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Mothers-In-Charge celebrates 5 years of progress

Philadelphia's **Mothers-In-Charge** has established itself as one of the premiere community-organizing efforts for peace in Philadelphia neighborhoods in just five short years.

The group will celebrate its fifth anniversary on Tuesday, May 13th, with a *Commemoration of Peace* at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia, beginning at 6pm.

At the event, the group will recognize mothers who have lost their children to violence and have

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committed themselves to saving the lives of other sons and daughters of Philadelphia's families. It will also honor a select group of community members and corporations that have supported its efforts.

Since 2003, Mothers-In-Charge has established a variety of programs, including the Teens United Theater Project, the Male Grief and Loss Program, the Adolescent Violence Reduction Program (AVRP), Female Rites of Passage Programs, Saturday Morning Alternative Reach and Teach (SMART), PICC Juvenile Offenders Resource Program, Men 4 Mentoring, and The Parent Project.

Tickets are \$50. For more information, call 215-236-3937 or email [here](#).

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Citibank launches financial education at area branches

Citibank has launched a financial education program in each of its 22 branches across the Greater Philadelphia region. Each branch will host its first financial education seminar on *Identity Theft* on May 8, 2008 from 6-7 pm. The sessions are free and open to all members of the public.

Topics to be discussed at the first presentation include the types of identity theft, how thieves work, the signs of identity theft, how to protect yourself and what to do if identity theft happens to you.

The May 8th seminar will be the first of four financial education sessions held across the region this year. Each session will be taught by Citibank branch personnel and future topics will include home buying, cash management, debt management, investing for your future and estate planning.

To find the closest Citi branch location, go [here](#) and click on "Find Citi Locations" at the top of the page.

Additional information about Citi Financial Education Program, including Citi Foundation guidelines, links and resources and the *Citi Financial Education Program Curriculum and Facilitator's Guide* may be found [here](#).

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City Year to transform MLK Recreation Center

On Saturday, May 10th, **City Year Greater**

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AT&T sets short deadline for HS funding

The **AT&T Foundation** has published more information about its new program — *AT&T Aspire* — a \$100 million initiative to address high school success and college and workforce readiness. The foundation is accepting applications for a \$12 million special grants program to help moderately at-risk students in the country complete high school successfully, with an application deadline of May 19th.

The high school success program offers two types of grants:

Project support goes to existing high school retention programs with a successful track record of achieving effective results. The support may be used to continue programs in their current form, expand them to serve additional students, or add a component to strengthen the program. Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 each per year for up to four years are available under this category of support.



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Planning/capacity-building support funds efforts that need additional planning time and resources. Applicants for these grants must demonstrate that they will be able to identify the administrative, financial, and programmatic support needed to commence program implementation during the first semester of the 2009-10 school year. Grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$35,000 each for one year are available under this category of support.

Priority will be given to programs that begin serving students who are either in ninth grade or are making the transition from eight to ninth grade. Funding will also be considered for programs that begin serving students in tenth grade; no funding will be provided to programs that begin serving students

Philadelphia will be facilitating the transformation and beautification of Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center. City Year is an international service organization that primarily engages young adults ages 17-24 in a year of selfless service. It does this via many avenues, such as entering city schools and helping the students by mentoring within the classrooms, holding after school programs with which to engage our students, and to round out the volunteer experience, it also holds large community service events throughout the year.

The Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center is located in the Allegheny West section of Philadelphia near the intersection of 22nd and Lehigh Avenue. A dedicated group of community members has been working for the past several years to increase the number and quality of programs offered by the Rec Center, and the curfew center there has been greatly successful in decreasing instances of violence involving children. The work that volunteers do on May 10th will allow the community to use Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center to its fullest potential, and the service we perform on that day will hopefully create a ripple effect of positive change in the neighborhood.



Registration for the event begins at 8:30 AM on May 10th, and free, secure parking is available next to the Rec Center in a large lot on Sedgley Avenue. Service projects planned for the day include repainting the entire perimeter fence, painting several murals, and a variety of other, smaller beautification projects. Breakfast, lunch, and T-shirts will be provided.

To register for the event, click [here](#), email [Ragina Arrington](#), or call (267) 386-7014
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Book Festival set for Free Library

On Saturday & Sunday, May 17th & 18th, more than 60 of the nation's top writers will gather in Philadelphia for the second **Philadelphia Book Festival**, the Free Library's annual celebration of reading and literacy.

The festival -- held at the Parkway Central Library, 19th and Vine Streets, offers two days of award-winning writers and poets in a lively atmosphere that combines stimulating book talks and celebrity signings with an eclectic blend of live music, children's entertainment, a new gaming gallery for all ages to enjoy, and a street fair with more than 80

after tenth grade.

For more information, click [here](#).
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CVS Caremark supports kids with disabilities

CVS Caremark Charitable Trust is accepting proposals from nonprofits serving children with disabilities under the age of 21.

The trust is interested in supporting work falling into the following priority areas: Accessibility to Physical Activity, Early Intervention, and Health & Rehabilitative Services.

The trust defines disabilities as impairments that limit one or more routine activities of daily living, including physical disabilities,



developmental disabilities and sensory disabilities such as vision or hearing loss.

In addition to funding programs for children with disabilities, CVS also provides support for healthcare organizations that are dedicated to improving the quality of health and well-being of people who are uninsured. Screening and preventative programs are among the activities CVS will fund in this category.

For more information, click [here](#).
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Harry Chapin supports hunger programs

The **Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Awards** program provides cash grants up to \$7,000 to outstanding grassroots organizations that have moved beyond charity to creating change in their communities.

Organizations selected as Harry Chapin Self-Reliance Award winners are judged outstanding for their innovative and creative approaches to fighting domestic hunger and poverty by empowering people and building self-reliance.

The total budget for



literary exhibitors! The festival is a fun, free event that connects booklovers throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

ABC news anchor and host Barbara Walters headlines the list of renowned authors with her new book, *Audition: A Memoir*.

For more information, click [here](#).
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Faith groups and mental health conference set

The **Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services** will sponsor its annual conference dedicated to informing faith communities about available services, entitled *Have Faith in Recovery – Recovery, Resiliency and Self-Determination*, on Friday, May 16th at Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church at 2800 West Cheltenham Avenue in Philadelphia, from 8am to 4pm.

The event is co-sponsored by the National Association of Black Social Workers, Philadelphia Chapter.

By the end of the conference, participants will be able to outline the advantages faith communities have in engaging people in need, identify several faith-based ministries and organizations offering valuable assistance to people, access needed services offered by behavioral health provider agencies, discuss the interaction between behavioral health and spirituality, and discuss youth risk reduction models and initiatives.

Register by faxing your name, address, phone number, and email address to Sheyel Rorie at 215-923-5169. Pre-registration is required to ensure workshop availability. The conference is free and includes breakfast and lunch.

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O, Yes! Conference teaches teens about sex

On Saturday, August 16th, 9am to 4pm, the **Center for Urban Youth Development at Eastern University** will host an exciting conference for the purpose of enlightening middle school and high school students from Philadelphia and vicinity about topics related to sex.

An Advisory Team consisting of various youth leaders, youth, advocates, and ministers are assisting in planning this great event.

Hundreds of youth, youth workers, and parents participated in the last two *O, YES! (Our Youth Enlightened about Sex)* conferences and another great turnout is expected this summer.

the program that would use the award cannot exceed \$500,000. Applicant organizations' programs must go beyond emergency food, shelter, and other types of assistance to address the root causes of poverty. The program will not consider applications from organizations providing only emergency services.


For more information, click [here](#).
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Mitsubishi supports disabled inclusion efforts

The **Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation** funds nonprofits working toward the full inclusion of young people with disabilities in society.

Proposed projects should be either national in scope and impact or model projects that can be replicated at multiple sites.

Priority is given to U.S.-based projects that promote inclusion of young people (newborn to age 20) with disabilities to have full access to

 educational, vocational and recreational opportunities and to participate alongside their non-disabled peers.

The foundation accepts and reviews concept papers throughout the year; however, concept papers should be submitted by June 1st to be considered for funding in the following year. If the concept paper is approved, the organization will be invited to submit a full proposal.

For more information, click [here](#).
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Can you survive a recession?

The **Nonprofit Center at La Salle University** offers a useful tip sheet called *More than 9 Ways to Survive a Recession*, which provides expert advice on what you can do to help your organization weather the coming economic storm. The tip sheet is available [here](#).

The organization is also offering several workshops to help organizations arm themselves for an economic downturn including *Guide to Finding & Getting Grants; Mergers,*

The day includes interactive seminars, games, prizes, entertainment, and lunch. Free HIV testing will be provided by St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and free STD testing will be provided by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health.

Special youth and adult guests will present the real deal on teens and sex! Their expertise, experience and Christian worldview will be incorporated into dynamic workshops.

The conference takes place at Benjamin Franklin High School, 550 N. Broad Street in Philadelphia. Registration is \$10/person until July 18th, \$25 thereafter.

For more information, call Dr. Kimberlee Johnson at 215-769-3128 or email [here](#).
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Center in the Park celebrates Older Americans Month.

May is Older Americans month and this year's theme is *Working Together for Strong, Healthy, and Supportive Communities*.

Center in the Park, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, invites the community participate in a host of activities throughout the month that promote positive aging and foster community connections for older adults. Events include a pamper party for mothers and grandmothers, a spelling bee, a parade of classes, fitness day, movies and a concert.

Most activities are free and will occur at Center in the Park, 5818 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia. For additional information, including dates and times go [here](#) or call 215-848-7722.

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Teen expo highlights Children's MH Day

Children's Mental Health Month will be celebrated with an information expo for teens and their families on Tuesday, May 13th from noon to 7pm at JFK Plaza (a.k.a. Love Park) at 16th Street and John F. Kennedy Blvd. in Philadelphia.

The event recognizes *National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day* and *National Mental Health Awareness Month*.

Information on adolescent and teen behavioral health services, youth mentoring and leadership programs, youth



Acquisitions & Organizational Restructuring (for Executive Directors & Board Members); Nonprofit Management 101; Getting your Board to be its Best (for Executive Directors); and Supplementing Staff with Volunteers. To learn more about these workshops or register on line go [here](#) or call 215-951-1701.

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PANO offers New 990 workshop

The **Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organization** is offering a workshop on the new Form 990, *The New 990: Public Relations Opportunity or Trap for the Unwary?*, at the offices of Montgomery McCracken, Walker, and Rhoads, 123 South Broad Street in Philadelphia on Tuesday, May 20th from 9-11:30am. Registration and sign-in begins at 8:30am and a continental breakfast is provided. The cost is \$59 for PANO members and \$79 for nonmembers. CPE credits are available. Presenters are Donald Kramer, Esq. and Karl Emerson, Esq.

To register or for more information, click [here](#).

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Report identifies who pays health care when workers are uninsured

Who Pays for Health Care When Workers Are Uninsured?, a new report from the Commonwealth Fund, quantifies the costs to the public, in taxpayer bills to fund public insurance or uncompensated care programs, of employers not insuring workers. The report also compares public costs for uninsured employees of small, multi-location, and large firms and their families.

To download the report, click [here](#).

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Health system unprepared for

recreational programs, as well as resources for family members will be available.

For more information, email [Valarie Dunbar](#) or call 215-599-6350, x111. To reserve a table, email [Anthony McLaughlin](#) or call 215-413-3100 x6348.

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Girl Scouts plan summer camps

Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania will run five resident camps and three day camps for girls in southeastern Pennsylvania. The camps are open to any girls who have completed kindergarten through grade 11 – girls do not have to be Girl Scouts to attend. Financial assistance is available upon request.

Day camps are in Oxford, Chester County, Lafayette Hill, Montgomery County and Valley Forge, Chester County. Transportation from the Philadelphia area is available to the Lafayette Hill day camp.

Resident camps are available in Gilbertsville, Montgomery County, Oxford, Chester County, two camps are in the Poconos and the fifth camp is in Pine Grove, Schuylkill County.

Transportation is available to all resident camps. Camps range from horseback riding and SCUBA to art and high adventure. For more information, call 215.564.4657 or go [here](#).

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DC hosts national fathers conference

The *10th Annual International Fatherhood Conference*, hosted by the *National Partnership for Community Leadership (NPCL)* and its sponsors, will include three days of parenting workshops, recognition ceremonies and powerful addresses from influential leaders in the fatherhood field from around the world.

This 10th Anniversary conference event will take place June 10-13, 2008, at Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Hotel, Washington, DC.

The conference will enable all who attend to gain a better understanding of the status of fragile families and responsible fatherhood issues in our nation and around the world. Join us at the 10th Annual International Fatherhood Conference in Washington DC, to learn and contribute to the betterment of child welfare by promoting responsible fatherhood and sound youth development.

For more information, visit [here](#).

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Community Baby Shower on

boomers

Millions of baby boomers are about to enter a health-care system for seniors that not only isn't ready for them, but may even discourage them from getting quality care.

"We face an impending crisis as the growing number of older patients, who are living longer with more complex health needs, increasingly outpaces the number of health-care providers with the knowledge and skills to care for them capably," said John W. Rowe, professor of health policy and management at Columbia University.

Rowe headed an Institute of Medicine committee that released a report yesterday on the health-care outlook for the 78 million baby boomers about to begin turning 65.

The report from the institute, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, said:

- *There are not enough specialists in geriatric medicine.

- *Sufficient training is unavailable.

- *The specialists that do exist are underpaid.

- *Medicare fails to provide for team care that many elderly patients need.

The study said Medicare might even hinder seniors from getting the best care because of its low reimbursement rates; its focus on treating short-term health problems rather than managing chronic conditions; and its lack of coverage for preventive services or for health-care providers' time spent collaborating with a patient's other providers.

The American Medical Association responded that seniors' access to Medicare in coming years "is threatened by looming Medicare physician-payment cuts."

"This July, the government will begin steep cuts in Medicare physician payments, and 60 percent of physicians say this cut will force them to limit the number of new Medicare patients they can treat," the AMA said in a statement.

AARP, the organization for older Americans, said the report highlighted the need for immediate action to improve and strengthen the health-care and long-term-care workforce.

May 17th

Are you expecting a child? Do you know someone that is expecting a child? Maybe you have a child who is 3 months or younger or know of someone?

If so, come out to a *Community Baby Shower* to get free information on the *Devoción Program*, a program of the **Salvation Army** designed to help the entire family. At the event, you will also receive tons of information on local agencies in the community, and enjoy free food, fun, raffles and giveaways for the entire family.

The event takes place on Sunday, May 17th. For details, contact Carmen Davis at 215-423-9300 x16, or email [here](#).

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Teen VOICES to celebrate accomplishments

The **University Community Collaborative of Philadelphia's Leaders' Corp** is sponsoring the *Temple Youth VOICES Community Press Conference* on Saturday, May 10th at 2pm on Temple's Campus in Ritter Hall, Walk Auditorium at 13th and Montgomery Streets. The event will feature a range of dynamic, multi-media presentations summarizing the accomplishments of Temple Youth VOICES participants over the past year.

The Leaders' Corp decided to structure the event as a press conference because they feel strongly that parents, family members, youth leaders, community organizers and members of the Temple University community are our best allies in spreading the word about youth concerns, and the amazing work Temple Youth VOICES participants are doing to address those concerns.

To confirm your attendance or for more information, email [Catie Cavanaugh](#) or call 215-204-2007. For more information on Temple Youth VOICES, click

[here](#).

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Using the web to support social change

Net Tuesday Philly is a new monthly gathering of people in the Philadelphia area who are working on (or are interested in) using the web for social change.

There are about a dozen Net Tuesdays in cities throughout the country. Net Tuesdays are encouraged by **NetSquared** (which "enables social benefit organizations to leverage the tools of the social web"), and is a project of

TechSoup.

The point is that the web



The group said it was endorsing a bill by Sens. Barbara Boxer (D., Calif.) and Susan Collins (R., Maine) intended to steer caregivers toward geriatric and long-term-care roles. It also would create an advisory panel to analyze the sector and make recommendations about its needs.

The report found there were about 7,100 doctors certified in geriatrics in the United States, one per every 2,500 older Americans.

Turnover among nurse's aides averages 71 percent annually, and up to 90 percent of home health aides leave their jobs within the first two years, the report said.

But while the elderly today tend to be healthier and live longer than previous generations, people over 65 tend to have more complex conditions and health-care needs than younger people.

The report urged that all health-care workers be trained in basic geriatric care and that schools increase training in the treatment of older patients.

The federally required minimum number of hours of training for direct-care workers should be raised from 75 to at least 120, the report said, noting that more training is required for dog groomers and manicurists than direct-care workers in many parts of the country.

And it said pay for geriatric specialists, doctors, nurses and care workers needed to increase.

A doctor specializing in elderly care earned \$163,000 on average in 2005 compared with \$175,000 for a general internist, even though the geriatric specialist required more training.

The report also urged training for family members and other informal caregivers who help the elderly.

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Nonprofits Aren't Properly Screening Volunteers, New Report Finds

Many nonprofits don't screen their volunteers properly, a new report by the **National Center for Victims of Crime (NCNV)** has found.

Who's Lending a Hand? A National Survey of Nonprofit Volunteer

-- especially with the emergence of "Web 2.0" social tools -- is beginning to reveal its profound potential for advancing social change.

The first Net Tuesday meeting will be at 6:30 on Tuesday, May 6th in the Old City section of Philadelphia, and is being organized by [Seth Horwitz](#).

Click [here](#) for more information.

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Neighborhood tax credit program workshops set

The **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development** has scheduled a series of workshops throughout Pennsylvania for the purpose of providing information on the *New Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)* to interested applicants.

Revisions to the program include the extension of tax credits to additional types of corporations; the sale or transfer of credits; the increase in tax credits rates; and the increase in the cap on the amount of credits a corporation can receive. Application information for the new NAP will be provided at each workshop.

Each year the Commonwealth allocates \$18 million in NAP Tax Credits for the purpose of improving distressed neighborhoods and communities. Investments in the following projects are eligible for consideration for NAP tax credits: Community Services, Education, Job Training, Crime Prevention, Neighborhood Assistance and Affordable Housing.

Interested applicants should RSVP by emailing [Yvonne Adams](#) or call 717-787-1984 by May 15, 2008 to attend the Southeast Pennsylvania workshop, to be held from 10am to noon at the Free Library Main Auditorium, 1901 Vine Street in Philadelphia, on Monday, May 19th.

There is no registration fee, however pre-registration is requested since workshop space is limited. Space will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis for those not pre-registration. All workshops will start promptly at 10:00 AM and continue until Noon.

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Audioconference stresses communications strategies about poverty

The issue of poverty is once again gaining the attention of policymakers. Across the country, a number of states have launched comprehensive efforts, established commissions and/or set targets to reduce poverty. In order for efforts to be successful, however, the economic and social consequences of poverty as well as solutions must resonate with state leaders and citizens across the political spectrum.

Screening Practices found that more than 33% of nonprofits don't conduct any type of background check on volunteers, while more than 12% don't do any screening. Nearly 50% of organizations that conduct screenings identified "inappropriate" volunteers.

The research found that organizations choose not to screen due to concern over costs, questions about the usefulness of the practice, and a desire to not offend potential volunteers.

NCNV conducted the study to identify the characteristics of organizations that regularly screen volunteers, the screening methods used, and the role of these screening results in organizational decision making.

NCVC recommendations based on the report include that all organizations consistently and comprehensively screen volunteers, particularly if they will work directly with clients or have access to sensitive client information; screenings should include in-person interviews, personal and professional reference checks and national criminal background checks of names and fingerprints; and that nonprofits should check state databases, such as child and adult protective services, where volunteers have lived.

To download the report, click [here](#).
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IRS plans second chance for failure to file 990s

The **Internal Revenue Service** plans to introduce a new program this year for charities in jeopardy of losing their tax-exempt status for failure to file informational tax returns, called Forms 990.

Organizations will be allowed to file their missing forms without penalty, paying only a small fee based on their size.

The program is a response to a tough new rule contained in the Pension Protection Act of 2006 that calls for any organization that fails to file its required tax returns for three consecutive years to automatically lose its tax-exempt status. Since the rule went into effect starting with the 2007 tax year, 2010 will be the first year that charities could

The **National Governors Association Center for Best Practices** and the **National Conference of State Legislatures** will hold an audio conference on developing communications strategies to address poverty. This call will provide an opportunity to learn about findings from a recent national poll on poverty. Participants will also be able to talk with national experts on how to communicate this issue to a broad range of stakeholders including the businesses community, state policymakers, and non-profit organizations. Discussions will also focus on how to engage members of both political parties to jointly develop solutions to poverty and how to gauge public interest.

The audioconference will take place on Friday, May 16th from 2-3pm. To participate in the call, dial 1-800-445-7784 and enter pass code 7892628#. For more information, email [Linda Hoffman](#) or [Christine Nelson](#).

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Germantown Settlement holds kids collection drive

Germantown Settlement is holding a collection drive for baby and toddler items at its main offices at 5538C Wayne Avenue in Philadelphia, through May 16th. Items can be dropped off between 8am and 8pm.

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Champions of Caring to celebrate student volunteers

On May 15th from 4-5pm, **Champions of Caring** will honor over 100 students from the greater Philadelphia area for their commitment to service.

Founded in 1995, Champions of Caring is a not for profit organization dedicated to educating and empowering young people to become leaders in service and advocates for social justice.

The Champions, who are currently in grades 8-12, come from public, private and Archdiocesan schools and have addressed a wide range of issues including hunger, homelessness, poverty, literacy, and the environment. Students will be recognized for their service, and Drexel University will present a \$50,000 scholarship to a student from Carver High School of Engineering and Science.

The event will be held in Drexel University's Main Auditorium, 3141 Chestnut St. For more information, email [Brienne Tangney](#) or call 610-527-1934. For more information on Champions of Caring, click [here](#).

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Crozer sponsors teen

have their status revoked.

The IRS says it especially wants to help small nonprofit groups that may not even know about the filing requirement, which directs tax-exempt organizations with at least \$25,000 in annual revenue to submit the Form 990 each year. An IRS study in 2006 found that in nearly one-quarter of the cases where groups did not file a form, the person responsible for maintaining the organization's books and records was unaware of the obligation to submit an annual return.

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Employment Opportunities

United Ways of the Delaware Valley - Associate Director of Pennsylvania 211.

United Ways of the Delaware Valley is seeking an Associate Director of Pennsylvania 211—an online GIS (Geographic Information System)-based application and functional 24/7 call center that will connect people to the services they need. Qualifications include a Bachelors' Degree, in human services or related field; at least five years demonstrated experience in managing and leading stakeholders in community building projects and initiatives; excellent organizational and time management skills; and exceptional communication skills, including strong presentation and persuasive skills.

The Associate Director will participate in the PA 211 statewide business planning committee to begin development and launch of a statewide infrastructure; work with local United Ways to develop list of key stakeholders required for inclusive and comprehensive development of regional call center; develop budgeting process that includes a strategic approach and grantmaking strategy; and convene stakeholders to complete launch plan by early 2009.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to United Way

pregnancy program

Crozer-Keystone Healthy Start Public Education Campaign Committee will present *Teen Pregnancy Is On The Rise, Learn The Facts So You Can Take Action!*, an educational program for service providers who work with teens, pregnant teenagers and teen parents on Thursday, May 15th from 8:30am-1pm at Community Hospital, 1st Floor SE Conference Room, 2600 W. 9th Street in Chester.

This half-day program will focus on what medical complications teens may experience in having a baby so young and why it's important to talk to teens about sex to prevent teen pregnancy.

For more information or to register call Crozer-Keystone Healthy Start at 610-497-7460. The program is free and continental breakfast and CEU's for Nurses will be provided.

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of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Seven Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103, by [email](#), or by fax to 215-665-2645. Resumes without a cover letter will not be considered. For more information go [here](#).

Mural Arts Project - Mural Corps

Assistant Coordinator. Mural Corps is a visual arts education program designed to engage high-school youth (between the ages of 14 and 21) in the mural-making process. It is an innovative youth development program designed to increase educational opportunities and provide critical job readiness skills while cultivating virtuosity in the fine arts and leadership skills. Over 80 youth are enrolled in year-round Mural Corps programs that meet twice weekly at eight sites throughout Philadelphia – including the Mural Arts Program's headquarters at the Thomas Eakins House and Philadelphia's E3 Power Centers. In addition, nearly 300 youth participate over the course of a year in monthly extended-day Mural Corps workshops.

Mural Corps youth work with instructors who are professional artists on individual portfolio pieces, large-and/or small-scale mural projects with professional muralists, and student-conceived and produced mural projects. Throughout the school year, Mural Corps operates for a total of 30 weeks during after-school hours and occasional Saturdays. During the summer, Mural Corps meets five days a week.

The Mural Corps Assistant Coordinator manages the Mural Corps staff of two – an administrative assistant and site manager -- and approximately eight instructors. Other tasks include communicating with site-based leaders and staff, recruiting students, contributing to the development of Mural Corps' programmatic materials, including curricula and instructor manuals, conducting interviews with and hiring Mural Corps instructors, assisting with art exhibitions, mural project dedications, workdays, and youth trips, conducting monthly site visits,



overseeing supplies: inventories, orders, deliveries, collecting and processing youth data and paperwork, and communicating with the Mural Arts Programs' director and assistant director of art education.

Qualified candidates should have a background in art education, teaching, and curriculum development and experience working with high school aged youth.

To apply, email cover letter and resume [here](#) by May 15th with "Mural Corps Assistant Coordinator" in the subject line. No phone calls or paper submissions will be accepted.

For more information on the Mural Arts Program, click [here](#).

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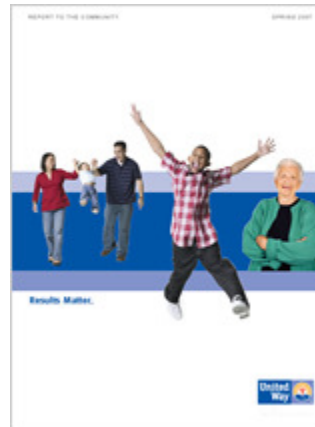
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