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## ***In this issue: Keeping Your Team on the Path***

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Nope. We try to report as accurately as humanly possible, but can't be responsible for things like information on other websites, and changes, discrepancies, etc. Read the disclaimer at the end of this letter. The object is to save you time on first-sweep research so that you have more time to do good things, and also to assist you in accessing funding for good works.



### ***What is included in the letter?***

It's all based on what not-for-profits say they need. Basically, we are hearing that it is hard for each organization to devote much manpower to writing grants, let alone finding potential grants and researching background information needed to win them. We also hear that not all of you have big bucks for training, but are interested in high quality experiences for little or no registration fees. Tips and news were also requested.

For the specifics of what's in this e-letter, read on.

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*Here, we pass on timely tips for your organization, and sometimes mini-lessons. Please contribute tips you want to share at [uofbci@utah.gov](mailto:uofbci@utah.gov).*

#### **In this issue:**

Keeping Your Team on the Path, Fair Housing, Fighting Scams, Preview of Future Topics

### **B. NEWS**

The news here is of importance to the nonprofit world, especially in Utah. What are the trends? Who is supporting the work that is important to your organization? What is changing? You can scan items to get a view, and click the link for the whole story.

#### **In this issue:**

Questions for the President, Gates Foundation Looks at Stretching Influence, Partnering, HD TV, Gallop Polls on Family Worries and on the Secondary Effects of Layoffs

### **C. FUNDING, GRANTS AND RESOURCES**

This is an annotated list of some of the best currently available grants and resources. Scan through, to see if there is one that will enrich your organization.

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Converter Box Education and Installation, Youth Gardens, History, Wellness for Children, Healthcare, Film, Film Festivals, Theater, Encore Careers, Alcohol, Housing, Walkable Neighborhoods, Trails and Open Spaces, Homeless Shelters

### **D. AWARDS AND HONORS**

Does your organization deserve recognition? How about individuals who have contributed much? Some opportunities listed in this section will also bring cash awards, trips, publicity and/or free consultation services that will feed your cause.

#### **In this issue:**

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### **E. SPECIAL RESOURCES**

In this section, you will find reports and data that inform your work, but that also provide the hard data needed in writing winning grant proposals. A quick read here will let you know the gist of the report, and links take you to free downloads. Many nonprofit leaders cut and paste to a word processor file the notes on reports that interest them, for quick access. Or, they simply save the entire pdf.

#### **In this issue:**

Gardening, Fitness and Sports, S.T.E.M., Safety, Health, Healthcare Funding, Geography of the Recession, Educational Leadership (assessing leaders), Veterans and Families

### **F. CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS for staff and customers**

We search for training that is free or inexpensive, but high quality. In general, we only report on events that are within geographic reach, though we sometimes let you know of interesting events outside this area that are specifically designed to make your job easier or more effective. If you know of something we have missed, please let us know at [upfbci@utah.gov](mailto:upfbci@utah.gov).

#### **In this issue:**

Child Protection Fair, Gardening Classes and Resources, Youth Leadership Summit, Fellowships/Women's Philanthropy, Save the Date for the Homeless Summit, Scholarships for Religion Classes, Grant Reviewing

## Now, the nitty gritty—plus links:

### A. TIPS (*Timely tips, and sometimes mini-lessons*)

#### ***Keeping Your Team on the Path***

Polls say that Americans are distracted right now, and worried. Some of those distracted, worried Americans are your employees, co-workers and volunteers. So what does that mean to your organization? How can you all possibly still be a focused team, when everyone seems to be off-balance? Just how quickly can you move down the path your organization has chosen, in today's world?

The truth is, when the world is changing fast, there are often new opportunities, which if recognized, can mean real success for your organization and real progress for your cause. The very fact that you have a current, worthwhile cause and a chance to make a difference will help engage your people, build your teams, and make them less distracted.

1. Review, and if necessary, re-vamp your organizational systems. Identify your strengths. Make sure roles are understood and respected.
2. Analyze changes in your community, and find the critical unmet needs (which could be quite different from last year). List community resources that might pertain, and that might help. Now is not the time to duplicate efforts.
3. Call in your best thinkers, and devise a good plan for filling those needs, using your strengths. In your planning, look for others interested in filling those same needs, and plan for partnering. Look for both current and potential partners.
4. Partner up.
5. Check to be sure your business processes are still in order, and compatible with partners' requirements. Ask for help if there are any questions.
6. Remove obstacles and go to work.

*See NEWS, below for examples of how organizations are changing to meet new needs and constraints.*

### **FUTURE ISSUES**

**COMING SOON:** Analyses of change in the nonprofit sector, and tips on stretching dollars even farther.

### **MORE TIPS**

**April is Fair Housing Month:** For more information, go to <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/>  
**Fair Trade Conference April 15:** [www.uaahq.org](http://www.uaahq.org)

## ALERT!

In the bad economy, scams are on the up-rise, and are becoming smoother and more sophisticated. Increasingly, scammers are using the internet and email, with messaging that often looks like the real thing now; no longer can we rely on tell-tale signs alone. Your employees, volunteers and those you serve need more tools to be in the know, and avoid fraud. The **Looks Too Good To Be True.com** website was built to educate the consumer, and has the latest information.

The website was developed and is maintained by a joint federal law enforcement and industry task force. Funding for the site has been provided by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Key partners include the National White Collar Crime Center, Monster.com, Target and members of the Merchants Risk Council.

**Contact:** <http://www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com/>

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**B. NEWS** *(Nonprofit news for Utah.)* [Click link for whole story](#)

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## PLUGGED IN WITH THE PRESIDENT?

Do you have a voice in Washington DC? There is an interactive website where you can ask questions of President Obama: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/OpenForQuestions/>

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## REACHING MORE PEOPLE

The [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) has partnered with [Viacom](#) — the parent company of MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, and BET — to weave education-themed story lines into existing shows and create new shows.

According to Allan C. Golston, president of U.S. programs at the Gates Foundation, working with television producers is a cost-effective way for the foundation to reach more people than it can through direct support of education. "This is a real opportunity for us to do something powerful," Golston told the *Times*. "Scholarships are not enough. There are not enough resources to give scholarships to everyone."

Arango, Tim. Stelter, Brian. ["Messages With a Mission, Embedded in TV Shows."](#) New York Times 4/02/09.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/25/us/politics/25charity.html?\\_r=1&sq=strom&st=cse&adxnnl=1&scp=1&adxnnlx=1237989943-gVB74g3BEjLUjpUzE0U5iw](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/25/us/politics/25charity.html?_r=1&sq=strom&st=cse&adxnnl=1&scp=1&adxnnlx=1237989943-gVB74g3BEjLUjpUzE0U5iw)

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## PARTNERING AND TAKING A NEW PATH

Several of the country's largest Jewish foundations and organizations have banded together to form a new nonprofit, Repair the World, aimed at creating a Jewish social service movement. The partnering is inspired both by the need for charities to band together to be effectual with limited funding, and because the Jewish nonprofit world has seen an upsurge recently in new service opportunities, with thousands of young Jews spending time through Hillel and the Jewish federation system volunteering in the post-Katrina rebuilding effort in New Orleans. That trend, paired with President Obama's call for a renewed focus on social service, has led some Jewish leaders to see this as the right time to catalyze a new Jewish social service movement.

Repair the World will also help develop materials for Jewish participants in nonsectarian programs, such as Teach for America, and initiate an intensive marketing campaign to encourage young Jews to take part in service.

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**The TV Converter Box Coupon Program** has been funded once again. The program is now accepting applications for free coupons for \$40 off the price of converter box for continued reception of television sets connected to antennas or rabbit ears. This goes for consumers who have not applied before, as well as consumers whose coupons expired without being redeemed. Consumers with expired coupons have to re-apply.

The new coupons will expire 90 days after the date of application. The Program has completed processing approved coupon applications that were placed on a waiting list beginning in January 2009. June 12, 2009 is the last date for analog transmission. Consumers may apply for coupons until July 31, 2009 or as long as funds last. However, consumers are urged to apply soon for the coupons, because it may take time to install the converter box and resolve all reception issues. Help with installation issues is available at [www.dtv.gov](http://www.dtv.gov) or 1-888-CALL FCC (1-888-225-5322). There is a website that was developed in Virginia that is useful: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable) and click on DTV information.

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### **SECOND-HAND EFFECTS OF LAYOFFS**

A new Gallup analysis finds that worry about money is far greater among U.S. workers whose companies are reducing the size of their workforces (50%) compared to those whose companies are either keeping their workforces steady (35%) or hiring (30%). <http://www.gallup.com/poll/116458/Layoffs-Second-Hand-Effects-Working.aspx>

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### **FAMILY FINANCIAL WORRIES**

Gallup pollsters find that debt and money are now the top family financial worries. While 14% mentioned healthcare concerns a year ago, that has slipped to 8%.

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## **C. FUNDING, GRANTS & RESOURCES** *(Annotated list of some currently available grants and resources.)*

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### **GRANTS FOR CONVERTER BOX EDUCATION**

FCC will have some stimulus money to **grant** to agencies working to help consumers know how to apply for and install TV converter boxes. Please watch the FCC website for announcements of these grant opportunities; at this point, no one is quite sure how soon the offering will come out.

**Contact:** <http://www.fcc.gov/>

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### **CHILDREN / HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

[Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc.](http://www.buildabear.com) is accepting grant applications as part of its "Grants for Pawsome Causes." In the company's twelve-year history it has donated over \$20 million to organizations that support families, children, animals, and the environment, including the donation of thousands of stuffed animals to comfort children in need.

The goal is to provide grants to help programs that are working hard to make the world a healthier and happier place for kids. Grants provide direct support for children in the areas of health and wellness, for example, childhood disease research foundations, child safety organizations, and organizations that serve children with special needs.

Champ-A Champion Fur Kids grants for children's health and wellness are awarded twice each year to specific programs with **measurable outcomes**.

**Deadlines: at the end of April, July, and the end of October.**

**Contact:** <http://www.buildabear.com/aboutus/community/grants/>

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## HEALTH CARE

Through its Regional Community Health Grants Program, the [Aetna Foundation](#) will award grants in support of philanthropic initiatives focused on fighting obesity and increasing health literacy in selected communities across the United States. Salt Lake City is one of these targeted areas. Please contact grantor to inquire about projects outside Salt Lake City but in Salt Lake County.

The obesity proposal category seeks to fund community-based health education, prevention, and early detection efforts aimed at fighting obesity. Health Literacy proposals must incorporate and/or demonstrate impact in one or more of the following: plain language approach to communications; public education and awareness programs; and/or training and education for health care professionals, staff, and patients. Only nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply. Grant requests ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 will be considered.

The Aetna Foundation is also accepting applications for its Healthy Community Outreach Program. Awards will be granted to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations to support grassroots efforts that increase awareness of critical health initiatives through health walks, health fairs, and health education outreach. Grants of up to \$25,000 will be considered.

Consult the Aetna Web site for complete program guidelines.

**Deadline: 3:00 p.m. July 15, 2009**

**Contact:** [http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants\\_reg/index.html](http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants_reg/index.html)

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## YOUTH GARDENS / NUTRITION / HUNGER

Healthy Sprouts Awards, given through the [National Gardening Association](#) and sponsored by [Gardener's Supply Company](#), supports health-focused youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States.

To be eligible for the 2009 Healthy Sprouts Awards, a school or organization must plan to garden in 2010 with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. The selection of winners is based on the demonstrated relationship between the garden program and nutrition and hunger issues in the United States.

In 2009, the program will present awards to twenty schools or organizations. Each recipient program will receive gardening supplies and resources, including gift certificates toward the purchase of gardening materials from Gardener's Supply. The top five programs will each receive a certificate valued at \$500; fifteen more programs will each receive a \$200 gift certificate.

**Deadline: October 17, 2009**

**Contact:** <http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp>

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## SAVE OUR HISTORY / HISTORY ORGANIZATIONS & SCHOOLS OR YOUTH

A total of \$250,000 will be awarded to history organizations that partner with schools or youth groups on preservation projects that engage school-age children in learning about, documenting, and preserving the history of their communities....

**Deadline: June 5, 2009**

**Contact:** <http://www.history.com/minisites/saveourhistory/>

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## FILM

The National Film Preservation Foundation's Summer Grants program provides grants to allow nonprofit and public archives to conduct film preservation work at laboratories and post-production houses donating services to the NFPF.

The program awards grants between \$3,000 to \$18,000 each in cash and/or laboratory services. The NFPF will match grantees with laboratories and post-production houses based on the type of work requested by the archive.

**Registration Deadline: May 26, 2009**

**Application Deadline: July 10, 2009**

**Grant Period: September 1, 2009 to November 1, 2010**

Contact: <http://www.filmpreservation.org/> and click on Summer Grants

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## FILM FESTIVAL GRANTS

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will award grants of up to \$30,000 to festivals occurring during the 2010 calendar year. While the grants are awarded for a variety of programs, film festivals are encouraged to submit proposals that make festival events more accessible to the general public, provide greater access to minority and less visible filmmakers, and help strengthen the connection between the filmmaker and the public.

**Deadline: July 1, 2009**

Contact: <http://www.oscars.org/education-outreach/grants/filmfestival/index.html>

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## THEATER

**Theatre Communications Group**, a national membership organization that works to strengthen, nurture, and promote the professional not-for-profit American theater, and the **MetLife Foundation** have announced the A-ha! Program to provide grants to TCG member theaters working on creative new approaches to artistic, managerial, production, and/or technological challenges.

The MetLife/TCG A-ha! Program will support creative thinking and action in two ways: Think It grants (up to \$25,000 each) are designed to give theater professionals the time and space for research and development; Do It grants (up to \$50,000 each) will support the implementation and testing of new ideas.

Applicants must be members of the TCG. To see what that involves, visit

<http://www.tcg.org/about/membership/index.cfm>

**Deadline: On line registration, May 15, 2009**

Contact: [http://www.tcg.org/grants/aha/aha\\_index.cfm](http://www.tcg.org/grants/aha/aha_index.cfm)

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## PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL USE IN YOUTH / VEHICLE SAFETY

State Farm and Mothers Against Drunk Driving will award fifteen grants of up to \$1,000 each to teachers, school-based service-learning coordinators, and community organizations working to promote vehicle safety and prevent alcohol use among youth between the ages of 5 and 25.

**Deadline: April 20, 2009**

Contact: <http://www.pyppm.org/grants/>

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## ENCORE CAREERS / COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Up to 8 grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to community colleges in the United States working to develop innovative programs for students age 50 and older seeking encore careers in education, healthcare, nonprofit leadership, and the environment.

**Deadline: April 24, 2009**

Contact: <http://www.civicventures.org/communitycolleges/>

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## **HOUSING / RESEARCH ON WELL-BEING OF FAMILIES**

Grants of up to \$1 million will be awarded to individuals affiliated with a nonprofit and engaging in a one, two, or three year study on how housing affects the well-being of families, children, communities, and their local economies.

**Deadline: April 17, 2009 (Brief Summary)**

**Contact:**

[http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.5012475/k.13E6/Call\\_for\\_Proposals\\_How\\_Housing\\_Matters.htm](http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.5012475/k.13E6/Call_for_Proposals_How_Housing_Matters.htm)

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## **WALKING NEIGHBORHOODS**

The **Highway Safety Research Center** has funding available for up to ten communities or neighborhoods to pilot test the use of "**A Resident's Guide for Creating Safe and Walkable Communities**", a newly developed guidebook that details ways to improve pedestrian safety and the walkability of local neighborhoods. The guide is downloadable at <http://www.walkinginfo.org/library/details.cfm?id=4163> . On the HSRS site is ample related information.

Each selected pilot site will be provided \$2,000 as well as technical assistance from pedestrian safety experts. Only government agencies and other not-for-profit organizations and neighborhood groups (e.g., PTAs, homeowner's associations, advocacy groups, etc.) are eligible to apply. Project funds will not be awarded to individuals.

Organizations should be aware that this grant requires substantial participation; it is best for organizations that are developing walkability in their communities presently, and desire advice and support to do so.

HSRC will conduct a pre-award conference call on Friday, May 1, 2009 at 1PM ET (11:00 a.m. Mountain Time) to offer applicants an overview of the RFP as well as answer questions from applicants.

**Deadline: May 29, 2009**

**Contact:** [http://www.walkinginfo.org/res\\_guide/index.cfm](http://www.walkinginfo.org/res_guide/index.cfm)

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## **GREENWAYS / TRAILS / OPEN SPACES**

The **Conservation Fund**, in partnership with **Eastman Kodak** and the **National Geographic Society**, provides small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities across the United States. The annual grants program is designed to help establish a national network of greenways.

The program also honors groups and individuals whose ingenuity and creativity foster the creation of greenways. (See the Awards section of this newsletter, below.)

Awards will be made primarily to local, regional, or statewide nonprofit organizations. Public agencies may also apply. Most grants will range from \$500 to \$1,000 each. The maximum grant amount is \$2,500.

Applications may be submitted from March 31 through June 30 of each calendar year. See the Conservation Fund Web site for complete application guidelines.

**Deadline: June 30, 2009**

**Contact:** [http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak\\_awards](http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards)

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## HOMELESS SHELTERS

Every October, the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation observes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month by awarding grants to deserving women's shelters across the United States. In 2008, the Foundation awarded \$20,000 grants to more than 150 women's shelters across the nation for a total of \$3 million. Each year, the Foundation awards a grant to at least one shelter in every state. When a shelter receives a grant, it must wait at least one year before re-applying.

The application is not complicated.

**Deadline: Tuesday, June 30, 2009**

**Contact:** <http://www.mkacf.org/Pages/ShelterGrantProgram.aspx>

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## D. AWARDS AND HONORS *(Recognition—some with resources.)*

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### AWARDS / NONPROFIT PROFESSIONALS

ARNOVA (Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action) is accepting nominations for its 2009 awards. Awards will be presented at the 38th ARNOVA Annual Conference, November 19-21, 2009, in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Deadline: May 15, 2009**

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### AWARD / EDUCATION / INNOVATION

The Grawemeyer Award in Education is designed to stimulate the dissemination, public scrutiny, and implementation of ideas that have potential to bring about significant improvement in educational practice and advances in educational attainment. The award is intended not only to reward the individuals responsible, but also to draw attention to their ideas, proposals, or achievements.

The \$200,000 prize is paid in five annual installments of \$40,000. Self-nomination is not allowed. Ideas or achievements must have been presented or published in the recent past.

**Deadline: April 30, 2009** (Nomination letter and accompanying documents)

**Contact:** <http://grawemeyer.org/education/>

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### URBAN JOURNALISM / HOUSING / CHILD CARE

Excellence in Urban Journalism Award

The annual award, offered in partnership with The Freedom Forum, encourages and recognizes quality reporting on major issues facing the nation's urban areas, particularly inner cities. The award is open to professional journalists who work in a variety of formats and submissions may be made by individuals or teams. Two winners will be selected and each will receive an award and a check for \$2,500.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Housing Community development
- Homelessness
- Child care
- Disasters that have left people homeless and communities destroyed (e.g., Hurricane Katrina)

**Postmark deadline is June 30, 2009**

**Contact:**

[http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/programs/awards\\_and\\_fellowships/awards/excellence\\_in\\_urban\\_journalism\\_award/](http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/programs/awards_and_fellowships/awards/excellence_in_urban_journalism_award/)

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## GREENWAYS / TRAILS / OPEN SPACES

The Conservation Fund and Kodak accept nominations of individuals, organizations, corporations and public agencies that should be recognized for outstanding achievement related to the creation of greenways, blueways, trails and open space systems throughout America. The recipients of the Kodak American Greenways Awards Program will be invited to attend an awards ceremony at the National Geographic Society Headquarters in Washington DC. The program typically honors 3-4 awardees each year.

**Deadline: June 30, 2009**

**Contact:** [http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak\\_awards](http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards)

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## E. SPECIAL RESOURCES *(Reports and data. Most download for free.)*

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### GARDENING

Will you be engaged in community or youth gardening this year? Wasatch Community Gardens is a wonderful resource. Starting right away are useful classes in drip irrigation, compost basics and solar cooking—and their plant sale is coming soon. Visit their website for details, registration (classes fill quickly) and information.

**Contact:** [www.wasatchgardens.org](http://www.wasatchgardens.org)

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### YOUTH / FITNESS AND SPORTS

The Annie E. Casey Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation have funded a new study that could help if you are appealing for funds for youth sports and activities. ***Learning to Play and Playing to Learn: Organized Sports and Educational Outcomes*** is based on a literature review and interviews. It includes numerous references to other studies, and explores how participation in organized sports affects children's academic achievement. It addresses benefits, including motivation, life skills, and peer networks, as well as challenges and recommendations.

**Contact:** <http://www.teamupforyouth.org/> and click on “new report” under Youth Sports and Educational Success.

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### STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH)

The [X Prize Foundation](http://www.xprizefoundation.org/) has announced a partnership with the [U.S. Department of Energy](http://www.energy.gov/) and [Discovery Education](http://www.discovery.com/education/) to create an online knowledge center aligned with the [Progressive Automotive X Prize](http://www.xprizefoundation.org/).

The new online hub, [FuelOurFutureNow.com](http://www.fuelourfuturenow.com/), is designed to spark students' curiosity in science, technology, engineering, and math, through investigating the science of alternative fuels and energy-efficient engineering. The fledgling site will provide a targeted curriculum and lesson plans for all grade levels, along with video, dynamic interactives, and additional resources from the Department of Energy.

<http://www.fuelourfuturenow.com/>

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### HEALTHCARE / FUNDING

Looking for data on healthcare costs, how your organization might help, and reasons for funders to help you? A new report from the Kaiser Foundation examines how healthcare costs affect families and employers, why healthcare costs outpace economic growth and how to address it.

**Download:** <http://www.kff.org/> Go to the section Costs/Insurance, and click on Health Care Costs: A Primer. Also at this site: Many more reports and data sources.

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## **SAFETY**

Rocky Mountain Power is offering both presentations and free materials on safety, for community groups and schools.

<http://www.rockymountainpower.net/Homepage/Homepage35891.html>

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## **HEALTH**

Quality health research and publications are at <http://www.rwjf.org/pr/>

A wealth of information and data on health reform is at:

<http://www.rwjf.org/healthreform/index.jsp?topicid=1471>

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## **INTERACTIVE MAP: Geography of the Recession**

Job losses have been most severe in the areas that experienced a big boom in housing, those that depend on manufacturing and those that already had the highest unemployment rates. (Updated March 19 with January data.)

[http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/03/us/20090303\\_LEONHARDT.html?ref=business](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/03/us/20090303_LEONHARDT.html?ref=business) (Click on one-year change to see current data)

Related Article [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/04/business/04leonhardt.html?\\_r=2](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/04/business/04leonhardt.html?_r=2)

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## **EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP / EVALUATION**

“ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SCHOOL LEADERS”

<http://www.wallacefoundation.org/KnowledgeCenter/KnowledgeTopics/CurrentAreasofFocus/EducationLeadership/Documents/Assessing-the-Effectiveness-of-School-Leaders.pdf>

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## **VETERANS AND FAMILIES**

A comprehensive list of resources for veterans and their families is at:

<http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?parentFolderId=156>

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## **F. CONFERENCES, TRAINING & WORKSHOPS for staff and customers**

*(Free or inexpensive—or scholarships.)*

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### **CHILD PROTECTION FAIR**

FREE (but please bring a non-perishable food item to donate if you can): Includes many opportunities for staff working with children as well as for families: free hot dogs and snacks, child ID kits, \$5 bike helmets while they last, a bike safety rodeo, car seat safety, fire truck and ambulance tours, immunizations, and much information.

Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Midvale Boys and Girls Club, 7631 S. Chapel St. (415 W), Midvale, UT

For more information, contact Lori, 801-558-8616

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## **YOUTH / SERVICE**

### **Youth Leadership Summit**

What can the youth in our communities and the State of Utah accomplish in the world of service...the possibilities are endless!

The Utah Commission on Volunteers is pleased to announce the Eleventh Annual Lieutenant Governor's Youth Leadership Summit, June 16 - 18, 2009 at Weber State University. You are invited to send a team of five youth and one adult from your organization to participate in this year's event. The Youth Leadership Summit is a fun-filled, three-day retreat designed to foster leadership skills, a desire to serve, and civic engagement in youth.

For more information, please visit the website. Online registration will be made available April 13, 2009. Keep up to date on conference activities by visiting the Utah Commission on Volunteers website at [www.volunteers.utah.gov](http://www.volunteers.utah.gov).

If you know of anyone who may be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please pass this information along!

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## **FELLOWSHIP IN WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY**

A fellowship of \$2,500 will be awarded to a doctoral candidate whose primary research focus is in the area of women's philanthropy or gender differences in philanthropic behavior and giving.

**Deadline:** April 30, 2009

**Contact:** <http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/PhilanthropicServices/WPI/>

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## **HOMELESS SUMMIT – SAVE THE DATE**



October 14, 2009

Tour of Grace Mary Manor

(Permanent Supportive Housing that is saving money for the community, and giving homeless individuals a chance to change their lives)

**Meet at Grace Mary Manor**

October 15, 2009

**8:00 AM – 4:30 PM/Registration 7:30 AM**

6th Annual Homeless Summit

Sheraton Hotel, SLC, Utah

Questions? Contact Sheryl Featherstone at 801-538-8722

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## SCHOLARSHIP / RELIGION CLASSES

The [Religion Newswriters Association](#), a journalism association for people who write about religion in the mainstream news media, has announced the Lily Scholarship, which provides up to \$5,000 to full-time journalists taking college religion courses, regardless of whether or not they currently cover religion on their beat.

**Deadline: April 1, 2009 July 1, and October 1, 2009**

**Contact:** <http://www.rna.org/scholarships.php>

## GRANT REVIEWERS

The Office of Community Services (OCS) is announcing several new [funding opportunities](#) and needs expert reviewers with a broad array of direct community development experience to review grant applications.

Benefits of acting as a grant reviewer include:

- Working with Federal officials
- Building new relationships with professional peers
- Learning about preparing quality grant applications
- Gaining a full understanding of the review process

**Please note: To avoid conflict of interest, individuals from organizations that are applying for OCS funding this year will not be accepted as reviewers for those funding opportunities.**

**Contact:** <https://rrm.grantsolutions.gov/ocs/index.htm>



## Here's the fine print:

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