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# News From The Coalition, Inc.

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## **Greetings Coalition Family!**

As we watch the tapestry of other governments change, and the U.S. involvement, have you ever stopped to ask who decides on which side of the conflict our loved ones are directed to fight? I'm advised by friends in the political arena and particularly my friends in the business community, "When in doubt, follow the money trail." It is painful to think that the lives of our troops have a dollar value.

"Some things have intrinsic value because they are essential to human life and comfort... food, clothing, shelter, clean air and fresh water. Other things have extrinsic value because you are told so... gold, pearls, rubies, diamonds, etc, To what does it speak of a culture that bases its economy on shiny stones." - Madu

#### FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

#### **Cap4Kids Hint of the Week**

Food insecurity, food emergencies, fresh food options. All pressing concerns for many Philadelphia families. On the <u>www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia</u> website, under the Food/Nutrition handout

(http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent\_handouts/food\_nutrition\_b reastfeeding.html), we have combined these resources into an easy to read and download document to help families find food resources in their community. Check it out. Print it up. Share it.
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## **THIS WEEK**

#### PARENT APPRECIATION DAY EVENT

The Educational Advocates Reaching Today's Hardworking Students, Inc. (EARTHS) announced that, in conjunction with PARENT POWER, Central North E.P.I.C. Stakeholders, and Blues Babe Foundation, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parent Appreciation Day event will be held at the C. B. Moore Recreation Center; 2551 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (at Huntingdon) Saturday, October 29, 2011 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

FREE information about children's programs, money management, and parent advocacy will be available. Light refreshments will be served and there will be FREE prizes and give-a-ways.

Parent Appreciation Day is scheduled early in the school year to show parents/caregivers that community members care and want to help them obtain the resources needed to have a successful year. We are working with Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown's office to, once again, have the month of October proclaimed Parent Appreciation Month in Philadelphia.

> Contact: Quibila A. Divine 215-313-8808 Quibila@gmail.com

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A child who is to be successful is not reared exclusively on a bed of down. – 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 eighty countries! Click here: **EightCitiesMAP** Choose "Philadelphia's **Online** Community "Newsletter" from the menu.

#### CUAA AND WHY NOT PROSPER PRESENTS ADDICTIONS SUPPORT GROUP TRAINING Philadelphia, PA- Christians United Against Addictions presents Addictions Support Group Training

October 29, 2011 from 10am to 1pm. Why Not Prosper, Inc. 717 E. Chelten Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144 Some of the topics include: What is Addiction? Co-Dependency Steps to Recovery Tough Love Christ Center Support Groups How to Start a Biblical Based Support Group Registration is required. Freewill offering.

Why Not Prosper, Inc, a faith-based non-profit organization was started by Rev. Michelle Simmons in 2001. The mission of the organization is to help female ex-offenders discover their own strength by providing them with the support and resources needed to empower them to become responsible, economically self-sufficient and contributing members of the community.

Christians United Against Addiction (CUAA) has for 25 years served the faith-based community, those caught in addiction and their families. The vision of CUAA is simply to see those affected by addiction restored to wholeness and health. Its mission is to equip churches to help individuals and families achieve recovery through education, training, support

groups, and referral assistance.

Contact: Christians United Against Addiction

Sherry Jones at 215-248-0260 or

sherry.jones6@gmail.com

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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

There is no security in life. There is only opportunity. - Douglas MacArthur

If you have a favorite relevant quote, why not share it with our readers. send to <u>TheCoalitionNews</u> @gmail.com We will credit you with the submission. 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 <u>http://www.whitehouse.gov/WhatsYourStory</u> by Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011.

A video describing the Initiative?s effort is available at <u>http://youtu.be/UiSgHYNd53Q?hd=1</u>

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.

**BE A CHAMPION FOR OPPORTUNITIES** 

OPPORTUNITIES-PA in conjunction with National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, will host their Champions for OPPORTUNITIES fundraiser and reception, November 2, 2011 from 5pm to 9pm At the Quorum 3711 Market Street in University City Science Center.

The evening will be hosted by Philadelphia native and youth advocate,

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"If you're not ready to die for it, put the word "freedom" out of your vocabulary." – Malcolm X

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*Coaution, Inc.* All entries for submission should be received by noon, the Monday prior to publish date and in <u>Press</u> *Release* form. Dr. Charles (Chuck) William, PhD and 6abc Lifestyle Writer/Producer Anika Hawkins. Champions for OPPORTUNITIES guests will be serenaded by the lovely sounds of violinist Jack Drummond. Ticket purchasing price is \$30.00. There will be food, drinks, gift-bags for all attendees and a fabulous silent auction to accompany the evening's festivities. "I am elated about this platform to not only honor those that have given their time, their talents and their treasure (money), but selflessly continue to spread the truth about this growing issue that lies within our communities. Without their help, OPPORTUNITIES-PA would falter, for that alone I am grateful," states CEO and Founder Justina Shaw.

> Contact Justina Shaw 1207 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 justina@opportunitiespa.org 215-779-6827

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## BOOGIE ON DOWN TO THE PINK PLAYGROUND BEBASHI RAISES FUNDS FOR BREAST HEALTH INITIATIVE Bebashi is pleased to host their first

Pink Playground Fundraiser

an indoor carnival for adults, on Thursday, November 3, 2011 Waterview Lounge 1020 N. Delaware Avenue Philadelphia, PA.

This exciting and festive event will include lots of live entertainment, jugglers, magicians, caricature artists, chair massages, cotton candy, popcorn, soft pretzels, prizes, wine bar and more. Bebashi will honor advocates and survivors of breast cancer at Pink Playground. This year's award recipients include:

Elaine Groban of Susan G. Komen for the Cure - Philadelphia Affiliate who will receive the Advocate's Award;

Lorina Marshall Blake will receive the Survivor's Award; and Patricia K. Bradley, PhD, RN will receive the Quality of Life Award. All funds raised will benefit Bebashi's, "Our Bodies" breast health initiative. "Our Bodies" identifies medically underserved women of color in metropolitan Philadelphia, and links them to resources that provide breast cancer screening and diagnostic services. "Our Bodies" educates women on how to reduce the risk of getting breast cancer and refers eligible participants to healthcare facilities and providers for screenings

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. – Rita Mae Brown

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go to: <u>TheCoalitionInc.net</u> and download a copy of the Pledge of Commitment and return it to us <u>the.pa.coalition@gmail.com</u> and tests related to breast health. Women of color are less likely to get Breast Cancer, but more likely to die from it. An increase in screenings, can detect abnormalities sooner and potentially save lives. Tickets may be purchased on-line at http://bebashi.ticketleap.com/pink-playground or by contacting Bebashi at 215.769.3561 x-140.

Ticket prices are as follows: Early bird donation is \$55 before October 20th; \$65 from October 21st through November 2nd; and \$70 at the door. About Bebashi: Bebashi was founded in 1985 in response to increasing incidences of HIV/AIDS in the urban community of Philadelphia, at a time when there were no HIV/AIDS educational programs or services targeting the African American or other communities of color. Our mission is to provide culturally sensitive health related information, direct service, research, and technical assistance to the urban community in the areas of sexual health and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. Our services include: Our Bodies Breast Health Initiative, Prevention Education, Prevention Counseling and HIV/STI Testing, Syphilis Elimination, Early Intervention, Medical Case Management, Emergency Food Cupboard, and Support Groups. Bebashi is a 501©3 non profit organization.

For more information, please contact Deena Weems Thornton at Bebashi: Transition to Hope at 215 769-3561 x140 or <u>DeenaW@bebashi.org</u>.

Please visit us on-line at <u>www.bebashi.org</u>. ----- Coalition members! Activate '<u>Your' web link</u> on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

## **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORUNITIES**

**FEMA** positions up to six figures available in our online <u>Coalition Group</u> ongoing updates will be posted as they become available.

## **HEALTH MATTERS**

Kingsessing Fifth Division Community of Neighbors COME ON OUT WITH K5DCN FOR OUR **"WALK TOO WELLNESS II."** WALKING TOGETHER WE WILL GET SOME EXERCISE AND WE BUILD OUR RELATIONSHIPS, AND LEARN ABOUT OUR DIETS. EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY (6PM) WE MEET AT THE CORNER OF 51ST AND CHESTER AVENUE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 267-254-9972

A tree never hits an automobile except in selfdefense. -- Unknown.

If you have a favorite joke, why not share it with our readers. send to TheCoalitionNews @gmail.com We will credit you with the submission. P.O. Box 19974 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19143267-254-9972 215-726-8580(fax) <u>greg3957ben@aol.com</u> Gregory R. Benjamin-Chairman Gilbert Wesley Johnson-Treasure

Phil Hughes-Secretary Ronald Currie-Sergeant At Arms ----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' web link on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

#### **GREEN PIECE**

Banana Peels Can Purify Polluted Drinking Water, Scientists Say by <u>Katie Robbins</u> Did you hear the one about the chemist and the banana peel?

As much as it sounds like one, this isn't the set-up for a slapstick punch line. Scientists in Brazil have discovered that banana peels can be used to clean polluted drinking water, <u>NPR reports.</u>

Gustavo Castro, an environmental chemist at Sao Paulo State University, suspected that we might be overlooking valuable properties in the peels. "I have heard for a long time that we usually throw out the best part of the fruit and that most of the nutrients and proteins are in parts not used by us, such as the peels," he told the <u>American Chemical Society</u> in a podcast. "From there, I decided to make an initial experiment to determine the chemical composition of the peel."

Castro found that banana peels contain nitrogen, sulfur, and carboxylic acids, which, he noted, bind with positively-charged heavy metals often leached into water from mining or industrial runoff. Since many methods of removing metals from the water are expensive and toxic, Castro thought he might be on to a more natural method of cleaning drinking water.

He and his colleagues chopped and dried bits of banana peel and combined them with water from Brazil's polluted Paraná River.

The peels stood up to other types of commonly-used filtering products like silica and carbon, and scientists found that the peels could be used up to 11 times without losing their purifying powers. And they were cheap.

Presence is more than just being there. - Malcolm S. Forbes

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. "I was surprised to learn that something so simple could work so well," said Castro. "I believe banana peels can be of great importance in water purification."

But one important question remains: With banana skins going to a good cause, what will pranksters use for a good-old fashioned peel pratfall? ----- Coalition members! Activate '<u>Your' web link</u> on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

The <u>Electronic Industries Alliance</u> 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. ----- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' web link on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

Recycling Services Inc. in Pottstown takes styrofoam on Saturday and Tuesday mornings. <u>http://www.recyclingservices.org/</u> For sustainable enterprise go to Green Jobs Philly <u>http://www.greenjobsphilly.org/news</u>

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#### **Get Fresh!**

Volunteer with Philabundance Fresh for All You recycle out the wazoo and consider yourself consigliore of the enviro-sack mafia. Hence, a cause you can believe in: Philabundance wants to fill those ubiquitous bags with produce through its new Fresh for All 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

How can you be a sage if you're pretty? You can't get your wizard papers without wrinkles. ~Bill Veeck

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## **GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION**

Are you currently in shut off status with your utility companies?

ACHIEVEability now accepting UESF utility applications. See flyer attached. Utility Grant Program: Will assist with gas (PGW), electric

(PECO) and water (PWD) accounts in shut off status or already terminated. Maximum amount for gas and electric is \$1,500 and water is \$500. All grants must be applied to the utility account and reach a zero balance. If the bill is an excess of the grant the applicant is responsible for the balance at time of their application. ELIGIBILITY · Applicant must have notice from utility company of termination or impeding shut off. · When LiHeap Cash and Crisis opens, applicant must have notice of award amount or denial letter. · Applicant must be a Philadelphia

resident. Applicant must not have received Utility Grant in past 24 months. Applicant must have social security cards and 30-day income information for everyone in household. Applicant must provide utility bill in their name. Applicant must be within the below income

guidelines:

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House-hold Size	Per Month
1 person	\$1,588
2 persons	\$2,145
3 persons	\$2,702
4 persons	\$3,259
5 persons	\$3,816
6 persons	\$4,374

Contact ACHIEVEability's Community Office at 215-748-8838 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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#### LIFT-Philadelphia sponsors free workshop series for community

LIFT-Philadelphia is sponsoring a free workshop series starting this October on topics such as Food and Nutrition, Rock Your Resume, Dental Health and Screening, Interviewing, Financial Recovery, and Basics of Computer Use.

For more information: http://hostsed.uwsepa.org/newsletter/lift.pdf

## **SpotLight On Our Efforts**

Hereeeeeeeeees... Kathy's Korner!

My two daughters were having a discussion about family resemblance. ''I look like Mom,'' said my nine-year-old, ''but I have Dad's eyes and Dad's lips.''

The six-year-old said, "And I look just like Dad, but I have light hair." Then she turned to me. "Mom," she asked, "what does Dad have to do with us being born anyway?"

Her older sister jumped right in. ''Don't be silly. Dad is the one who drove Mom to the hospital.''

(Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)

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#### The Kingsessing Fifth Division Community of Neighbors

is a community group, with a core group of block captains, who have been actively involved in servicing the needs of the residents in our community. This year our organization will be sponsoring our 2nd annual blanket drive to collect blankets for members of our community. The name of this project is

## "Operation Blank Out the Cold."

The goal of this effort is to supply at least one blanket to the more than one hundred families that will be in need of such a resource. The belief of K5DCN's is that there are people such as you, your company, churches, agencies, and other organizations that would be interested in participating in such a worthy project. Last year thanks to many such as yourselves we collected 100 blankets. We know that because of the high cost of energy, and the financial crisis that our country continues to experience, our neighbors need our help. Due to health reasons we request that your donations be new blankets. K5DCN also knows that it was supporters like you who help us in September 2011 when we gave away 245 schoolbags full of school supplies.

The dates we will be collecting blankets are Saturday November 16, 2011 through Saturday November 30, 2011.

The following place is a drop-off point for your contribution.1216 South 52nd Street (11am-3pm) Monday thru Saturday. Please call for five blankets or more, we will pick up. To support this worthy effort contact: 215-726-7547, 267-254-9972 267-432-3829 EMAIL: greg3957ben@aol.com Blankets will be distributed on Saturday 12/03/11 during the Kingsessing Christmas Service at the

Kingsessing Recreation Center,

located at 49th and Chester Avenue. Come on out and share the evening. Festivities start at 3pm. Thanking you in advance for your attention. April Turner Co-Coordinator Gloria Turner Co-coordinator

SUPPORT OUR BLANKET COLLECTION FOR FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE GIVE. Locations for drop-offs:1216 South 52nd Street (11am-3pm) Monday

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The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions. ~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Coalition members! Get '<u>Your' web link</u> on The Coalition, Inc. web site thru FridayPlease call for five blankets or more, we will pick up. Blankets will be distributed on Saturday 12/03/08 during the Kingsessing Fifth Division Community of NeighborsChristmas Service at the Kingsessing Recreation Center, located at 49th and Chester Avenue. Come on out and share in the service. Start time 3PM.

## **ARTS FOR AWARENESS**

I see little of more importance to the future of our country and of civilization than full recognition of the place of the artist. If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him. Pauline Kael

#### African American Museum seeks volunteers

The African American Museum in Philadelphia collects and preserves art and artifacts and, through exhibitions and programs, interprets the history and stories of African Americans and those of the African Diaspora. AAMP welcomes volunteers primarily for clerical duties, including updating the website and mailing newsletters. Volunteers for special events are also welcome.

The museum offers one-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities. Generally, volunteers work normal business hours on weekdays or weekends, but special events may take place during the evenings.

Although a background check isn't necessary, volunteers will be asked for a resume, as well as undergo an interview.

For more information, call Cassandra Murray at 215-574-0380 x227 ----- Coalition members! Activate '<u>Your' web link</u> on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

## Jus' Words at Dowlings Place

1310 No. Broad St. Phila Every Thurs. 9pm to 1am

- Poets
- Rappers
- Singers
- Spoken Word Artists
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#### **COMING UP**

The child, offered the mother's breast, Will not in the beginning grab it; But soon it clings to it with zest. And thus at wisdom's copious breasts You'll drink each day with greater zest. ~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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> The Day of Peace Gala November 11, 2011 Hilton Hotel, 4200 City Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa 1913

This major fundraising effort will benefit domestic violence prevention and

self-sufficiency workshops that focus on education, employment, and parenting. The Women's Solo Project has already assisted over 50 women by inspiring the confidence necessary to recognize their capacity for self-reliance while helping them gain the independence needed to get out of an abusive relationship "Domestic violence has a strong presence and is alive in our communities. We must come together as unified people to help stop and control it. By creating The Women's Solo Project, I wanted to bring this issue to the forefront and get people talking about it. If we continue to let this issue be taboo, then nothing will get done." says Tyra Wright-Johnson, President and survivor. The organization's mission and vision stems from Mrs. Wright-Johnson's personal experience with domestic violence. For tickets and additional information, visit the website at

www.thewomenssoloproject.org.

About The Women's Solo Project Headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, The Women's Solo Project, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, was established in 2010 with the mission to serve women and their children by giving them the ability to become independent and resourceful in making healthy and positive decisions. TWSP specializes in empowering women and children and teaching victims how to live free of violence and poverty.

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"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." - Henry Ford

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## **COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY**

#### Comcast unveils new plan to combat digital divide

Comcast has announced that it will begin offering a new service, <u>Internet Essentials</u>, 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.

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 <u>here</u>. ----- Coalition members! Activate '<u>Your</u>' <u>web link</u> on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

#### 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.

<u>NTEN:Change</u>, a free online journal from the <u>Nonprofit Technology Network</u>,

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 <u>here</u>. ----- Coalition members! Activate '<u>Your' web link</u> on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

"The lightning spark of thought generated in the solitary mind awakens its likeness in another mind." -- Thomas Carlyle

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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 (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.

The day after a verdict had been entered against his client, the lawyer rushes to the judge's chambers, demanding that the case be reopened.

"I have new evidence that makes a huge difference in my client's defense." "What new evidence could

you have?'' ''I've learned that my client

has \$10,000 that I didn't know about.'' (thx Tom) 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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## WORD-OF-THE-WEEK

adumbrate \ADuhm-brayt; uh-DUHM-\ To give a sketchy or slight representation of; to outline; To foreshadow in a vague way; To suggest, indicate, or disclose partially; To cast a shadow over; to shade; to obscure.

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