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# News From The Coalition, Inc.

*"Communication – Cooperation – Collaboration"*

Volume 6, Number 18

## Greetings Coalition Family!

Remember to spend your holiday money in the neighborhood you wish to enrich. Get to know your block captain this year.

*Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results. ~Andrew Carnegie*

*"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**

What does ant-bullying, resources for children whose families are in the military, health information for parents, website safety, early brain development, and finding fun things to do with kids in Philly have to do with each other? They can all be found on the [www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia) website under the **Helpful Links** tab ([http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/helpful\\_links.html](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/helpful_links.html)) along with dozens of other resources to help families raise successful, healthy, secure children as well as advocate for children throughout the region.

Also, please continue to spread the word about Cap4Kids Philadelphia by liking us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Cap4Kids-Childrens-Advocacy-Project-of-Philadelphia>

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### **PARENTS MAYBE THIS CAN HELP YOU**

School Discipline Advocacy Service (SDAS) The cross-campus collaboration of Temple University and University of Pennsylvania Law students. SDAS aims to provide assistance and possibly representation to public and charter school parents and students in school discipline hearings. The program includes a telephone messaging service (215-204-8812) and email address ([sdas.phila@gmail.com](mailto:sdas.phila@gmail.com)) that parents and students can contact for resources and support.

### **THIS WEEK**

**The Black Male Development Symposium** will be having it's Kick-Off Reception on Friday, December 9th from 6-9PM at Arcadia University in the Grey Towers Castle.

Please visit our web site [www.blackmaledevelopment.com](http://www.blackmaledevelopment.com) and RSVP via the Evite.

Take care

Dr. Doreen Loury

Executive Director, Black Male Development Symposium

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*A Friend is one to whom one may pour out the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away. - Arabian Proverb*

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*Choose*

*“Philadelphia’s Online Community “Newsletter” from the menu.*

## **FREE Marriage Conference**

This one of a kind FREE marriage conference scheduled this coming Saturday, we still have a few spaces available.

Come see what God has to say about marriage through some dedicated people who are skilled in marriage.

Recieve God's word & good fellowship with givaways from Royal Caribbean, Sandals, CLC Book Store, The Eye institute, Kairi's Travel, Empowerment hour radio, Relish, Sol...e to Soul, Just to Serve you, Derek's, Philly Platinum Grill, Cold Stone Creamery, Applause Fashions, Blessings unlimited, Divacoutoure, Traci Lynn, Meridian Bank, Farmers Insurance, TC Unlimited, The Promise Land, Pleasure Principle, Pampered Chef and much more!

You don't want to miss this, come invest in your marriage for FREE!

### **Bodiee Fellowship Hall**

7811 Ridge Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19128

Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (ET)

SOME VENDOR SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE!!! Please contact Deidra @ [610-332-9594](tel:610-332-9594).

If you plan on attending the FREE marriage conference, please register TODAY as we only have few spaces left. You may register @ <http://twogethermarriages.eventbrite.com>.

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## **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORUNITIES**

### **HEALTH MATTERS**

10 Tips to healthy eating and physical activity for you.

1. Start your day with breakfast.

*Give thanks for what you are now, and keep fighting for what you want to be tomorrow. ~Fernanda Miramontes-Landeros*

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Breakfast fills your "empty tank" to get you going after a long night without food. And it can help you do better in school. Easy to prepare breakfasts include cold cereal with fruit and low-fat milk, whole-wheat toast with peanut butter, yogurt with fruit, whole-grain waffles or even last night's pizza!

### **2. Get Moving!**

It's easy to fit physical activities into your daily routine. Walk, bike or jog to see friends. Take a 10-minute activity break every hour while you read, do homework or watch TV. Climb stairs instead of taking an escalator or elevator. Try to do these things for a total of 30 minutes every day.

### **3. Snack smart.**

Snacks are a great way to refuel. Choose snacks from different food groups - a glass of low-fat milk and a few graham crackers, an apple or celery sticks with peanut butter and raisins, or some dry cereal. If you eat smart at other meals, cookies, chips and candy are OK for occasional snacking.

### **4. Work up a sweat.**

Vigorous work-outs - when you're breathing hard and sweating - help your heart pump better, give you more energy and help you look and feel best. Start with a warm-up that stretches your muscles. Include 20 minutes of aerobic activity, such as running, jogging, or dancing. Follow-up with activities that help make you stronger such as push-ups or lifting weights. Then cool-down with more stretching and deep breathing.

5. Balance your food choices - don't eat too much of any one thing. You don't have to give up foods like hamburgers, french fries and ice cream to eat healthy. You just have to be smart about how often and how much of them you eat. Your body needs nutrients like protein, carbohydrates, fat and many different vitamins and minerals such as vitamins C and A, iron and calcium from a variety of foods. Balancing food choices from the Food Guide Pyramid and checking out the Nutrition Facts Panel on food labels will help you get all these nutrients.

### **6. Get fit with friends or family.**

Being active is much more fun with friends or family. Encourage others to join you and plan one special physical activity event, like a bike ride or hiking, with a group each week.

### **7. Eat more grains, fruits and vegetables.**

These foods give you carbohydrates for energy, plus vitamins, minerals and fiber. Besides, they taste good! Try breads such as whole-wheat, bagels and pita. Spaghetti and oatmeal are also in the grain group.

*You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him. ~Leo Aikman*

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Bananas, strawberries and melons are some great tasting fruits. Try vegetables raw, on a sandwich or salad.

8. Join in physical activities at school.

Whether you take a physical education class or do other physical activities at school, such as intramural sports, structures activities are a sure way to feel good, look good and stay physically fit.

9. Foods aren't good or bad.

A healthy eating style is like a puzzle with many parts. Each part -- or food -- is different. Some foods may have more fat, sugar or salt while others may have more vitamins or fiber. There is a place for all these foods. What makes a diet good or bad is how foods fit together. Balancing your choices is important. Fit in a higher-fat food, like pepperoni pizza, at dinner by choosing lower-fat foods at other meals. And don't forget about moderation. If two pieces of pizza fill you up, you don't need a third.

10. Make healthy eating and physical activities fun!

Take advantage of physical activities you and your friends enjoy doing together and eat the foods you like. Be adventurous - try new sports, games and other activities as well as new foods. You'll grow stronger, play longer, and look and feel better! Set realistic goals - don't try changing too much at once.

From the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports

<http://www.fitness.gov/10tips.htm>

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## **GREEN PIECE**

### **The Tree Choice: Care and Decorating Tips for the Holidays**

When you think about it, the holidays are the only time of year we try to recreate a forest in our living rooms, from setting up a tree, to decking the mantel with fir and holly and dangling mistletoe. And even after years of practice, we may not really get some of the basics of this unique ecosystem we're experimenting with. It has its hazards, such as the neurotoxic pesticide di-syston 15-G, used on many tree farms, which can remain on trees in the home. And it needs proper care, whether your choice is a cut tree or potted one.

#### **Cut Trees**

First of all, if you haven't heard yet, avoid fake trees. Often produced with lead-bearing PVC, the production and incineration of which results in the release of carcinogenic dioxins, fake trees are no substitute for the



*God grant me the serenity  
to accept the people I  
cannot change, the  
courage to change the one  
I can, and the wisdom to  
know it's me. ~Author  
unknown*

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real thing. Real trees capture carbon while alive and most U.S. cities woodchip trees left at the curbside, recycling their nutrients in mulch. You can also put them in a fish pond as an incubator for young fish. That said, ask the person selling you the tree some of the same questions you'd ask at your farmers' market, including "Do you use pesticides and, if so, which ones?" and "When were these trees cut down?" You want your money to go towards growers that you want to keep in business.

[GreenPromise.com](http://GreenPromise.com) provides a list of organic Christmas-tree farms around the country or you can search for farms by zip code at [Local Harvest](http://LocalHarvest).

When selecting a tree, pick it up and give it a bounce to see if a large number of needles fall off indicating a dry tree. You'll want to find a straight tree of a diameter that will fit in your stand. At home, you can store the tree in a garage or shed, placing it in a bucket of water. Before you bring the tree inside, cut off an inch from the base to help its uptake of water.

Pet Safety: Make sure that pets cannot drink water from the tree stand. If the tree has been treated with pesticides, there is always the risk that your pets may be harmed. See our [pet health section](#) and [Greenpaws.org](http://Greenpaws.org) for more ways to avoid hazards to pets.

More at: <http://www.nrdc.org/living/stuff/tree-choice-care-and-decorating-tips-holidays.asp>

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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  
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).

*Do not strive to be happy,  
stay on your path,  
happiness will overtake  
you. - Madu*

*If you have a  
favorite joke, why  
not share it with  
our readers. send*

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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](mailto:tgarnett@philabundance.org)).

For more information, go to [www.philabundance.org](http://www.philabundance.org)

## **GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION**

### **Ron Brown Scholar Program**

The Ron Brown Scholar Program is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented, highly motivated African American high school seniors who intend to pursue undergraduate degrees full-time. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The Program honors the late Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce during the Clinton administration. These scholarships are reserved for exceptional individuals who share Brown's traits of excellence, leadership, commitment to public service and a desire to make a difference. In addition, applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Deadline:

January 9, 2012

Info:

<http://www.ronbrown.org>

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### **Gates Millennium Scholar Program**

The 2012 Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) scholarship application is now available. GMS will select 1,000 talented students to receive a "good through graduation" scholarship to use at any college or university of their choice.

Students are eligible to be considered for a GMS scholarship if they:

--Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American

*It was two days before Chanukah and Mr. Feldman, quite downcast, was trudging home. "Where will I get money to buy presents for the holiday?" he asked himself sadly, thinking of his wife and children. On the way, he passed a church, in front of which was a sign: Five Hundred Dollars Cash To Anyone Who Joins This Church Today! Here was the solution to Feldman's problem! He went in, joined, and was given the five hundred dollars as the sign promised. That evening, at supper, he told his family how he had come by his sudden wealth. "And here's the money," he announced grandly, waving the money before them. "Darling," said his wife, "you remember that coat you promised me three years ago? Well it's on sale at Macy's." "How much is it?" "Only a two hundred and fifty dollars, and it's worth at least three hundred and fifty." Feldman peeled off five fifties and gave them to her. The son spoke up. "Pop, for a long time I've been saving up to buy one of those English bikes with ten gear shifts. I already have most of the money, but I need a little more." "How much more?" "One hundred and fifty dollars." Feldman handed over the money. "Daddy," said his teen age daughter, "next week our school is having the most important dance of the whole year. If I don't have a new dress, I'll simply die." (cont.)*

--Are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the USA

--Have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on an un-weighted 4.0 scale or have earned a GED

--Will enroll for the first time at a U.S. located, accredited college or university in the fall of 2012 as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student (with the exception of students pursuing a high school diploma while concurrently enrolled); first-time college enrollees can also be GED recipients

--Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities

--Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria

The application deadline is January 10, 2012 at 11:59 PM EST.

Info:

<http://www.gmsp.com>

## **Open Society Foundations and Echoing Green Launch Black Male Achievement Fellowship**

**NEW YORK** - The Open Society Foundations and Echoing Green announced today a new fellowship program for individuals dedicated to improving the life outcomes of black men and boys in the U.S. It is the first fellowship program of its kind that targets social entrepreneurs who are starting up new organizations in the field of black male achievement.

"We're proud to support innovators working to transform the lives of black men and boys and their communities," said Shawn Dove, Manager of the Open Society Foundations Campaign for Black Male Achievement. "Historically, black males have been prevented from fully engaging in American society due to a host of economic, civic, social, and political barriers. Now for the first time, there's a fellowship program dedicated to providing creative thinkers the space and support they need to tackle this complicated and entrenched problem."

The online application for the Open Society Black Male Achievement Fellowship will be available on December 5, 2011 and closed on January 9, 2012. It will be awarded to eight fellows who are generating new ideas



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*"Don't die Sweetheart.  
How much is the dress?"  
"Only a hundred dollars,  
Daddy dear."  
Feldman handed over the  
remaining twenty five  
dollars, leaned back and  
grinned. "It never fails,"  
he announced. "The  
minute we Gentiles have a  
little money, you Jews take  
it away from us!"*

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favorite relevant  
quote, why not  
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and best practices in the areas of education, family, and work such as initiatives related to fatherhood, mentoring, college preparatory programs, community-building, and supportive wage work opportunities. Fellowships will also be awarded for efforts in the areas of communications and philanthropic leadership.

"The pioneering efforts of social entrepreneurs have real and long-term systemic impacts on society," said Cheryl L. Dorsey, President of Echoing Green. "We're excited to be partners in this new Fellowship program focused on black male achievement. When all segments of our society succeed, we can be much more innovative and competitive as a country."

Echoing Green has run a social entrepreneur fellowship for the past 24 years. Eighty-five percent of their Fellows remain in the social sector in leadership positions after their fellowships have ended. Each BMA Fellow will receive a \$70,000 stipend in start-up capital as well as technical assistance over 18 months to help them launch and build their organizations; access to technical support and pro bono partnerships; community of like-minded social entrepreneurs and public service leaders; and other benefits.

For eligibility and application information, go to:

[www.echoinggreen.org/bma-fellowship](http://www.echoinggreen.org/bma-fellowship)

### **About the Open Society Foundations**

Active in more than 70 countries, the Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. Working with local communities, the Open Society Foundations support justice and human rights, freedom of expression, and access to public health and education.

### **About Echoing Green**

Echoing Green unleashes next generation talent to solve the world's biggest problems. We are a nonprofit social venture fund that identifies, invests in, and supports some of the world's best emerging social entrepreneurs-society's change agents. Because we believe human capital is the most important asset class, and understand the difficulties faced by social innovators who challenge the status quo with bold ideas for a better world, Echoing Green invests deeply in these next generation change agents as well as works to create an ecosystem around them that supports and celebrates social innovation as a high-impact strategy for social change.

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Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...

Kathy's Korner!

*Mrs Oppenheimer decided to get away from the often inclement weather of New York and spend Christmas in the deep South of the USA. Being unfamiliar with that part of the world she wandered into a 'restricted' hotel and said 'Hi. I'm Mrs Oppenheimer and I'd like a room for the next week.' 'I'm very sorry,' said the manager, but all our rooms are taken. Just as he said that a customer came to the desk and unexpectedly checked out. 'How lucky' responded Mrs Oppenheimer, 'Now you have a room for me.' 'Look, I'm very sorry' said the manager, but this is a restricted hotel. Jews are not allowed here. 'Jewish! Whaddya mean Jewish. I happen to be a Catholic.' 'That takes some believing' said the manager. Tell me, who was the Son of God?' 'Jesus.' she replied 'Where was he born?' 'In a stable in Bethlehem..... simply because some Schmuck like you wouldn't rent a room to a Jew.'*

**Kathy's WORD OF THE WEEK DEFINITIONS BY GENDER**

**COMMUNICATION** (ko-myoo-ni-kay-shon) n.

*Female: The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.*

*Male: Leaving a note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys.*

(Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)

## **Building Your Success Team**

By Michael Rice

In America, the first recognized urban networkers were the founding fathers. They were a dedicated group of individuals from different walks of life who were united in purpose and direction. The members included such colorful individuals as John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin (two of them later them president and one who was ambassador to France, the first postmaster and associated with the discovery of electricity. Together they formed a mastermind group aka success team that created the foundation for the most powerful country in the world.

As urban networkers they recognized the power of purpose and teamwork. Today urban networkers also establish success teams. These teams consist of people who share and support each other's goals and values. Urban networkers convene their teams on a regular basis. The meetings are formal or informal yet based in trust, honesty and harmony.

The goals of these meetings are to provide mutual support and encouragement. The membership represents different disciplines and even ways of life. While all the groups have their own unique identity, they share in their spiritual values. Everyone in the group believes in the other's talents and abilities. They agree that only way to truly enjoy success is to work together to achieve it.

“It takes teamwork to make a dream work”

Napoleon Hill, author of “Think and Grow Rich, “describes a success team as something called the Master Mind. He describes it as the “coordination of knowledge and effort, in a spirit of harmony between two or more people for the attainment of a definite purpose. No two minds ever come together without thereby, creating a third invisible intangible force which may be likened to a third mind.... “

Hill compared the human mind to an electric battery, “.a group of brains coordinated (or connected) in a spirit of harmony will provide more thought energy than a single brain, just as a group of batteries will provide more energy than a single battery.”

Herbert Harris, in his book “The Twelve Universal Laws of Success” calls it the highest and most powerful form of relationship with other people. He describes the mastermind principle:

“The Mastermind is the power source that creates directs and guides the universal creation. It is know by many names: God, First Cause, Supreme Being, Supreme Cause, Universal Force, etc. Each of us, every person on the planet, is an individualized expression of this Master Mind. We have the God given power to connect with, and tap into the wisdom,

*You will never leave where you are, until you decide where you'd rather be. - Dexter Yager*

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creative genius and power of this Master Mind...The Mastermind principle embodies the ancient concept that combined energies , intelligence and power of two or more like minded people , is far greater than the sum total of their individual energy, intelligence and power” Both authors agree that the combined power of two or more individuals united together and focused on one purpose is an amazing and unstoppable force.

Want to learn more about how to establish your own success team and build better mutually beneficial relationships in your life?

Join us at the monthly Community Improvement Workshops sponsored by the Coalition and Professional Networking Associates. Michael Rice, Lead Facilitator and CEO for Professional Networking Associates shares principles, strategies and tactics for the new "Urban Networking" in an ongoing workshop series. Call 215-387-2734 or 267-303-0653 for more information

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## **ARTS FOR AWARENESS**

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

**Poetic Vibe:** December 16, 2011 @ The October Gallery, located 6353 Greene Street. Start time is 8pm, also Free for confirmed Performing Poets, and \$10.00 for guests.

December 25, 2011 @ 7165 Lounge, located 7165 Germantown Ave., (the Old North By Northwest.) Start Time 3:30pm. Free for confirmed Performing Poets, and \$10.00 for guests, which includes all U can Eat Vegan Brunch.

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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

*"Most great people have achieved their greatest success just one step beyond their greatest failure." - Napoleon Hill*

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### **Annual Unity Day Celebration**

In Honor of Noble Drew Ali  
(1886-1929)

Community Award Presentations  
Speaker: Wesley Wilson-Bey

Sunday January 8, 2011  
3:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Kingsessing Recreation Center  
49<sup>th</sup> & Kingsessing Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA

More information: Wesley Wilson-Bey/Chairman 215.476.0280

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### **Root Cause and Open Society Foundations Campaign for Black Male Achievement to Launch a Leadership and Sustainability Institute**

BOSTON -To bolster the efforts of advocates and organizations working to improve the life outcomes of black males in the U.S., Root Cause and the Open Society Foundations Campaign for Black Male Achievement are launching a Leadership and Sustainability Institute. The project is meant to strengthen the capacity of the campaign's grantees and other nonprofit organizations working within the field of black male achievement.

"It's going to take decades of effort to make real headway on the many difficult issues that black men and boys in this country face so we are acting with the fierce urgency of now," said Shawn Dove, the Campaign Director of the Campaign for Black Male Achievement. "We're excited to partner with Root Cause on this important legacy:

an institute that provides individuals and organizations working on black males achievement with the tools and support they need to ensure success."

Black men and boys face major racial disparities, unequal



*Success is simply a matter of luck. Ask any failure. – Earl Wilson*

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opportunities, and achievement gaps at nearly every stage in life including early childhood, primary and secondary school, college, and employment.

For example, by 2004, 50 percent of black men in their 20s who lacked a college education were jobless, as were 72 percent of high school dropouts; 42 percent of all black boys have failed an entire grade at least once and only 18 percent of black men ages 20-21 are enrolled in college; the Bureau of Justice Statistics projected that 28 percent of black males in America

will serve some time in state or federal prison.

While over the years numerous leaders, advocates and organizations have

made major strides in improving the life outcomes and achievements of black men and boys, sustaining a strong and consistent multi-decade focus on the issue has been a great struggle.

An 1995 Urban Institute study found that of the 51 programs focused on black men and boys surveyed, after 10 years a quarter no longer existed and less than a quarter still maintained programming focusing on black males. Organizations working in the black male achievement field have

faced, and continue to face, more obstacles compared to the overall nonprofit sector including:

The black male achievement field has been plagued by inconsistent philanthropic support. Organizations often work in isolation from one another, may be working in segregated neighborhoods, and have lower access to networks and resources to help grow their impact. Efforts to coordinate the field are often short term, inconsistent, and unstructured. Available growth and sustainability resources often lack sufficient cultural context or focus on organizations working in this field, and those few service providers that are dedicated to the field are often small, geographically scattered, have inconsistent cash flow, slow growth of impact, and challenges to sustainability.

### **About the Open Society Foundations Campaign for Black Male Achievement**

The Campaign for Black Male Achievement is a multi-issue, cross-fund strategy to address black men and boys' exclusion from economic, social, educational, and political life in the United States. The campaign responds to a growing body of research that reveals the intensification of black males' negative life outcomes. It builds on U.S. Programs' mission to support individuals and organizations that nurture the development of a more democratic, just society, as



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well as the Open Society Foundations' expertise and past work to reduce incarceration, promote racial justice, and support youth engagement and leadership development.

### **About Root Cause**

Founded in 2004, Root Cause began as a small nonprofit consulting practice for innovative nonprofits. Since then, Root Cause has grown to become a nationally recognized organization with 30 team members, an annual budget of \$3 million. Root Cause has developed growth and sustainability plans for more than 130 nonprofit organizations that have subsequently raised more than \$50 million.

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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, [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.

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

*It is a fact that in the right formation, the lifting power of many wings can achieve twice the distance of any bird flying alone. ~Author Unknown*

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and download a copy of the Pledge of Commitment complete, and return it to us  
[the.pa.coalition@gmail.com](mailto:the.pa.coalition@gmail.com)

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.

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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](http://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

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## **America's Original Savings Network**

As amazing as it may sound many people do not realize how easy it is to LEGALLY stop paying for their groceries! This is how the one hour television show began for the company whose website is at:

<http://nofullprices.net>

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Are these manufacturer coupons or coupons that I print on my computer?

A: All of our coupons are actual manufacturer coupons. Fewer and fewer retailers accept coupons that are printed from your computer because of a huge increase in counterfeit coupons. Actual manufacturer coupons which we issue are accepted everywhere that coupons are accepted.

Q: Can these coupons be doubled?

A: Yes. These are manufacturer issued coupons and may be doubled in any store that offers double coupons.

Q: What are the face values and the expiration dates of these coupons?

A: Being manufacturer coupons, the manufacturer determines the face values of the coupons. We currently stock coupons ranging in value from 40 cents to 5.00 dollars. The coupon expiration dates are generally valid for 90 days.

Q: How can I use \$1,000.00 worth of coupons in 90 days?

A: With our program, you get to choose the coupons you want, when you want them. This way you never have to worry about the coupons expiring.

Q: How do I choose the coupons I want?

A: Each coupon book contains coupon request slips which you fill out and send in. Those coupons are then mailed to you.

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## **WORD-OF-THE-WEEK**

**nuptial** \NUHP-shuhl; -chuhl\: Of or pertaining to marriage; done or used at a wedding; as, "nuptial rites and ceremonies."; Of, pertaining to, or occurring in the mating season.

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

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**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](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/empresschi) Or you can tune in via podcast at 646-652-2232

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