

# In the Loop™

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## Please Forward...

### FROM THE EDITOR

#### Welcome!

Welcome to *In the Loop*, an eclectic compilation of e-mail transmittals that I have received during the past week. From time to time, you will find announcements of events, grant opportunities, job postings, links to websites and articles of interest or notes of encouragement. I hope that you, or someone you know, would find the information to be of use. If you would like to unsubscribe, submit material, or make general comments, you may contact me at [valeriefleonard@msn.com](mailto:valeriefleonard@msn.com). I look forward to hearing from you soon.

#### Coming Soon: Free Resources!

I will launch a website, [www.valeriefleonard.com](http://www.valeriefleonard.com) on September 30, 2005. The website will describe my services, and provide links to free or low-cost resources and articles of interest for nonprofit practitioners and small business owners. You will also be able to purchase books and business forms and sign up for web hosting. Whether you are a nonprofit practitioner, small business owner, intermediary, attorney, financial institution, or foundation, you are welcome to submit material for publishing, or a link to the website. Again, please feel free to e-mail me at [valeriefleonard@msn.com](mailto:valeriefleonard@msn.com), or call me at 773-521-3137 if you have further questions. I look forward to the wonderful exchange of information.

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Editor

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### HAC NEWS/HURRICANE KATRINA

The following excerpt is copied with permission from HAC News. The full issue of HAC News is also available in PDF and HTML format at <http://www.ruralhome.org/infoNews.php>

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KATRINA AFFECTING HOUSING LEGISLATION. On September 14 the Senate unanimously passed an amendment to the FY 2006 Commerce-Justice Science 2006 appropriations bill (H.R. 2862) to create a \$3.5 billion emergency housing voucher program that will provide temporary rental assistance to more than 350,000 families displaced by the hurricane. The bill now moves to a conference with the House. - The Senate is expected to pass its 2006 agriculture appropriations bill (H.R. 2744) this week. Katrina related relief could be included, but the White House is urging Congress to wait for a broader recovery bill. - The Transportation-Treasury-HUD 2006 appropriations bill is being mentioned frequently as a candidate for inclusion in an omnibus spending bill. - At least one continuing resolution to operate the government past October 1 is certain. - House passage of GSI reform legislation (H.R. 1461; see HAC News, 6/1/05), with its proposed Affordable Housing Fund prioritized for Katrina rebuilding in the first two years, remains uncertain. The latest reports are that House conservatives remain opposed to the fund and that it may not move ahead. Also, the Senate GSE bill does not include the fund (see HAC News, 8/11/05). - Legislative updates will be posted at <http://www.ruralhome.org>. Links to Congress's and federal agencies' housing-related responses are collected at <http://www.nlihc.org/news/091305katrina.html>.

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

### Attention, Deputy Registrars

The following 2 announcements from the Chicago Board of Elections were included in Deputy Registrar Training materials.

#### New Law Regarding Deputy Registrars

Pursuant to a recent changes to the Election Code, voluntary deputy registrars may now accept the registration of any qualified resident of the state of Illinois. All completed registration materials shall be returned to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. If a registrant resides outside the City of Chicago, the Board will forward that registration record to the proper election authority.

The current registration card does not contain a box for "City" or "County". In the event you take a registration of an individual who lives in another city, please indicate the name of that city on the line where the street address is located. Also, if the individual knows the county they reside in, please indicate the name of the county in the shaded area at the top of the card next to the registratin number.

#### Changes to Forms 276 and 276(A)

A recent change in the law has created a new requirement for the type of identification that is required to be recorded on the registration form 276. It is now required that the applicant supply either their Illinois Driver's License number or the last four digits of their Social Security Number. These sections on Forms 276 and 276(A) have been revised to reflect this change.

For further information or examples of the changes listed above, please call the Chicago Board of Elections at 312-269-7900.

## PRAYERS NEEDED

### Permelia "Dee Dee" Tyler

I received the following information from Rev. Crawford, CEO of FAITH, Incorporated.

Permelia "Dee Dee" Tyler, program director for Faith Incorporated, was severely injured when a car hit her on Monday afternoon. She is in intensive care at Loyola University Hospital Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois. Please remember her in your prayers.

## CREATE WEALTH

### Learn How to Start Accumulating Wealth Now and Build a Financial Legacy for Generations to Come

Raynard Villa Hall, publisher of Bronzecom, forwarded the following information:

At the Wells Fargo Wealth Building Strategies Seminar, you'll learn firsthand — from the experts — how you can realize your goals. Come talk to us one-on-one. Tell us your story. And we'll show you how to build your financial legacy — through owning a home, starting a business, or saving and investing for a secure today and tomorrow. Let these strategies inspire and empower you to accumulate wealth and enrich both your life and your family. Take the first step toward building your legacy. It's never too early or too late to begin. This seminar is free. And feel free to bring a friend or family member. Limited seating available. Don't delay; reserve your space today at <http://www.wellsfargo.com/wealth>.

#### Join us!

- Saturday, October 1, 2005
- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- The Harold Washington Cultural Center
- 4701 South King Drive
- Chicago, IL 60653

#### Special Guest Speakers:

Keynote Address: Tavis Smiley, the first American ever to simultaneously host signature talk shows on both PBS and Public Radio International (PRI).

Appearance: Kelvin Boston, Author of the best-selling book, *Smart Money Moves for Africana Americans* and host of PBS' *Moneywise*.

## FUNDRAISING

### The Village Store

Mr. Hurley Green III, Publisher of The Bulletin, provided the following link:

IS YOUR GROUP LOOKING FOR A WAY TO RAISE FUNDS? We put the FUN back into fund-raising! Visit the Village Store at [www.villagestore.bz](http://www.villagestore.bz)

## EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Programming Coordinator

Ms. Willie Cole, of Chicago Public Schools, forwarded the following information.

Blessed Sacrament Youth Center seeks a programming coordinator to manage the day to day operations of the Youth Center, including, supervising youth, opening the computer lab, designing and administering new activities and programs, recruitment, program evaluation, attendance tracking, preparing written and oral communication regarding program activities, general administrative duties, etc. Please send your resume and cover letter to Blessed Sacrament Youth Center, Attn: Mary Quinn, 3616 West Cermak Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623 or [Blessed\\_sacrament@yahoo.com](mailto:Blessed_sacrament@yahoo.com) **no later than October 14, 2005. The applicant must submit to a background check.** Please e-mail Mary Quinn directly for a complete job description. Alternatively, you may e-mail me at [valeriefleonard@msn.com](mailto:valeriefleonard@msn.com).

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### Youth Grant Making

Ms. Mariame Kaba, of the Steans Family Foundation forwarded the following announcement:

Dear supporter,

The Youth Grant-Making Team is hosting grant workshops at The Crib Collective, 4252 W. Cermak, to teach youth from North Lawndale how to apply for up to \$2500 for community-based projects that they will lead. Please pass this information, along with the attached flyer, to youth in your network or others who work with youth, to help us make sure that all of our grant money goes out in the community. Youth interested in applying have to sign up for the workshops by Friday, October 7th, by calling or emailing Aquil Charlton, Program Director, at (773) 542-4220 or [aquil@cribcollective.org](mailto:aquil@cribcollective.org)

Thank you for your help. I can't wait to see the ideas that we can support with this grant money!

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## Hull House Association Needs Business Leaders/Mentors

### Description:

Seeking managers and leaders who are responsible for 5 staff or more in a business or non- for- profit setting and are willing to share their knowledge, success and growth in the industry, including what the industry is looking for in potential employees.

### Criteria:

- Management skills
- Interviewing skills
- Decision making skills
- Ability to hire and fire

### Compensation/Salary

*You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.*

—Albert Schweitzer, French Philosopher and Physician

If you are interested in sharing your skills and knowledge with individuals that need to hear your story about the industry you work in, call 773 542-3441 and speak with Arlene Robinson or Mariann Chisum-McGill.

Also seeking employers to do on the job training experiences with our job ready customers in your field of work. Please contact us to set up a meeting so that we can create a linkage agreement.

## SPECIAL EVENTS AND MEETINGS

### Save the Date: Whitney Young High School Celebrates 30 Years of Academic Excellence

Whitney M. Young Magnet High School will host a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2005 at the school, in the Arts Building, located at 1430 West Jackson Boulevard, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Honorary Chairpersons of the Celebration include: Mayor Richard M. Daley; Whitney Young alumna Michelle Obama, Vice President, Community and External Affairs, University of Chicago Hospitals, who will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies; Arne Duncan, CEO, Chicago Public Schools; and Michael W. Scott, President of the Chicago Public School Board. Proceeds will be used to further educational developments at Whitney Young High School. For further information, e-mail [wproject30@aol.com](mailto:wproject30@aol.com) or call 773.534.7500, ext. 7055.

## NCBG's Rebuild Our Schools Task Force

I received the following information from Mr. John Paul Jones, of the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group.

### Illinois High School Summit

Thursday, Sept. 29th

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Chase Bank, 57th Floor- 21 South Clark Street

RSVP at 312-732-2601 or email [martha.a.camarillo@chase.com](mailto:martha.a.camarillo@chase.com)

## Back in the Day

I received the following information from Mr. Eugene Dillanado, an accomplished playwright, concerning his upcoming production.

"Back In The Day" is a nostalgic look at teenage life in the early 1960's. The show explores peer pressure, teen pregnancy and the love of the extended family. If you like "dusties", Herb Kent, bopping ivy leaguers & gouters, Brook Benton, Dinah Washington, and Moms Mabley this is a must see show. "Back In The Day" will be at the DuSable Museum of African-American History, Saturday, November 5th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 6th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For those looking for a fund-raiser, 50 tickets or more can be purchased for \$10. Saturday's show is nearly booked. So act quickly! For further information about this production, e-mail Mr. Dillanado at [blueenergy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blueenergy@sbcglobal.net).

## Bridging the Digital Divide

I received the following information from Mr. Lowry Taylor, Chairman of the Digital Development Corporation And Oversight Committee. .

The 2005 Digital Divide Town Hall Meeting and Community Resource Event will take place on October 22, 2005 at the Sinai Community Institute, 2653 West Ogden in Chicago, Illinois, from 12 noon until 6PM. The event is geared towards raising money to Bridge the Digital Divide in North Lawndale. Our target audience will consist of, local educators, K-12 to college level students, business owners, entrepreneurs, and community residents. It is our goal to motivate youth to pursue careers that are math, science, and technology intensive. To find out how your organization may participate as a co-sponsor or (nonprofit) exhibitor, please call Lowry Taylor at 773 379-4048.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

I received the following information from Ms. Maude Carroll of the Community Media Workshop

### Community Media Workshop Media Guide

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Your organization has been using Community Media Workshop's yellow media guide, so you know what a great tool it is.

#### The book is just \$55 for non-profits until September 30.

This year's guide includes information for close to 4,000 media contacts, plus:

- new feature articles and advice for smart media relations, understanding radio, blogs and the power of photography
- more email and beat information, as well as journalists' preferred methods of contact, and
- expanded listings for midwest daily newspapers and other regional outlets.

The CD-RDM is searchable, sortable and exportable, allowing you to make your own lists and labels. If you've not tried it, make this the year you start using it. We've made it even more user-friendly.

We suggest getting both the book and CD because together they give you a more powerful tool for managing journalists' contact information and planning campaigns.

Best,  
Maude Carroll  
Community Media Workshop

## THANK YOU!!

I would just like to take a moment to thank you all for your overwhelming support of the *In the Loop* publication, and me as a budding entrepreneur. I especially appreciate your referrals to others who have requested to be put "in the loop", and the time you spent responding to my consulting services survey. As a result your thoughtful feedback, and suggestions, I am better able to disseminate information in a targeted fashion, and work more efficiently in my consulting practice and community service. I look forward to working with you as we build more connectivity among a diverse group of people who share a common goal of empowering citizens through enhanced communication.

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