

UTAH OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



OPPORTUNITIES and POSSIBILITIES LIST

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One goal of the Utah Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is to help Utah organizations to access funding and other resources for the benefit of Utahns. This e-letter can help. You can reach us at uofbci@utah.gov.

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Notice: You may register to continue receiving this newsletter, for free, and at the same time will be able to tell us what issues you hope we will address (and what kind of grants you would like to see listed) by simply checking a box or writing a line. Go to (or just click for the link):

<http://housing.utah.gov/uofbci/subscribe.html> (New address for this)

A. TIPS

Three good training opportunities are coming right up: The Utah Conference on Service in Provo April 29-30, Bridges Out of Poverty One-Day Training May 6 in the Salt Lake area, and Grant Training Workshop May 12-13 in St. George. Check out the details in Section F of this newsletter, CONFERENCES, TRAINING & WORKSHOPS for staff and for customers.

B. NEWS



Website for Utah Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives!

Visit our new site at <http://housing.utah.gov/uofbci/index.html>

Be sure to click on Related Links

<http://housing.utah.gov/uofbci/links.html> for helpful information from others.

White House Special Assistant Jedd Medefind in Provo, April 30

Salt Lake City, Utah - Jedd Medefind, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, will speak in Provo next week about President Bush's efforts to strengthen America's nonprofits.

Medefind is the keynote speaker at the Commission on Volunteers 2008 conference, "Service~The Sweet Life," an annual event to promote volunteerism.

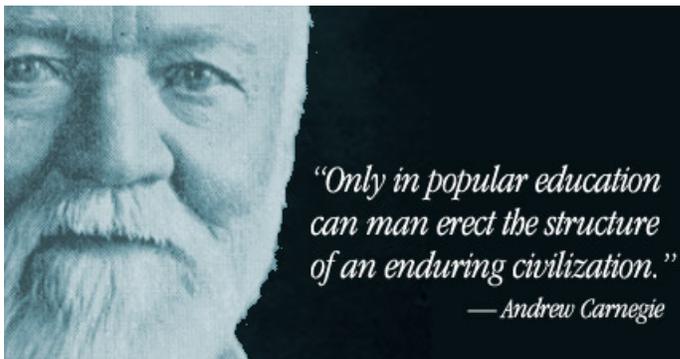
More than 350 charities, service groups and volunteers are expected to attend the April 29-30 conference at the Provo Marriott Hotel.

As Special Assistant to the President, Medefind helps spearhead an initiative described by President Bush as a "determined attack on need." The initiative aims to grow collaboration between government and front-line charities to engage social ills more effectively.

Previously, he served as Chief of Staff in the California State Legislature and led the California Community Renewal Project. Medefind has spent time in more than 30 countries and has served with aid and development groups in Guatemala, Bangladesh, the Kingdom of Lesotho and other countries.

For a conference agenda, visit: www.volunteers.utah.gov

English Language Learning



Carnegie Corporation has given the [Center for Applied Linguistics](http://www.cal.org/), Washington, DC, a two-year grant of \$389,600 for exemplary programs for newcomer English-language learners at the secondary level.



<http://www.cal.org/>

C. FUNDING & RESEARCH SUPPORT

Children's Dental Health

The [ADA Foundation](http://www.ada.org/ada/adaf/grants/harris.asp) invites applications for the Samuel Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health, a permanent endowment fund dedicated to improving children's oral health.

The Harris Fund will award competitive grants of up to \$5,000 each to applicants whose oral health promotion programs are designed to improve and maintain children's oral health through community education and outreach programs. In 2008, a total of \$325,000 will be available for program grants.

<http://www.ada.org/ada/adaf/grants/harris.asp>



[Habitat for Humanity International](http://www.habitat.org/newsroom/2008archive/03_21_08_Home_Depot.aspx) and the Atlanta-based [Home Depot Foundation](http://www.home-depot.com) have announced a five-year, \$30 million national green building initiative.



The Partners in Sustainable Building program will work to provide funding and resources to help Habitat affiliates build at least five thousand energy-efficient homes — roughly 17 percent of all the single- and multi-family homes Habitat will build over that period.

More information:

http://www.habitat.org/newsroom/2008archive/03_21_08_Home_Depot.aspx

Environment

Outdoor gear and clothing company [Patagonia](http://www.patagonia.com) provides funding for environmental work. Patagonia is most interested in making grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change.

Most grants are in the range of \$3,000 to \$8,000 each.

Deadline: April 30, 2008

<http://www.patagonia.com/usa/patagonia.go?assetid=2942>

In addition to the company's corporate grant program, each Patagonia retail store administers a grants program. Retail store grant applications are accepted year round.

Student Newspaper Projects—Middle and High Schools

The NAA Foundation will help with start-up funds totaling \$5000, plus an additional \$2,500 in year two. Grant funds may be used for equipment, software, adviser training, and printing.

<http://www.naafoundation.org/Home/NAAFoundation/ScholasticPress/PartnershipGrants.aspx>

Youth 12 to 20: Dr. Seuss Enterprises and [Ashoka's Youth Venture](#), in partnership with [Earth Island Institute](#), have announced the Lorax Challenge, an opportunity for people between the ages of 12 and 20 across the United States to turn their ideas for helping to save the planet into reality.

Selected teams will receive funding of up to \$1,000 each to turn their ideas into a reality. In addition, five grand-prize winners will receive a free trip to the University of Florida for a weekend of activities, learning, and fun. (Please note that only high school students are eligible for the Grand Prize.) <http://genv.net/en-us/lorax>

National Science Teachers Association Issues National Call for Entries to New Science Teacher Academy

The [National Science Teachers Association](#) has announced a call for entries for the 2008-09 NSTA New Science Teacher Academy. The year-long program will provide association membership, mentoring, and professional development opportunities to one hundred and fifty science teachers entering their second or third year of teaching. Deadline: May 23, 2008

<http://www.nsta.org/academy/>

Middle School—The Environment and Energy

Forty grants of \$1,000 each will be given to middle school teachers who are incorporating new ideas for environmental and energy sustainability in their classroom instruction.

The Live Green Teacher Grant program, a [Discovery Education](#) program presented by [General Motors](#), challenges middle school teachers to develop innovative ideas for furthering environmental and energy sustainability. Participating teachers will identify an issue or problem, create a plan to address it, and integrate the topic into classroom teaching.

Deadline: May 15, 2008

<http://livegreen.discoveryeducation.com/>

Social Enterprise—Community Development Financial Institutions



The [Opportunity Finance Network](#) has announced the second annual round of the Wachovia NEXT Awards for Opportunity Finance — an awards program totaling \$8.35 million for responsible lenders across the United States known as Community Development Financial Institutions. The awards are presented by OFN and are funded by the [Wachovia Foundation](#) and the [John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#). Applicants must be CDFIs serving a charitable purpose (i.e., with nonprofit 501(c)(3) status or a U.S. Treasury-certified CDFI) with a primary

mission of community development. Applicants must have at least five years of experience. <http://www.nextawards.org/>

Health and Healthy Activity

Grants totaling \$3.3 million will be awarded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to organizations in the United States researching policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, particularly in low-income communities.

Deadline: May 14, 2008

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20221>

Domestic Violence

The Mary Kay Ash Foundation is inviting applications for 2008 grants to Domestic Violence Shelters. Since 2000, the foundation has awarded millions of dollars to women's shelters across the United States. In 2007, the foundation awarded grants of \$20,000 each to over one hundred and fifty shelters across the country.

The funds awarded by the foundation may be used for the operating budget of the shelter, with the exception of staff travel. Failure to receive a grant does not prohibit the shelter from applying the following year. Shelters that receive grants may not apply the following year.

Deadline: June 30, 2008

http://www.mkacf.org/PDF/2008_MKACFShelterGrantApplication.doc

Summer Food Programs

The Great American Bake Sale grants program will support efforts to increase participation among low-income children in summer and afterschool meal programs. Two types of grants will be offered:

Grants for Program Sponsors: Grants will be awarded to organizations that directly sponsor USDA-reimbursed afterschool and/or summer meal programs for children. Grants will specifically support efforts to increase participation in the organization's USDA summer and afterschool meal programs. Grant awards will range from **\$1,000 to \$10,000 each**.



Grants for Advocacy: Grants will be awarded to organizations that work to increase participation in USDA-reimbursed afterschool and summer meal programs through outreach and advocacy. Organizations engage in advocacy when they work with schools, community organizations, local businesses, and with a range of government officials to increase participation in summer and afterschool meal programs. Grant awards will range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each.

Deadline: May 30, 2008

http://gabs.strength.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GABS_grants

Head Start -- Innovation and Improvement

Qualified faith based and other organizations may apply for the *Head Start Innovation and Improvement Projects* grant. The Head Start program provides comprehensive child development services to more than 900,000 of our nation's neediest young children. There are a number of organizations and institutions with innovative concepts, projects and products that could help improve the effectiveness and management of local Head Start and Early Head Start sites, and the supportive comprehensive services provided to Head Start families and children. This announcement solicits proposals for innovations and improvements so that these efforts can be identified and considered. If they are found to have merit, ACF will provide financial assistance so they can be further developed, or assessed and made available to local Head Start programs.

The following seven specific priority areas will be addressed in this cycle of funding: national **Head Start Center for Physical Development and Outdoor Play**, **grandparents raising Head Start grandchildren**, **healthcare literacy**, **mental health intervention for children and families**, **inclusion of children with disabilities**, **infant/toddler early childhood online degree program**, and **an open category**. The "Open Category" will be available for programs to apply for funding to promote or expand promising practices in non-specified areas.

A letter of intent is optional; however it must be received by May 19, 2008. The full application is due June 9, 2008. \$3 million will be awarded to support one national Head Start Center for Physical Development and Outdoor Play, \$1.25 million for up to 25 grants focusing on grandparents raising Head Start grandchildren, \$1.2 million for 3 healthcare literacy grants, \$600,000 for one project on mental health intervention for children and families, \$600,000 for one project on inclusion of children with disabilities, \$1 million for one grant for an infant/toddler early childhood online degree program, and \$3.75 million for up to 25 grants in the open category. The full announcement can be found at

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-OHS-YD-0025.html>

Scientific Conference Funding



In collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration, NIH invites qualified faith based and other organizations to apply for the *FDA Small Scientific Conference Program* grant. The Food and Drug Administration recognizes the value of supporting high quality conferences/scientific meetings that are relevant to its scientific mission and to the public health. A scientific conference/meeting is defined as a gathering,

symposium, seminar, scientific meeting, workshop or any other organized, formal meeting where persons assemble to coordinate, exchange, and disseminate information or to explore or clarify a defined subject, problem, or area of knowledge. Support of such meetings is contingent on the fiscal and programmatic interests and priorities of the individual Centers, which are linked to the FDA Grant Web site.

<http://www.fda.gov/>.

Children/Family, Arts, Civic, and University Related Educational Programs

Brinker International (Chili's, Macaroni Grill, etc.) invites applications, with no deadline date. It normally takes 4 to 6 weeks for a reply.

http://www.brinker.com/contact/charitable_requests.asp#gui

D. AWARDS & HONORS

LEGO Invites Children to Display Their Creativity With Second Annual LEGO Creativity Awards



Awards of \$5,000 will be given to five children between the ages of 6 and

13 in the U.S. and Canada who are approaching private, school, and community life with a broad range of creativity.

Deadline: May 23, 2008

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



The Reader's Digest Foundation is looking for inspiring stories from the public, about individuals who are taking action and giving back to their communities in significant ways. In each month of the 2008 giving cycle, individuals selected for the "Make it Matter" column in the Reader's Digest will have **\$100,000 donations** made in their honor to nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: Rolling.

Contact: <http://www.rd.com/jsp/rdcom/makeltMatterLanding.jsp>

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives invites you to participate in the **Portraits of Compassion video story contest**. This contest is designed to shine a light on the countless caring Americans who offer help and hope to their neighbors in need as part of President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative.

The mission of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative is to strengthen both faith-based and other community-based service organizations and to grow government's collaboration with them to aid people in need. Over the



past seven years, tens of thousands of partnerships have formed between government and dedicated nonprofits, extending service and hope to millions of needy individuals both at home and abroad. The Portraits of Compassion video story contest is a chance to honor this vital work and inspire others to service as well.



Eligible applicants include any domestic or international nonprofit organization that has partnered with a Federally-funded program since 2001 to serve the needy. Applications must include a "video story" of three minutes or less that can be uploaded on a free online video sharing service such as YouTube, Google Video, iTunes, or MySpace. All videos must be submitted as an Internet link by May 1, 2008. To learn more or to submit an application, visit

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/portraits/index.html>
<<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/portraits/index.html>> .

Winning videos will be premiered during the White House National Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in Washington, D.C., on June 26 and 27, 2008 and showcased nationally on the Conference website. This Conference is free and open to the public. Online registration for the Conference will be available soon www.fbci.gov <<http://www.fbci.gov>> by clicking on the "Washington DC" conference link at the top right corner.



E. SPECIAL RESOURCES

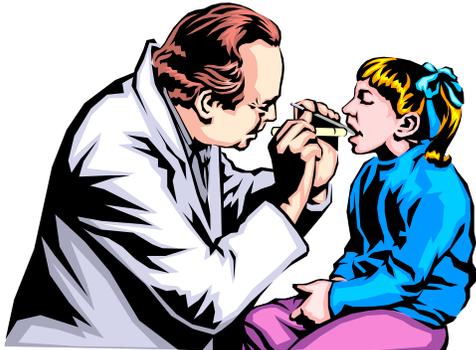
April is **National Autism Awareness Month**. The *Learn the Signs, Act Early* campaign is issuing a challenge to help spread the word to people in communities across the country about the importance of monitoring development early in a child's life--the first step toward detecting a developmental delay and helping a child reach his or her full potential.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/actearly/howtogetinvolved.html>

New Report Provides Substance Use and Mental Health Information for Each State

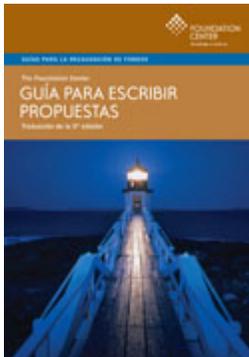
A new report providing analysis of substance use and mental health patterns occurring in each state reveals that there are wide variations among the states in problems like illicit drug use and underage drinking, but that no state was immune from these problems. For example, past month use of alcohol among persons aged 12 to 20 (underage use of alcohol) ranged from a low of 21.5 percent in Utah to a high of 38.3 percent in Vermont. Yet Utah had the highest level of people age 18 or older reporting serious psychological distress in the past year (14.4 percent).

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k6State/toc.cfm>



Center for Disease Control (CDC) provides information (and data that may be needed for grant applications) on numerous health conditions in young children, as well as healthy child developmental charts. (<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/child/default.htm>). The index is at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/default.htm> .

Guide to Writing Grants—in Spanish



[Guía para escribir propuestas](#)
[New 5th edition is ready to ship!](#)

We don't usually include book reviews or product information, but it is rare to see a comprehensive guide written in Spanish. This is a translation of *Guide to Proposal Writing*, by Jane C. Geever. It provides detailed instructions on preparing successful grant proposals.

Special resources for Spanish-dominant grantseekers include a list of Foundation Center libraries and Cooperating Collections where Spanish is spoken and translated materials are available for use on-location or through library loan. 295 pages, \$34.95.

http://foundationcenter.org/marketplace/catalog/product_monograph.ihtml?id=prod260003

Information about claiming the **economic stimulus payment from IRS** is available in Package 1040A-3 at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/k1040a3.pdf> .

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

1. The Utah Conference on Service: **Service, the Sweet Life** in Provo April 29-30, as reported in the last issue. For information, go to <http://volunteers.utah.gov/index.html>
2. Free 2-Day **Grant Training Workshop** May 12-13 in St. George, offered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. For a flyer, and to register, go to http://www.hud.gov/event_registration/index_2.cfm?eventID=899
For questions, registration problems or additional information call Pauline Zvonkovic at 801-524-6076 or email Pauline.Zvonkovic@hud.gov

3. Bridges Out of Poverty One-Day Trainings

Participants will create a mental model of poverty, review poverty research, examine a theory of change and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure and language. The seminar puts into words what many veteran professionals and community members have experienced. Throughout the workshop, participants will receive specific strategies for improving outcomes for people living in poverty, but the focus of the workshop is to provide a broad overview of concepts.

--May 6 at Salt Lake Community College - Miller Campus, Miller Free Enterprise Center Auditorium, 9750 South 300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84070. Cost is

\$40.00 which includes training, book and lunch or if you already have the book, **\$25.00**.

Register for the May 6 workshop at

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=194711>

--May 7 at the Troubled Youth Conference, AT SNOWBIRD, register at

<http://www.troubledyouthconference.com>

Will you be in Oregon this summer?

A course in Evaluation 101 for Funders and New Evaluators will be taught by a university professor specializing in the field, for the Oregon Program Evaluators Network, Portland, OR. It will be held on June 17, 2008, and the cost is nominal: \$55.

Contact: 503.494.4632, ostrogor@ohsu.edu,

<http://www.oregoneval.org/program/index.html>

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