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# News From The Coalition, Inc.

"Communication – Cooperation – Collaboration"

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## Greetings Coalition Family!

Happy New Year All! Let us work together to make this a truly NEW year. Stand together to ensure our quality of life is not further threatened. Together we have the strength to effect real and lasting change. This year we will be introducing more ways for our individual strengths to become collective strength. We need your voices and cooperation. Help us help us!

The principles of the Nguzo Saba are to be applied throughout the year, remember...

**Umoja** – Unity = To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

**Kujichagulia**-Self determination= To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

**Ujima** – Collective Work and Responsibility= To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.

**Ujama** – Cooperative economics= To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.

**Nia** – Purpose= To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

**Kuumba** – Creativity= To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than when we inherited it.

**Imani** – Faith= To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

***"One of the most difficult things is not to change society  
- but to change yourself." - Nelson Mandela***

"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**

A cold winter means large utility bills for many that cannot afford them. On the [www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia) under the **Housing/Utilities** parent handout, you will find links to various ways to apply for LIHEAP as well as several other options for utility assistance.

Click here

[http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent\\_handouts/housing\\_utilities.html](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/housing_utilities.html)

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**

With The Name Of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful  
Moorish Unification Council of the World, Inc.

Presents its

**Annual Unity Day Celebration**

In Honor of Noble Drew Ali

(1886-1929)

Community Award Presentations

Speaker: Wesley Wilson-Bey

Sunday January 8, 2011

*The fire you kindle for  
your enemy often burns  
you more than him.  
-- Chinese 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.*

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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### **Interdenominational Citywide Crusade for Peace**

will convene a special  
Pastors and Spiritual Leaders Prayer Brunch meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2012  
11:00 am until 1:00 pm at  
Yesha Fellowship Hall,  
2301 Snyder Avenue,  
Philadelphia, PA 19145,

Where Bishop Darryl Robinson is the Host Pastor. The Steering  
Committee requests your presence for this very special breakfast  
meeting. Your influence, expertise, and wisdom are essential to the moral  
agenda of restoring peace and healing to our communities.

As we continue the dialogue to address the continued violence in our  
city, we are pleased to announce that we will begin discussions  
surrounding an initiative regarding a proclamation for a day of peace,  
healing and prayer in our municipality. This is an awesome opportunity  
and platform for the Pastors and Leaders in our city to unite their  
prophetic voices. Edmond Burke wrote "All that is necessary for the  
triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing".

United we stand and together we must maintain united in the spirit of  
peace.

So that we may prepare for this meeting, please contact us at 215-271-  
4017 or via e-mail at [Crusade4peace@comcast.net](mailto:Crusade4peace@comcast.net).

Please R.S.V.P by Saturday January 7, 2012 to ensure your seat.  
Your attendance is important for this assembly. We really need to come  
together.

Remember that "Coming together is a Beginning, Keeping together is  
Progress, and Working together is Success."

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Join  
**Physicians for Social Responsibility**  
and our partnering organizations for  
Medical School and Health Professionals  
Battle of the Bands at

*Faith is taking the first step  
even when you don't see  
the whole staircase.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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

## World Cafe Live

WHEN: Tuesday January 10, 2012 from 6:30 - 10:30 PM

WHERE: World Cafe Live, 3025 Walnut Street

Come meet Philadelphia area professional students and experience and unforgettable night of fun, music, and a chance to connect with other students at the famous WORLD CAFE LIVE upstairs.

Featuring musical talent from local medical schools and health professionals. Come cheer for your school!

Bands performing include: "Mojo" from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, "The Novack Experience" from Drexel Medical School, Ben Cocchiaro "The White Hat" from Drexel Medical School, and "Jamie Harrison" from Jefferson Medical School.

All professional students are invited including medical, nursing, law, grad students, PA, MPH, etc.

Enjoy snacks and drinks at Happy Hour prices until 8:30... Great food and drink available all night long.

FREE PARKING! Parking lot is below street level.

Any proceeds from the event will support PSR's bullying prevention, environmental health, and restorative justice programs and medical students' initiatives.

[Click here to register.](#)

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## **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORUNITIES**

### **Regional Career Fairs/Events**

Diversity/Professional Job Fair

Thursday, January 12, 2012, 10AM - 2PM

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown,

5th floor, Salons C & D

1201 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19107

<http://www.diversityjobfairs.com>

King of Prussia Job Fair

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 11AM - 2PM

Dolce Valley Forge Hotel

301 West Dekalb Pike

King of Prussia, PA 19406

<http://www.coasttocoastcareerfairs.com>

Mega Career Fair

*He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.*  
*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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Wednesday, January 18, 2011, 10AM – 3PM  
Lincoln Financial Field  
1020 Pattison Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19148  
<http://www.philly.com>

New Jersey South Job Fair  
Thursday, January 26, 2012, 11AM - 2PM  
Holiday Inn-Cherry Hill  
2175 West Marlton Pike  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  
<http://philly.localhires.com>

Job Fair of Philadelphia  
Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 10AM - 1PM  
Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel  
640 West Germantown Pike  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462  
<http://www.catalystcareergroup.com>

Philadelphia Job Fair  
Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 11AM - 2PM  
The CHF Conference Center 315 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
<http://www.coasttocoastcareerfaairs.com> Diversity

Professional Job Fair Monday, March 12, 2012, 10AM - 2PM  
Doubletree Hotel Philadelphia  
237 South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
<http://www.diversityjobfairs.com>

King of Prussia Career Fair  
Monday, March 19, 2012, 11AM - 2PM  
Crowne Plaza Hotel Valley Forge  
260 Mall Boulevard  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
<http://www.nationalcareerfaairs.com>

Healthcare Job Fair  
Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 9:30AM - 2:30PM  
Classes 8AM - 3:30PM  
Expo Center at Oaks

*I submit to you that if a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.*  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **JOIN THE COALITION, INC!**

To join The Coalition go to:

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

100 Station Avenue  
Oaks, PA 19456

<http://events.advanceweb.com>

Philadelphia Career Fair  
Monday, April 23, 2012, 11AM - 2PM

Crowne Plaza

4100 Presidential Boulevard

Philadelphia, PA 19131

<http://www.nationalcareerfairs.com>

## **HEALTH MATTERS**

### **Maximizing your Outcomes**

25 Ways to do better In the New Year

Special Report

With a new year coming soon, everyone is beginning to think about how they can do better in the coming year. Looking back, every experience you had holds valuable insight on how you can increase your effectiveness and your outcomes in 2012. Your history holds the key to your future.

If you don't learn from your past, you are destined to repeat it. In today's E-blast, I am going to provide with 25 ways to increase your value and leverage in the coming year. We are going to focus on your improving business, social, personal relationship success in the coming year. While these tips appear simplistic, they are powerful. Take time to absorb them into your subconscious mind and watch for the results.

### **BUSINESS**

1. Seek excellence not perfection – No one is perfect. However everyone can be better. Focus on increasing your skills and outcomes by a couple degrees at a time and over a short period you will achieve amazing results.
2. Plan your work and work your plan. (Not having a plan is like taking a walk without a destination. Plans have goals and the achievement of goals is the benchmarks of success.)
3. Work smart, not hard (Think about what you need to do, enlist help and identify resources before you start. Your work will be easier and you will have better results.)
4. Talk slowly but think quickly (By speaking slowly, your words have more impact and your communication skills are sharper. While at the same time, your brain is more powerful than any computer. One of the key attributes of a successful person is the ability to make decisions

*History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.*  
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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quickly.)

5. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all your actions.
  6. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?" (Some people want information from you so they can exploit and hurt you. Focus on people's motivations-your views, feeling and ideas should only be shared with those who have your best interest in mind)
  7. When you lose, don't lose the lesson. (Eliminate the word failure from your vocabulary. Instead focus on the lessons you learn and experience you will gain when things don't turn out the way you planned. Take this new knowledge and do better.)
  8. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it. (Face it, everyone makes mistakes. In fact, if you are not making mistakes you are probably not making anything. However, once you realize that you have made a mistake, don't dwell on your error. Quickly resolve the issue and move on.)
  9. Smile when you answer your phone, the caller will hear it in your voice. (Never answer the phone when you are upset or angry, the caller will feel it through the phone. Conversely, smiling will focus your subconscious on the positive feeling and the caller will feel your vibe.)
  10. Be contender, but a pretender. (A contender controls his or her reality by preparing themselves. A pretender attempts to fake their way through without preparation—they are soon exposed.)
  11. Look at problems or setbacks as opportunities. (Problems or setbacks should be viewed as training on how not to do something.)
  12. Always make lemonade out of the lemons. (The secret of successful, effective people is that they view problems as hidden opportunities that they must find)
- Social Life
13. Everything is not for everybody. (Keep business and personal life separate. All people who you consider friends don't make good business partners.)
  14. In order to have good friends you have to be a good friend. (You have to give love in order to attract love. Treat your friends like you would like to be treated)
  15. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship. (Good friends value their agreements over than disagreements)
  16. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want. (Use discretion and good judgment at all times-sleep until you wake up and then get up)
  17. Next time you see a homeless person soliciting change, give them a couple dollars. (What you send out comes back to you.)

*Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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## Love Life

18. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely. (You were blessed with emotions to utilize fully. Loving without passion is like drinking water on hot day and not swallowing.)
19. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk. (Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps)
20. When you say, "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye. (Eye contact reinforces credibility)
21. In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling. (People will eventually forget what the fight was about but they will always remember what you called them)
22. Believe in love at first sight (Your intuition is one of your greatest gifts.)
23. The best relationship is where your love for each other exceeds your need for each other. (Affection and independence trumps neediness and obsession)
24. Remember in relationships, you are in charge of your happiness. (Don't depend on others in order to feel good—depend on yourself)
25. Establish Trust – the foundation of every good relationship is trust. Trust creates the glue that keeps relationships together. Lack of trust is like an acid that dissolves good relationships. Always keep trust at the forefront of your relationships.  
Until the next time keep connecting.....

*Michael Rice*

*Building a network, one relationship at a time*

*[www.theconnectornetwork.com](http://www.theconnectornetwork.com)*

*267-303-0653*

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## GREEN PIECE

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



*Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality. - Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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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](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

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Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...  
Kathy's Korner!

*Band leader to singer:  
'Listen, tonight we're  
going  
to begin the set with 'April  
in Paris', but I want to do it  
a little differently. We'll  
start in the key of G for the  
first four bars, then  
modulate to B-flat for the  
next eight  
bars, change the meter to  
3/4 for six bars, then pick  
up  
the tempo to Allegro for  
twelve bars, then modulate  
to  
F-sharp for eight bars,  
change the meter back to  
4/4 and  
slow down to Rubato for  
four bars, play a tacet for  
four  
bars and modulate up to D-  
flat for the last eight bars.'  
"Hey! Hold on! I can't do  
stuff like that without  
rehearsing it!"  
"Why not? You've been  
doing it all week!"*

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

**COMMITMENT** (ko-mit-  
ment) n.  
*Female: A desire to get  
married and raise a family.  
Male: Trying not to hit on  
other women while out  
with this one.*

(Kathy Parsons is a  
regular contributor.)

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
- 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>

## SpotLight On Our Efforts

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*The past is prophetic in that it asserts loudly that wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows. - Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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### **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 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)

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*When you are right you cannot be too radical; when you are wrong, you cannot be too conservative.*  
*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### **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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### **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*

### **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

### MLK 365 WD SPIRIT LED MINISTRIES

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*20 Responses To Use With Telemarketers*

*1. If they want to loan you money, tell them you just filed for bankruptcy and you could sure use some money.*

*2. If they start out with, "How are you today?" say, "I'm so glad you asked, because no one these days seems to care, and I have all these problems. My arthritis is acting up, my eyelashes are sore, my dog just died . . . "*

*3. If they say they're John Doe from XYZ Company, ask them to spell their name. Then ask them to spell the company name. Then ask them where it is located, how long it has been in business, how many people work there, how they got into this line of work if they are married, how many kids they have, etc. Continue asking them personal questions or questions about their company for as long as necessary.*

*4. This works great if you are male. Telemarketer: "Hi, my name is Judy and I'm with XYZ Company. " You: Wait for a second and with a real husky voice ask, "What are you wearing?"*  
*5. Cry out in surprise, "Judy? Is that you? Oh my God! Judy, how have you been?" Hopefully, this will give Judy a few brief moments of terror as she tries to figure out where she could know you from.*  
*(cont.)*

DUE TO THE FREE LIBRARY BEING CLOSED MON JAN 16, 2012

we have elected to hold the feeding  
Saturday January 14, 2012 @ 9am  
19<sup>th</sup> & Vine Streets.

The population we are feeding frequents the library where heat and bathroom facilities are available.

I pray you are not inconvenienced and can still attend, don't forget 10 sandwiches in a brown bag, we'll bring the water SOUP and the goodies.

\* \* \* Outside PA \* \* \*

### **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 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

6. Say "No" over and over. Be sure to vary the sound of each one, and keep a rhythmic tempo, even as they are trying to speak. Sing in an operatic voice if possible. Or a "Tiny Tim" falsetto. This is most fun if you can do it until they hang up.
7. If MCI calls trying to get you to sign up for the Family and Friends Plan, reply, in as sinister a voice as you can, "I don't have any friends, would you be my friend?"
8. If the company cleans rugs, respond: "Can you get out blood? Can you get out goat blood? How about human blood?"
9. After the Telemarketer gives his or her spiel, ask him or her to marry you. When they get all flustered, tell them that you can't just give your credit card number to a complete stranger.
10. Tell the Telemarketer that you work for the same company, and they can't sell to employees.

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

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*11. Answer the phone. As soon as you realize it is a Telemarketer, set the receiver down, scream, "Oh my God!" and then hang up.*

*12. Tell the Telemarketer you are busy at the moment and ask him/her if he/she will give you his/her home phone number so you can call him/her back. When the Telemarketer explains that telemarketers cannot give out their home numbers say, "I guess you don't want anyone*

*bothering you at home, right?" The Telemarketer will agree and you say, "Me either!" Hang up.*

*13. Ask them to repeat everything they say, several times.*

*14. Tell them it is dinner time, but ask if they would please hold. Put them on your speaker phone while you continue to eat at your leisure. Smack your food loudly and continue with your dinner conversation.*

*15. Tell the Telemarketer you are on "home incarceration" and ask if they could bring you some beer.*

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## **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 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.

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*16. Ask them to fax the information to you, and make up a number.*

*17. Tell the Telemarketer, "Okay, I'll listen to you. But I should probably tell you, I'm not wearing any clothes."*

*18. Insist that the caller is really your buddy Leon, playing a joke. "Come on, Leon, cut it out! Seriously, Leon, how's your momma?"*

*19. Tell them you are hard of hearing and that they need to speak up . . . louder . . . louder . . .*

*20. Tell them to talk very slowly, because you want to write every word down.*

*NOTICE: The above have all been tested and approved for use on telemarketers. No Telemarketers were harmed in the testing.*

### **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.

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[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**

*"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." - John Maxwell*

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

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"Philadelphia's Online Community  
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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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*If the foot should say,  
"Because I am not a hand,  
I do not belong to the  
body," it would not for that  
reason cease to be part of  
the body...*

*If the whole body were an  
eye, where would the sense  
of hearing be? If the whole  
body were an ear, where  
would the sense of smell  
be? 1Corinthians 12:15 &  
17*

Get in where you fit in. Ed.

## WORD-OF- THE-WEEK

**stoic** \STOH-ik\  
(Capitalized). A member of a school of philosophy founded by Zeno holding that one should be free from passion, unmoved by joy or grief, and should submit without complaint to unavoidable necessity. Hence, one who is apparently or professedly indifferent to or unaffected by pleasure or pain, joy or grief; not affected by passion; being or appearing

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pleasure or pain, joy  
or grief.