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1. Just read through, for ways to grow your organization, or make it stronger, or **find more grants**.
2. Register, and complete our survey, so that we know what topics you would like us to address.
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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. to happen. 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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**A. TIPS**

*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:**

Connection: Help for Single Moms  
Hunger/Rural Issues  
Hurricane Relief

## **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.*

Jobs  
Warning from RWJ Foundation  
of Scam  
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Progress Against Homelessness

## **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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Education/Science  
Theater/Arts  
Music  
Classroom Quality  
Community-based Health Care  
Service-Learning  
Museums

## **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.*

Progress Against Domestic Abuse

## **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.*

*New Reports and Data on:*

Race/Ethnicity  
Effects of Losing Health Insurance

## **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 [upfbcj@utah.gov](mailto:upfbcj@utah.gov).*

Homeless Summit  
Fellowship in Health Policy

## Now, the nitty gritty—plus links.

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

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#### **Connections:**

The nonprofit, People Helping People, invites you and women you know to attend their Saturday sessions, designed to help single moms to qualify for, get, and keep better jobs. They are open to new participants, and to those who will volunteer to give classes and to mentor women.

Saturday, October 4, is a good time to start with orientation and workshops. There is a continental breakfast at 8:30, and workshops until 12:30pm at 205 North 400 West, North Entrance! Please arrange for babysitting; dress is casual.

**Contact:** Kayleen Simmons, People Helping People, 801- 583-4175, [ksimmons@phputah.org](mailto:ksimmons@phputah.org) .

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#### **WEB TREASURE**

Are you involved in the fight against **hunger**? **In rural issues**? USDA outlines some great resources at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/grants.htm>

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**HOW TO VOLUNTEER OR DONATE RESOURCES** for recovery efforts regarding Hurricane Gustav, Hanna and Ike: Please email us, [uofbci@utah.gov](mailto:uofbci@utah.gov) , as the list is long. If you are on our regular list, you may have already received this information in an email.

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

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#### **JOBS**

Are you helping people find good jobs? The US Census will be hiring! Check out newest job opportunities website. <http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs.gov>

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The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** has issued the following **warning**:

It has come to our attention that individuals and organizations in the United States and elsewhere may have received an e-mail invitation, purporting to be on behalf of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, to participate in a "6th International Training Workshop of NGO/CBO," and requesting funds for a registration fee to be transferred to a "Dr. Norman Trevor" in Togo, West Africa.



**Please be advised: There is no such conference or "Summit" as described in the e-mail, sent by a "Mrs. Susanna Bolton." This is a fraudulent e-mail campaign using the Foundation's name without our consent.**

We have demanded that "Mrs. Bolton" and "Dr. Trevor" cease and desist in this unauthorized use of our name and logo, both of which are registered trademarks. Because RWJF is not connected with the symposium in any way, do not send money or passport information to "Dr. Trevor."

**David Morse**

Vice President, Communications  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

You have received this e-mail alert because you have elected to receive information from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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**AmeriCorps**

If you plan to apply or reapply for AmeriCorps funding, you **MUST** attend a Technical Assistance meeting. We have included an announcement and schedule under section **C. FUNDING, GRANTS & RESOURCES** below.

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Utah is recognized as a national leader in the fight against **homelessness**. There will be some powerful information at the Homeless Summit. See section F. Conferences, below.

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

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**2008 – 2009 AmeriCorps Funding Opportunity**

The Utah Commission on Volunteers announces the availability of funding for the operation of AmeriCorps programs. AmeriCorps provides support to nonprofits, community organizations, and public agencies committed to meeting critical needs in education, public safety, health, youth services, homelessness issues and the environment. Grantees and sponsoring organizations are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and managing members. Program operation will begin in fall 2009.

The application process will be explained in detail in mandatory AmeriCorps Funding Technical Assistance Meetings. Those interested in applying must attend one meeting:

**October 21** – 1:00 – 3:00 @ 324 South State #500, Salt Lake City, Utah  
**October 24** – 1:00 – 3:00 @ Grand Center: 182 North 500 West; Moab, Utah  
**October 29** – 1:00 – 3:00 @ Six County AOG Training Room, 250 North Main: Richfield, UT  
**November 3** – 1:00 – 3:00 @ Professional Development Center RM A, 1950 Monroe Blvd; Ogden, Utah  
**November 10** – 1:00 – 3:00 @ Five County AOG: 1070 West 1600 South Building B; St. George, Utah

To reserve a space, please call LaDawn Stoddard @ 538-8646  
email [ldstoddard@utah.gov](mailto:ldstoddard@utah.gov).

AmeriCorps information [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)  
UCOV information [www.volunteers.utah.gov](http://www.volunteers.utah.gov)

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### TOYOTA TAPESTRY GRANTS – EDUCATION/SCIENCE/YOUTH

A partnership between Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. Inc. and the National Science Teachers



Association, the Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers program offers grants to K–12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district. 50 large grants and a minimum of 20 mini-grants, totaling \$550,000 in all, will be awarded this year. To apply for funding, qualified teachers must write a Toyota TAPESTRY proposal according to the proposal requirements. The deadline for the completion of the online application is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, January 21, 2009. Recipients of Toyota TAPESTRY grants will be notified by March 4, 2009. Non-recipients will be notified by May 31, 2009.

See: <http://tapestry.nsta.org/>

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### THEATER/THE ARTS

Two-year grants of up to \$76,000 in matching funds will be awarded to emerging leaders and theaters in the Future Leaders and Future Audiences programs, which working to encourage future leaders in all areas of theater and strengthen awareness of the arts

**Deadline:** October 6, 2008 (Online Registration)



**Contact:** [http://www.tcg.org/grants/newgen/newgen\\_index.cfm](http://www.tcg.org/grants/newgen/newgen_index.cfm)

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## MUSIC

Grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded through the National Endowment for the Arts to nonprofits, state, or local governments and federally recognized tribal communities or tribes conducting chamber music performances in conjunction with educational activities.

**Deadline:** October 10, 2008

**Contact:** <http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/AMChamber.html>

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## Measurement of Classroom Quality

The William T. Grant and Spencer foundations will support a small group of research projects, one to three years in duration, with award amounts ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 each, including all direct and indirect costs, for studies on the improvement of measurement of classroom quality. The foundations will consider several types of proposals as specified on their website.

**Deadline:** November 3, 2008

**Contact:** [http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url5243/info-url\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=646411](http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url5243/info-url_show.htm?doc_id=646411)

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## Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program

is federal grant to stimulate innovative community-based programs that employ prevention strategies to promote access to health care for children and their families nationwide. HTPC funding supports direct service projects, not research projects. Eleven grants averaging \$50,000 each are anticipated. Rural Assistance Center (RAC) has more complete information at [http://www.raonline.org/funding/funding\\_details.php?funding\\_id=986](http://www.raonline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=986)

**Deadline:** Oct 9, 2008

**Or Contact:** Grants.gov, CFDA 93.110



## SERVICE-LEARNING



Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to teachers, professors, and others in the U.S. or Canada working to coordinate service-learning projects in schools or universities. This is the State Farm Good Neighbor grant.

**Deadline:** October 15, 2008

**Contact:**

<http://servenet.org/Toolkit/ContentManagement/ServiceWireNews/tabid/122/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/750/Default.aspx>

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## MUSEUMS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is offering “Museums for America” grants. Museums for America is the Institute’s largest grant program for museums, supporting projects and ongoing activities that build museums’ capacity to serve their communities. The grants strengthen a museum’s ability to serve the public more effectively by supporting high-priority activities that advance the institution’s mission and strategic goals. Museums for America grants are designed to be flexible: funds can be used for a wide variety of projects, including: ongoing museum work, research and other behind-the-scenes activities, planning, new programs, purchase of equipment or services, and activities that will support the efforts of museums to upgrade and integrate new technologies. Grants are awarded in the following categories: Engaging Communities (Education, Exhibitions, and Interpretation); Building Institutional Capacity (Management, Policy, and Training); and Collections Stewardship.

**Contact:** [http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/pdf/MFA\\_2009.pdf](http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/pdf/MFA_2009.pdf)

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

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### DOMESTIC ABUSE

The [Mary Byron Foundation](http://www.marybyronfoundation.org) created the Celebrating Solutions Awards to showcase and applaud local innovations that demonstrate promise in breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

**Deadline: October 17, 2008**

**Contact:** [http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/work\\_solutions.html](http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/work_solutions.html)

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

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### Data

There is a new report on **Racial and Ethnic Composition of the Population with changes and trends, 2000-2007**, downloadable at [http://www.rupri.org/Forms/race\\_ethnicity.pdf](http://www.rupri.org/Forms/race_ethnicity.pdf) .

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**New Report** from the Commonwealth Fund:

### **LOSING GROUND: HOW THE LOSS OF ADEQUATE HEALTH INSURANCE IS BURDENING WORKING FAMILIES**

This includes the Biennial Health Insurance Surveys, 2001-2007—lots of great data to help you make your case for funding health programs.

**Downloadable at**

[http://www.commonwealthfund.org/usr\\_doc/Collins\\_losinggroundbiennialsurvey2007\\_1163.pdf?section=4039](http://www.commonwealthfund.org/usr_doc/Collins_losinggroundbiennialsurvey2007_1163.pdf?section=4039)

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

(Free or inexpensive—or scholarships.)

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### HOMELESSNESS

The Fifth Annual Homeless Summit will provide information and training on issues pertaining to homeless populations. There is an impressive set of presenters this year, and valuable sessions. Scan the agenda for issues that reach beyond homelessness—this is a quality event for very little cost.

Go to <http://housing.utah.gov/scso/index.html> for an agenda and online registration.

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### Fellowship in Health Policy, from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

*Application Deadline: Nov. 14, 2008*

The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows* program provides the nation's most comprehensive experience at the nexus of health science, policy and politics in Washington D.C. The fellowship is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional midcareer health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and health care policy. Fellows experience and participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care and health policy.

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20507&c=EMC-FA135>

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### Here's the fine print:

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*Please be advised that:*

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