go to your heart."
Author Unknown*

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"Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA-ACL)
Convenes

54th International Convention"

By Maurice Henderson (Seitu Bayette Muhammad)

The Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey legacy continues to serve as a beacon distinction for being a Founding Father of the Black Nationalism Movement and precursory for 'Race First' self sufficiency. The heir redeemable account of Right Excellence, Garveyism emerged during 1914 as a signification for self improvement and self determination.

Garvey's subsequent founding of the UNIA (Universal Negro Improvement Association) and post anthem implementation of the flag banner social streaming for the colors Red, Black and Green still remains as landmark historical nearly 100 years later.

Currently under the auspices leadership helm of President General/Administrator Senghor Jawara Baye, the UNIA-ACL (African Communities League) 2011 convening of their 54th International Convention in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection.

An entire week of sessions were hosted by local chapters, including the Thomas W. Harvey Memorial Division 121 and the Redman Battle*Queen Nzinga*Steve Biko Division 178. Several hundred attendees, participants and registrant converged on this popular northeast city for an exhaustive schedule that included cultural events, mass meetings, business sessions, keynote addresses, workshops, booksignings, performances, record releases, community parade, karimu feast and a jazz concert.

General sessions provided extensive global reports from divisions located in Detroit, Atlanta, Chicago, Washington, D.C., New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and other territories, including Africa and the Caribbean. Special recognition was also given to Empress Basiymah Muhammad Bey for the Administrator re-establishment of the Black Cross Nurses, whose charted journey now includes the prosperous promotion and community sustainability of allied health proficiencies. Evening keynote addresses the progressive state of Black Nationalism and the struggles of Africans in America and abroad were provided by President General/Administrator Senghor Jawara Baye, 1st Assistant President General Akil Malik Nkrumah, the Ambassador to Belize Bilal Sunni Ali and among other prominent

*Spectacular achievements
are always preceded by
unspectacular preparation.
- Roger Staubach*

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The 54th International Convention was a huge success and allowed the UNIA-ACL and general public to recall and re-commit themselves to the upheld organizational dynamics and strategic planning by the Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey which produced the institutionalization of the Black Cross Nurses, the African Legion, the Universal Motor Corps and the Black Star Line. The UNIA-ACL remains one of the most prominent and active governmental organizations that continually encourages Black Nationalism as the covenant for Bill of Rights optimization. The world community should eagerly await the 55th International Convention scheduled for convening in Atlanta, Georgia during 2012.

Maurice Henderson(Seitu Bayete Muhammad) is a faculty member at Temple University's Pan-African Studies/Community Education Program and the Producing Artistic Director of the National Black Arts Spoken Word Tour, which staged his plays "Wade in the Water" (Katrina Storm Drama) and "Putting Black Women in their Place" at the 54th International Convention of the UNIA-ACL. He will be a convener for the 2011 Anniversary of the Million Women March and can be reached at mauricebrianhenderson@yahoo.com

ARTS FOR AWARENESS

Little Joe walked into his dad's study while his dad was working on the computer.

"Dad," said Joe, "Remember when you told me you'd give me twenty dollars if I passed my math test?"

Dad nodded.

"Well, the good news is that I just saved you twenty bucks."

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

White House AAPI Initiative Asks Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

To Submit 3-Minute Videos

Highlighting Community's Change Makers

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders has launched an online video challenge, asking participants to submit personal stories about people who have had an impact on the people around them.

The effort, called "What's Your Story" aims to highlight community service by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders whose dedication to a cause has made a difference in their communities.

Participants are asked to submit a video describing unique experiences that have shaped who they are in less than three minutes.

White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders director Kiran Ahuja said the video challenge is designed to help understand more about important issues facing the community and to highlight their contributions.

Entries are accepted in any form, including music video, public service announcement, short film, video blog or in an interview format. Essays will also be accepted in the place of video entries. All entries should showcase someone's work around a specific issue facing the AAPI community in under three minutes or with fewer than 1,000 words.

Entries should be submitted online at

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/WhatsYourStory>

by Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011.

A video describing the Initiative's effort is available at

<http://youtu.be/UiSgHYNd53Q?hd=1>

A select number of entries will be posted on the White House website and a group of exceptional leaders highlighted will be selected to attend a White House briefing this fall and given the opportunity to share their stories in-person.

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men wise enough to
discover the truth than to
find one intrepid enough, in
the face of opposition, to
stand up for it. ~A.A.
Hodge*

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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

Willow Grove Job Fair

Sponsored by Willow Grove Chamber of Commerce
& State Representative Thomas Murt

Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 10AM - 3PM

Williamson Restaurant

Rte 611 & Blair Mill Road

Horsham, PA 19044

<http://www.wgjobfair.com>

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Community Legal Services of Philadelphia

presents

Second Annual Justice For All! 5K

Sunday October 09, 2011

8:30 AM

Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park

4231 Avenue of the Republic

Philadelphia, PA

Community Legal Services of Philadelphia will be holding

Second Annual Justice For All! 5k Run

October 9, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. (rain or shine)

beginning at Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park,

*Wisdom is oftentimes nearer
when we stoop than when
we soar. ~William
Wordsworth*

The Justice For All 5K is an opportunity for CLS staff, alumni, local attorneys, law students, and community members to celebrate the impact of CLS' work. All proceeds from the event will support CLS' mission of providing equal access to justice to low income Philadelphians.

In addition to individual, legal/corporate, and club team competitions, the Justice For All 5K will feature a Law School Challenge in which teams from area law schools will compete against one another.

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Our 5K is a one-loop, USATF-certified course (#PA10012WB) and is sanctioned by USA Track & Field.

All participants will receive a short-sleeved race T-shirt while supplies last.

Registration Fees:

- \$20 to Walk
- \$25 to Run
- \$25 for Law School Challenge Participants
- \$30 for Club Team Competition participants
 - \$30 to Register on Race Day
- \$35 for Legal/Corporate Competition participants

Contact Lauren Kobylarz at lkobylarz@clsphila.org for more information.

Human Relations Commission seeks nominees for Human Rights Awards

The [Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations](#)

is accepting nominations for
2011 Human Rights Awards.

For more than 25 years, the PCHR has hosted an awards event to recognize individuals, nonprofits and business organizations for encouraging intergroup harmony in Philadelphia.

The Awards will be presented at the PCHR Annual Human Rights Awards Ceremony and 60th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, October 5th.

Do not wait for leaders. Do it alone, person to person. - Mother Teresa

Award categories include Arts & Culture, Community Service, Law Enforcement, Corporate Responsibility, and Nonprofit Organization. Receiving the 2011 PCHR Clarence Farmer Service Award will be the Rev. Luis Cortes, Jr., President of Esperanza, a national organization that brings hope to Latino communities across America. In addition, Carol E. Tracy, Esq., Executive Director of the Women's Law Project, whose mission is to advance the rights and status of women throughout their lives, will receive the inaugural PCHR Sadie Alexander Leadership Award.

To nominate an individual or organization, call [215-686-4675](tel:215-686-4675) or send an e-mail to [Jack Fingerman](mailto:Jack.Fingerman).

All nominations must include the name, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the nominee and the person submitting the nomination. Nominations must also include a brief narrative that describes why the individual or organization should receive a 2011 PCHR Human Rights Award.

The deadline to receive nominations is August 31st.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

New computing center to open in Kensington neighborhood

Another of the new neighborhood computing centers being operated by Philadelphia's Freedom Rings Partnership will open on Tuesday, October 4th at 11am at 166 W. Lehigh Avenue in the city's Kensington section.

The center, called the Jon Paul Hammond Public Computing Center in honor of a local activist, is managed by Philadelphia FIGHT alongside the City of Philadelphia's Division of Technology and the Urban Affairs Coalition.

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Comcast unveils new plan to combat digital divide

Comcast has announced that it will begin offering a new service, [Internet Essentials](#), in time for the 2011-12 school year.

This initiative will directly address the major barriers that many in our communities face for in-home broadband adoption: affordability and lack of digital literacy.

Challenge yourself all the days of your life. Plunge boldly into the thicket of life! Half-heartedness never won a battle. - William McKinley

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In today's world, it is important for everyone to be digitally literate. Broadband adoption is vital for our communities because it helps improve our children's education, our local economy, and the ability for members of our communities to find jobs and benefit from opportunities available online.

Comcast Internet Essentials will provide eligible families with:

- Affordable home Internet service (\$9.95 per month)
- A low-cost computer (\$149.99 plus taxes)
- Access to free internet training – online, in print and in classroom (at established community training sites)

Internet Essentials will be available everywhere that Comcast offers its high-speed Internet service. Students in more than 4,000 school districts in 39 states and the District of Columbia will be able to participate.

Comcast will accept new Internet Essentials participants for at least three years, through the end of the 2013-14 school year. Any household that qualifies during this three-year period will remain eligible for Internet Essentials, provided the household still qualifies for the program, until that child graduates from high school.

For more details, go [here](#).

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Free online journal focuses on technology for nonprofits

Technology can help nonprofits create the change they want to see in the world. But even with daily evidence of world-changing innovations and applications of technology, it's difficult for nonprofit leaders to know how to apply it to their missions.

[NTEN:Change](#), a free online journal from the [Nonprofit Technology Network](#),

provides the guidance and practical considerations nonprofits need to make the sound investments and decisions that will help them meet their goals.

Free subscriptions are available [here](#).

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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

The best job goes to the person who can get it done without passing the buck or coming back with excuses. - Napoleon Hill

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(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 [Free Trial](#).
www.mobilecitizen.org/grantphiladelphia

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

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

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WORD-OF-THE-WEEK

upbraid \uhp-BRAYD\, To scold or criticize harshly.

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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IT'S HERE!!

Our group A HAND UP! Is now open, please go to:

[A HAND UP!](#)

In response to the needs of many grassroots organizations for the basic tools to implement and sustain their ideas and projects, The Coalition, Inc. members have come together to establish a network to facilitate the distribution/re-distribution of unwanted, unneeded, surplus and even repairable items for recycling.

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

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

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

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

