

Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County E-News

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1. **Verizon Awards Cash Grants**

Organizations that actively support the focus areas of education, literacy, domestic violence prevention, healthcare and healthcare accessibility, and internet safety may apply for grants provided by the Verizon Foundation. Organizations must be able to track and report program outcomes as well as specific results that demonstrate measurable human impact. Applications for grants are only accepted electronically and on a continuous calendar year basis from January 1 through October 3. For more information see <http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/application.shtml>

2. **Free Guidestar Report on Nonprofits**

More than 7,000 people responded to Guidestar's June 2010 economic survey, which measured the impact of these difficult economic times on the nonprofit sector. The results are compelling: Some 40 percent of participants reported that contributions to their organizations dropped between January 1 and May 31, 2010, compared to the same period a year earlier. Eight percent indicated that their organizations were in imminent danger of closing. Sixty-three percent reported a total increase in demand for their organization's services between January 1, 2010 and May 31, 2010, compared to the same period a year prior. Read the survey's findings here: www2.guidestar.org/rxg/news/publications/nonprofits-and-economy-june-2010.aspx?hq_e=el&hq_m=725434&hq_l=3&hq_v=fbe6b76ee4

3. **Nominations Sought for 2010 Philanthropist, Volunteer and Youth Awards**

The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County is seeking nominations for the 10th Annual Philanthropist of the Year Award. This award goes to an individual, couple or family with a proven record of exceptional generosity. They will have demonstrated outstanding civic and charitable responsibility and generosity which encourages others to become philanthropic leaders in our county. Outstanding past recipients include: Robert Pascal, Hillard and Karolyn Donner, Creston and Betty Jane Tate, Jim and Katherine Mandrin, Frank and Susan Chaney, Tom and Peggy Baldwin, Fred Graul, Edward St. John and Phil and Meri Gibbs.

They are also seeking nominations for our Volunteer and Youth Awards. Please visit www.cfaac.org for more information. The winners will receive their awards at our Celebration of Philanthropy Luncheon which will take place on Friday, November 12th at the Doubletree Hotel on Riva Road in Annapolis. Nomination deadline is Friday, September 10, 2010. Download

forms at www.cfaac.org , fax to 410-280-1104, e-mail to amy@cfaac.org, or send by mail to our office address. Call 410-280-1102 for more information.

4. “Together We Can” Poverty Symposium, Thursday, September 16, 2010

Maryland Hall for Creative Arts, Annapolis, 8 AM – 12:30 PM. HOSTED BY: Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency in partnership with the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County, Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth and Families, City of Annapolis, NAACP, and Maryland Hall for Creative Arts. For more information contact Kristen Komlosy at 410-626-1900, x1030

5. Annual Community Health Fair, Saturday, September 18, 2010, 10 AM- 3 PM

Upcoming health fair, “Get Fit For Life”, is being sponsored by National Coalition of 100 Black Women in partnership with the doctors of Baltimore Washington Medical Center. At the Tate Cancer Center, 301 Hospital Dr., Glen Burnie, MD 21061. This event is open to the County. For more information, contact Diane Addo-Allotey at mpfk1121@aol.com

6. Save the date, Friday October 15, 2010 for Nonprofit Management Workshop

AACC will launch the fall 2010 term with a special half day workshop that addresses strategies to develop new boards to respond to new times. The morning will start with a pre session breakfast at 7:45 am with a presentation by the YWCA on how they undertook an organizational reassessment and what action steps they have pursued to position the organization going forward. Continuing that morning at 9am, Stacey Heckel of the AACC College Foundation will lead a training *on Boards That Works in Challenging Times*. The breakfast and training is \$50. For more information contact Anita Ramundo: ahramundo@aacc.edu

7. Foundation Center's Cooperating Collection now at Annapolis Area Library

Anne Arundel County Public Library is now part of the Foundation Center's network. A D.C.-based service, this partnership will provide a valuable collection of free resources for nonprofit organizations in Anne Arundel County that are seeking funding. On **October 6, 2010, at 2 pm**, the library staff will hold its first training session on how to effectively use these resources and identify potential funders. For more information about the Cooperating Collection at the Annapolis Area Library, call 410-222-1750, or visit the Annapolis Area Library for a first-hand look at all the new materials.

The Cooperating Collection includes Foundation Grants Online, which offers detailed descriptions of more than 8,300 foundation programs that fund students, artists, researchers and other individual grant seekers - and The Foundation Directory Online, which lists nearly 100,000 U.S. foundations and corporate donors, in addition to more than two million recent grants, and 500,000+ key decision makers. Also included are print directories, proposal-writing guides and other materials relevant to building and managing nonprofit organizations.