

Upcoming Opportunities & Available Resources

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I. Grant Opportunities

Philadelphia GlaskoSmithKline Opportunity Scholarships Offer \$1 Million in College Scholarships

Goal:

To assist Philadelphia residents who have overcome significant adversity to improve their lives through higher education.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must have overcome significant adversity, such as serious illness, sexual abuse, domestic violence, and personal loss and demonstrate an inner strength, dignity and grace in overcoming their circumstances.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a two-year or four-year undergraduate program at a state university or community college in Pennsylvania
- Applicants must be Philadelphia residents of at least one year who are US citizens are eligible.
- There is no limitation on age

Awards:

Up to \$5,000 (renewable for up to four years) will be granted to individuals meeting the above criteria. Scholarships may be used to begin a new program of study or to continue a program in which the applicant is already enrolled. The scholarships can be applied toward tuition, fees, books and materials.

To Apply:

Applications will be available on The Philadelphia Foundation website, www.philafound.org, beginning in January and will be due March 15 for the fall.

Contact:

Sylvia Spivey, The Philadelphia Foundation, 215-863-8121, sspivey@philafound.org.

I. Trainings/Workshops

Educating Communities for Parenting: Teen Parenting Classes

Description:

We Are One – Positive and Responsible Parenting is a weekly parenting class promoting health and wellbeing for teen parents and their children

The weekly classes will cover the following topics:

- Child development
- Personal development,
- Relationship and communication skills,
- Decision making skills,
- Healthy and unhealthy behaviors.

Date/ Time: Wednesdays from December 2nd to February 17th, 6-8pm

Location: Columbia North YMCA, 1400 N. Broad Street

To Register:

Contact Vanessa Wilder, Vanessa@ecparenting.org, (215) 496-9780 ext. 206

Fundraising Fundamentals Guidebook Available Online

Description:

This free, 7-part tutorial offers guidance throughout the entire fundraising process, from donor profile checklists to proposal writing guidelines.

The 7 documents, available in Microsoft Word format, cover the following areas:

- Getting ready
- The Process Starts with Identifying prospects
- Cultivation
- Solicitation: Be Prepared
- The ask- Personal Solicitation
- Preparing and Submitting a Proposal
- Stewardship/ Donor Relations

Available:

<http://www.enterprisecommunity.org//resources/tutorials/fundraising/>

PPV Publishes Free Online Workforce Tools

Description:

Public/Private Ventures has released four tools for workforce development practitioners available free online.

The four trainings are:

netWORKS: A Guide to Expanding the Employment Networks of Low-Income People

- Practical ideas and step-by-step guidance on how organizations can incorporate networking into their programs, including instructions for classroom activities, assignments and events.

Job Development Essentials: A Guide for Job Developers, Second Edition

- Emphasizes engaging employers, providing expanded services to the business community, and involving businesspeople as resources and advocates for organizations.

Employment Retention Essentials

- A practical, user-friendly resource for workforce development professionals offering concrete tools for keeping people working, including tips on how to involve employers, build relationships and stay in contact with participants.

Here to Stay: Tips and Tools to Hire, Retain and Advance Hourly-Wage Workers

- Offers cost-effective actions from hiring the right people to developing their talents for the company's benefit

Available:

www.ppv.org

III. Other Resources

Mobile Citizen Offers Low-Cost Web Access to Nonprofits

Description:

In January, Mobile Citizen will begin a Technology Assistance program in Philadelphia to provide non-profit organizations with affordable Internet access.

Program Includes:

- Reduced price wireless broadband with unlimited usage for only \$10/month or \$120/year per account
- Free 3 months of service after the first year
- Dedicated Customer Care services, customized for non-profits
- A free one-year membership to NTEN, a nonprofit technology network
- Additional benefits, including an educational webinar series

For more information:

Email Keicia Carroll, kecia@kcroberg.com

Teamchildren Offers Low-Cost Computers to Individuals, Families, and Organizations

Description:

Refurbished computers are available for individuals, families, and organizations starting at only \$50

To Apply:

- Write a letter stating why you cannot afford to purchase a new computer and how having a computer will help you or your family
- Include with your letter a minimum \$50 deposit
- Volunteer for two hours with Teamchildren (those with special circumstances may request an alternative form of community service)
- Write a letter one month after receiving your computer describing the impact it has made

NOTE: Everyone that sends a letter and a deposit will receive a computer

Application Available:

<http://www.teamchildren.com/computerapplication.pdf>

Mail to:

TeamChildren , 960 Rittenhouse Rd., Audubon, PA 19403

United Way to Publish Brochure Promoting 2010 Martin Luther King Day of Service

Description:

The United Way is preparing a brochure that will advertise local volunteer opportunities for the 2010 MLK Day of Service on January 18th. This forum provides a major opportunity for nonprofits that regularly use volunteers to get the word out about their needs and activities.

To participate:

Complete the submission form, available at: <http://whatmatters.uwde.org/volform.doc> and email it to Ashley Brindisi, abrindisi@uwsepa.org by **Friday, December 18th**

2009 McKinney-Vento Application Available Online at OneNeighborhood.Org

Description:

On Friday, November 13, 2009, the City of Philadelphia Office of Supportive Housing submitted its annual consolidated McKinney Homeless Assistance Programs grant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- Highlights from the application include: a total request of approximately \$28 million for 2,758 units, of which 136 are **new** housing units

Available for public review at: <http://www.oneneighborhood.org/files/2009%20Philadelphia%20McKinney-Vento%20Application%20Exhibit%201.pdf>