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GRANT INFORMATION: *Some local and national foundations that give to programs in Connecticut are researched each month and included for your information; as well as others that have up-coming dates to receive proposals and have come to our attention.*

John G. Martin Foundation in Farmington has a new contact person: Frank M. Loehmann, Jr; Vice President/Treasurer; 677-4574.

Nellie Mae Foundation Invites Applications for Partnerships for College Success Program

Deadline: March 1, 2004

The Nellie Mae Education Foundation works to promote accessibility, quality, and effectiveness of education for underserved populations in New England through grant-making, research, and policy analysis. The foundation has announced a new grant program, the Partnerships for College Success, to support partnerships between colleges/universities and high schools.

The foundation invites proposals for this program from existing partnerships between colleges/universities and high schools that seek to improve college preparation and access for all students, through the application of research-based practices focused on academic achievement. The foundation seeks to support college-school partnerships that include low-income, minority, and potential first-generation college-going students. Eligible grant recipients must be four-year colleges or universities in a highly collaborative partnership with a school serving grades 7-12 or 9-12. The college/university and its partner school must be in geographic proximity to one another and be located in one of the six New England states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont. In the Pilot Year (2004-2005) of the program, the foundation expects to award up to four grants. The grant range is \$100,000 to \$150,000 and the initial funding cycle is twelve months. Based on performance, partnerships may be funded for up to five years. For complete program guidelines, see the Nellie Mae Foundation Web site: <http://www.nmefdn.org/initiatives/collegeprep/rfps.htm?a=5&i=2>

Pfizer Health Literacy Initiative Grant Program Invites Applications

Deadline: Various

The Pfizer Health Literacy Initiative Grant Program is part of pharmaceutical company Pfizer's (<http://www.pfizer.com/>) commitment to advance healthcare professionals' efforts to improve health literacy.

The grants are designed to generate knowledge, create solutions, support research, raise awareness, and attract new scholars to the service of the health literacy issue. For 2004, there are three grant categories:

Scholar Awards provide post-doctoral candidates committed to advancing health literacy and clear health communication an opportunity to study and conduct research under the guidance of a recognized expert in the field. Up to two awards of \$130,000 each over two years will be made. Applicants will be considered from a variety of fields, including (but not limited to) education, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, and social work. The applicant must be a citizen or a non-citizen national of the U.S., or have been lawfully admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence and have a permanent resident visa. (Deadline: February 6, 2004.)

Research Grants are designed to support established researchers working to advance the understanding of health literacy and clear health communication interventions and their impact of these interventions on health outcomes. Up to three grants will be awarded. Each grant is for up to \$150,000 over two years. Applications are invited from healthcare professionals who are

postgraduate investigators in diverse fields, such as adult education, anthropology, environmental health, ethics, health economics, health education, health law, health literacy, health policy, the management sciences, medicine, nursing, occupational health, pharmacy, public health, and social work. The applicant must be a citizen or a non-citizen national of the U.S., or have been lawfully admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence and have a permanent resident visa. (Deadline: February 6, 2004.)

Visiting Lecturer Grants offer applicants the opportunity to have a recognized health literacy expert visit their organization and provide lectures and workshops on health literacy. Fifteen grants of up to \$4,500 each will be made. Applications from organizations in diverse fields are encouraged, including adult education, consumer advocacy, health economics, health literacy, health policy, managed care, medicine, nonprofit community organizations, nursing, pharmacy, public health, social work, and voluntary health associations. (Deadline: January 30, 2004.) For complete application guidelines and eligibility information for each program, see the Pfizer Health Literacy Web site: http://pfizerhealthliteracy.com/partnerships_awards.html

(repeat) Rhoda & David Chase family Foundation: Grants to organizations in the areas of arts, human services, humanities, education, health, and recreation. Contact: Arnold L. Chase, President c/o Chase Enterprises, One Commercial Plaza; Hartford, CT 06103; 549-1674. (*THIS PHONE NUMBER REPORTEDLY DOES NOT WORK AND NO OTHER AVAILABLE*).

Training Opportunities/Workshops/Conferences/Public Forums (\$\$ indicates there is a fee)

Noted economist and Senior VP of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Art Rolnick will be in CT to speak on "**Economic Development through Early Childhood Investment**." Last March Rolnick wrote a terrific return on investment analysis for the Fed Gazette and he has recently spoken in Boston to a full house at a forum hosted by Verizon. Specifically, Rolnick argues that all states should begin to focus specifically on early childhood investment as a key component of economic development work, as the return on investment beats many of states' current economic development returns.

Please RSVP to Catherine Jackson -- cathjax@comcast.net -- if you can attend. Thursday, January 22

3-4:30 at Anthem Blue Cross in North Haven. Easy on and off of I91. Co-sponsors include: CT Conference of Independent Colleges, CT Voices for Children, CT Commission on Children, Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition, Ready Set Grow...CT Kids!

Key to Successful Fundraising: Credible Program Evaluation & Assessment: CAN Hartford; January 28th. Contact Maggie Adair: 525-5080 \$\$.

For a listing of Connecticut Organizations dedicated to teaching **leadership skills** and promoting community involvement go to: www.leadershipgh.org/partners/other_programs.html

Developing Your Development "Office" Jan.22th;

Proposal Writing Part I (Planning a "Fundable" Program) Jan.29th:

Western Massachussets Funding Resource Center, Springfield, MA, For information, call (413) 452-0615. \$\$

Board Excellence Training: Roles & Responsibilities of boards & board members and Having Successful Meetings. Thursday, February 5th 4-6pm; United Way of the Capital Area; 30 Laurel Street; Hartford. Free but space is limited. Call to register: (860) 493-1112. Sponsored by the Nonprofit Resource & Training Center.

Hitting Your Mark with Funders: Saturday February 7th 1:00-5:00 pm Free. Hartford Public Library; Registration required as space is limited. Call: (860) 695-6295. Trainer: Kim Collier, ED; Grant writers Development Network.

Managing the Financial Side of Fundraising: \$10 Sponsored by Grant writers Development Network. Monday February 9th from 5:30-8:30pm at DeKoven House Community Center, Middletown. To register and get directions call: (860) 995-5866 or email: GDNhelps@aol.com

2nd Annual New England Latino Student Leadership Conference Saturday, February 21st at Eastern CT State University, Willimantic. \$ Keynote address by award winning author Ruben Martinez. Contact Averl Otis at otisa@easternct.edu; (860) 465-4421 or Rick Hornung at hornungf@easternct.edu ;(860) 465-5090 for additional information.

Hartford Public Library: Nonprofit & Philanthropic Program Series. Free series begins February 7th. For details on each event go to: www.hplct.org.

The State of the **Connecticut Nonprofit Sector Symposium** - 2004. Being held January 30th, 2004 \$\$ <http://www.continuingstudies.uconn.edu/professional/nonprofit/index.html>

Managing Nonprofit Organizations Today: Building on the Four Cornerstones. Meeting Tuesdays, 4:30- 7:30 pm, From January 27 - March 2, 2004 at UConn Stamford \$\$ <http://www.continuingstudies.uconn.edu/professional/managingnonprofit.html>

Resource Center at Greater Bridgeport Community Foundation: WONDERING WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION IS BEHAVING THIS WAY? UNDERSTANDING NONPROFIT LIFECYCLES Wednesday, January 28: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm \$\$ Beginner-level workshop for board members, executive directors, and senior managers, or anyone interested in the field of nonprofit management

Held at JP Morgan Chase, City Hall Annex, 999 Broad Street, Bridgeport Community Rooms A&B (call for directions and parking information: (203) 334-7511 or www.gbafoundation.org

Nonprofit Resource & Training Center Orientation: Tuesday, February 24th 10-11:00am; United Way of the Capital Area. Free. Space is limited so please register by calling: (860) 493-1112.

Connecticut Family Development Institute: Training for trainers April 19-22, 2004 in Hamden. Must apply for admission, have a sponsoring organization; and be willing to complete the 80 hours of training and a portfolio; pass the CT Family Development (FDC) exam; and pay a \$250 administrative fee. Once credentialed you must offer the complete FDC curriculum (80 hours of participant training) free of charge to your first class. For application and further info contact Gina Beebe at the Children's Trust Fund: (860) 723-7243 or gina.beebe@po.state.ct.us

Scholarships/Fellowships/Awards

Greater Hartford Area College Scholarships Directory is available from the Hartford Foundation for public giving. On the web: www.hfpg.org/scholarships. For additional information contact Soo-Jung Kang at: skang@hfpg.org

Youth Spirit Award: Sponsored by CT Voices for Children. Deadline February 13th. For information and a nomination form contact Amy at: (203) 498-4240 or amy@ctkidslink.org or go to the web site: www.ctkidslink.org

Other Useful Information

Good New Information for Your Board Each Month:
www.ctnonprofits.org/Pages/NonProfitResources/board.asp
www.uwcact.org (nonprofit resources/for the board)

NAEIR: Free supplies and Merchandise for nonprofit organizations (including schools and churches). Call: 1-800-562-0955 (then press 7) to receive your free Supply Information Kit within 14 days.

Fundraising Advice for the New Year (From: *Successful Fundraising* January 2004 Edition). Pay particular attention to those gifts you received in December. Be sure to send a special acknowledgement to:

- One-time or unusual gifts
- Those who sent additional gifts during the month.
- First time donations
- Significantly increased gifts

Showing your donors that you “noticed” and being appreciative will increase the likelihood of their continued giving, and can make your group shine, compared to others. These tasks, including personal thank you phone calls are appropriate tasks for your board members and other volunteers.

DISCOUNTECH QuickBooks: Now Available to More Organizations

Intuit QuickBooks 2002 upgrades help nonprofits manage finances easily. These editions feature enhanced tools that allow you to track income and expenses, pay bills, receive payments, and generate customized reports. Please note: To use these upgrade editions, you must have a prior version of QuickBooks already installed. DiscounTech is pleased to announce that Intuit has temporarily modified the eligibility requirements for its donation program in an effort to get QuickBooks products into the hands of more nonprofits. To review the features included with 2002 Upgrade Editions of QuickBooks Basic, QuickBooks Pro, and QuickBooks Premier; learn more about the Intuit Donation program, and place an order , go to:

http://ga0.org/ct/W1acUjK1ca_Z/

View the entire DiscounTech catalog of donated and discounted technology products:

http://ga0.org/ct/WdacUjK1ca_V/

Save the Date: Nonprofit Resource & Training Center's 10th Anniversary Open House
Thursday March 25th from 1-4pm
United Way of the Capital Area
30 Laurel Street, Second Floor
Hartford, CT

Pass the Word to Your Clients: Tax season news: Free income tax preparation and a possible larger refund!

A significant number of low-to moderate-income residents in Connecticut are eligible to apply for a tax refund called the Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC. Many are eligible even if they did not make enough money to pay income tax.

The refund varies according to income and family size, but here are some examples:

A single worker with no children who earns less than \$11,230, or married workers with no children who have a combined income that is less than \$12,230, could be eligible for a credit of up to \$382.

The credits for families with children are even larger.

A complete list of free tax preparation sites can be found by calling **INFOLINE at 2-1-1** or visiting **www.tymct.org**.

Using Volunteer Resources in Tough Financial Times:

Log on to Volunteer Solutions to post your volunteer opportunities and find the help you need to maintain your programs: www.uwcact.org

Want to Develop Your Board Members on Your Time? Call Marsha Mason at the Nonprofit Resource Center to discuss how you can borrow the videos and articles to orient/re-orient your board members for more effective practice: 493-1120.