



Full-service Schools Roundtable

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Roundtable Report

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT
FULL-SERVICE SCHOOLS ROUNDTABLE MEETING

A Conversation about Outcomes

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

8:30 a.m. till 11 a.m.
The Boston Foundation
75 Arlington Street, 10th floor, Boston

Hear about:

- How funders are thinking about outcomes for their grantees
- An effort to develop city-wide outcomes for Boston's children

Panelists include:

- Peg Sprague, United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley
- Lisa R. Jackson, Center for Effective Philanthropy
- Dishon Mills, DELTAS, Boston Public Schools

More details to follow!

RSVP to aweiss@boston.k12.ma.us by May 21st

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

First Book Boston: Book Grants

The **mission** of the Full-service Schools Roundtable is to advance the healthy development and academic success of students in Boston through integrated school/community partnerships.

First Book is a national nonprofit organization with a single mission: to give children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books. First Book distributes books through its network of volunteer-member Advisory Boards and provides new books to children through eligible community organizations in the United States that serve children from low-income households. First Book Boston currently is accepting applications for book grants from programs serving more than 80 percent children from low income families. First Book Boston favors applications from community-based programs and organizations, such as preschool, day care, after-school, and tutoring/mentoring programs. First Book typically supports after-school programs rather than providing books to be used in the classroom.

For more information, contact: Joanne Arnaud, Boston Adult Literacy Fund, One Milk Street, Boston, MA 02109, fax: (617) 507-8284, e-mail: jarnaud@balf.net, or visit: www.firstbook.org/boston.

DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2008

Brower Youth Awards to Honor Young Environmental Leaders

A program of the Earth Island Institute, the Brower Youth Awards recognize six young people in North America annually for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and environmental justice advocacy.

The winners of the award receive a \$3,000 cash prize, a trip to California for the award ceremony and a wilderness camping trip, and ongoing access to resources and opportunities to further their work at Earth Island Institute. Young activist leaders between the ages of 13 and 22 living in North America are eligible to apply.

For more information, visit: <http://broweryouthawards.org/article.php?id=113>.

DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2008

American Legacy Foundation: Small Innovative Grants Program

The American Legacy Foundation has two goals:

- Arm all young people with the knowledge and tools to reject tobacco; and
- Eliminate disparities in access to tobacco prevention and cessation services.

Through the Small Innovative Grants Program, Legacy supports projects that advance creative, promising solutions based on sound principles of tobacco control to remedy the harm caused by tobacco use. Legacy created the Small Innovative Grants Program to seed new projects or enable an organization to pilot a new idea or approach. Successful applications submitted under the Small Innovative Grants Program must:

- Address one or both of Legacy's goals;
- Demonstrate a strong likelihood to create sustainable change after the

grant period ends;

- Demonstrate that the project may be replicated;
- Address the Healthy People 2010 risk reduction objectives related to tobacco use; and
- Incorporate the CDC's Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs as appropriate.

Grants of up to \$100,000 are awarded. For more information, contact: Benjamin Frey, Senior Program Officer, American Legacy Foundation, 1724 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036, telephone: (202) 454-5907, email: Grantsinfo@americanlegacy.org, or visit: www.americanlegacy.org/64.aspx.

DEADLINE: LETTERS OF INTENT: MAY 23, 2008

Share Our Strength: Great American Bake Sale Grants

The Great American Bake Sale grants program supports efforts to increase participation among low-income children in summer and afterschool meal programs. Share Our Strength is specifically interested in increasing participation in meal programs that utilize US Department of Agriculture reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program, National School Lunch Program, or Child and Adult Care Food Program. Nonprofit organizations that work to increase the number of children that receive nutritious afterschool and summer meals are eligible to apply for funds raised through the Great American Bake Sale. Share Our Strength is offering two types of grants:

- **Grants for Program Sponsors:** Grants will be awarded to organizations that directly sponsor USDA-reimbursed afterschool or summer meal programs for children. Grants specifically will support efforts to increase participation in the organization's USDA summer and afterschool meal programs.
- **Grants for Advocacy:** Grants will be awarded to organizations that work to increase participation in USDA-reimbursed after-school 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.

Grants range in size from \$1,000 to \$10,000. For more information, contact: Marcus Finley, Share Our Strength 1730 M Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036, telephone: (202) 478-6574, e-mail: mfinley@strength.org, website: http://gabs.strength.org/site/PageServer?pagename=GABS_grants.

DEADLINE: MAY 30, 2008

Wachovia NEXT Awards for Opportunity Finance

The Opportunity Finance Network (OFN) 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 (CDFI). The awards are presented by OFN and are funded by the Wachovia Foundation and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Each year from 2007 to 2011, the awards program will present two of the nation's most promising CDFIs with a major one-time financial award that combines unrestricted grant dollars and flexible, long-term, unsecured below-market loans (program-related investments). The program will also select four CDFIs to receive grants and national recognition for their excellence in advocacy, community impact, financing, and innovation.

Awards will be made in the following amounts: 1) one \$5 million below-market loan plus a \$500,000 unrestricted grant will go to an outstanding, high-potential CDFI with over \$50 million in capital dedicated to lending or investing; 2) one \$2.5 million below-market loan plus a \$250,000 unrestricted grant will go to an outstanding, high-potential CDFI with \$10 million to \$50 million in capital dedicated to lending or investing; and 3) four unrestricted grants of \$25,000 each will go to selected CDFIs that have demonstrated excellence in advocacy, community impact, financing, or innovation.

For more information, visit: <http://www.nextawards.org/>.

DEADLINE: MAY 30, 2008

Target Stores Local Store Grants Program

Target Corporation's Local Store Grants provide funding support to "Target" communities in the areas of arts, reading programs, and family violence prevention. Arts grants are awarded to programs that bring the arts to schools or make the arts accessible to children and families. Early childhood reading grants support programs that foster a love of reading and encourage children, from birth through age nine, to read together with their families. Family violence prevention grants support programs that strengthen families and communities by keeping them safe.

Support will be awarded for projects or programs. The average grant amount is between \$1,000 and \$3,000. For communities offering unique opportunities outside the scope of the program's focus areas, Target provides each store limited funds for Target GiftCard donations.

For more information, visit:
<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-004090>.

DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2008

The Lorax Challenge

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. The challenge invites teams of young people to create action plans for their earth-saving ideas.

To be considered for the Lorax grant, a venture team must be youth-created, -led, and -managed; be community-benefiting; be structured as a lasting organization (meaning not just a one-time event, but rather an ongoing entity such as a new school club, a business, or a new community organization); involve a strong team (meaning at least two people) with clear, attainable goals and

budget and the commitment to lead their venture; and have at least one "Ally" — a supportive adult who guides and encourages the team.

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.)

For more information, visit: <http://genv.net/en-us/lorax>.

DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2008

Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Grants for Inner-City Educators

The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp. has announced that it will renew its Community Grant Program. Brown Rudnick's Community Grants Program subsidizes small projects designed to improve inner-city education in Boston, Hartford, Providence, New York, or Washington, D.C., within the coming year. In keeping with the foundation's 2008 focus, proposals aimed at helping to reduce public school absenteeism and drop-out rates are of particular interest.

The applicant must be a "frontline educational worker" who is involved in the education field or a related field in one of the communities eligible for foundation grants. The proposed recipient must be a nonprofit organization or tax-exempt organization (e.g., a public school) that is willing to accept the grant and use it in the required manner.

The foundation will generally consider grant applications monthly and award grants in an amount totaling not more than \$2,000 in any given month.

For more information, visit:
<http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/foundation/communitygrant.asp>.

DEADLINE: ROLLING

For Your Information



Resources for Principal Preparation and Professional Development

The Coalition for Community Schools, with support from the MetLife Foundation, has created a one-stop-shop for principal preparation and professional development programs and practicing principals. On this website, you will find the best research and tools on nine essential topics that will help principals effectively engage communities and families. Please visit the website <http://www.communityschools.org/principals/> for more information.

Conference/Training Announcements



It Takes a Village: Exploring Cross-Sector Support for At-Risk Students
Friday, May 2, 2008, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Omni Parker House Hotel, Boston, MA

Presented by the:
Rennie Center for Education Research & Policy
Youth Transitions Task Force
Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
Jobs for the Future

Join us as we discuss the creation and utilization of cross-sector collaborative relationships to support at-risk students in Massachusetts.

Educators are struggling to improve key elements, like curriculum and instruction, to boost student performance and keep students engaged in school. Yet, in light of the stubborn persistence of achievement gaps and unacceptable dropout rates, educators and policymakers are now raising questions about the influences of poverty and family circumstances on students' potential to achieve. The forum will discuss the development of a comprehensive, inter-governmental, child-focused approach to providing the social and emotional supports necessary to enable students to stay in school and strive for proficiency.

Panelists include: Leah Hamilton, Executive Director, Office of Multiple Pathways to Graduation, NYC Department of Education; Carol Johnson, Superintendent, Boston Public Schools; Janet Powell, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Quincy Public Schools (invited); Marlene Seltzer, President and CEO, Jobs for the Future (invited); Richard Weissbourd, Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education. The moderator will be Paul Reville, President, Rennie Center for Education Research & Policy; Director, Education Policy and Management Program and Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Chair, Massachusetts Board of Education; Secretary of Education Designate, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REGISTRATION: Call the Rennie Center reservation line at 617-354-0002, ext. 13 or register online by [clicking here](#) and using our online form. Registration is free, however space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

Children's Mental Health Campaign Bill Naming Event
Save The Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 10:30 a.m.
State House, Room 222

The Children's Mental Health Campaign is holding a press conference to announce that SB 2518, An Act Relative to Children's Mental Health, will be known as "Yolanda's Law."

Last May, Yolanda Torres and her mother Mary Ann Tufts traveled from Plymouth

to testify before the Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse in support of the Children's Mental Health Bill. Yolanda, an articulate and creative 15 year old, shared her experiences with the children's mental health system and her personal battle with mental illness.

Yolanda wanted to change the system of mental health care so that others would not have to go through what she had been through. She considered her advocacy that day in the State House to be one of the most important experiences in her life. Tragically, Yolanda died on January 28, 2008. At the request of Yolanda's family and in consultation with members of the Legislature who have been leaders on this issue, An Act Relative to Children's Mental Health, will now be known as Yolanda's Law.

On May 6, please support Yolanda and her family, the passage of the legislation, and the Children's Mental Health Campaign. All are welcome to attend. Mary Ann Tufts, her husband and close friends will attend and speak about Yolanda.



2008 PIC Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2008
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm, *Reception to follow*
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Auditorium
600 Atlantic Avenue

Featuring:
Mayor Thomas M. Menino
PIC Achiever Awards
Roland Hayes School of Music Jazz Ensemble

Gary L. Gottlieb, M.D., *Chair*
Neil Sullivan, *Executive Director*

RSVP no later than Friday, May 2 to rsvp@bostonpic.org or
www.bostonpic.org.

Join Nitsch Engineering's 7th Annual "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" Day!

Since 2002, Nitsch Engineering has been showing young women how an engineering career can be fulfilling and attainable. This year, they have partnered with the New England Aquarium, The Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission for a program that focuses on how engineering relates to water, aquatic life, and the environment.



WHO: 6th to 12th grade girls (an adult may accompany each girl)
WHEN: Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
WHERE: New England Aquarium, Boston, MA

RSVP: Space is limited and reservations are required, so please RSVP by May 6. Email rsvp@nitscheng.com with the girl's name,

the girl's grade in school, and - if applicable - the name of the adult attending. For more information, [click here](#) to visit the website.

Please note in your RSVP if you are interested in attending an optional 45 - 60 minute tour of the Rose Kennedy Greenway after the event.



**For the People
A Celebration of Health Care Leaders**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at the Westin Copley Place Boston
4:30pm - 8:00pm**

This annual event honors champions for their work in the Massachusetts health care system. The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Dennis Keefe, Chief Executive Officer of Cambridge Health Alliance, for his 30 years of dedication to serving hard to reach populations in the health care system.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.hcfama.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=579&grandparentID=472&parentID=484>.

BOSTnet Leadership Roundtable:



May 15, 2008, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Stuck In the Middle Half Day Forum:

Ways to Increase Middle School Youth Participation.

The Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington Street, 10th Fl

Please RSVP for all workshops at info@bostnet.org or 617-720-1290 x 232

For over ten years, **BOSTnet** has been providing free, monthly Leadership Roundtables for directors, managers, and supervisors of out-of-school time programs.