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Letter from Carolyn Becic

I don't know about you but warmer weather and brighter days are a welcome addition to my work week. While winter's weather wasn't particularly harsh this year, there has been no shortage of economic and social hardship straining the resources of the nonprofit community. Standing knee deep in the middle of the fallout from a recession is bound to zap our collective energy.

And according to the March Nonprofit Finance Fund survey's forecast for 2010, it looks like we might keep our gaiters on several more months:

- Nearly 90% expect 2010 to be as difficult or more difficult than 2009
- 80% of nonprofits anticipate an increase in demand for services in 2010
- The majority – 61% – have less than three months of cash available (Click <http://www.nonprofitfinancefund.org/content.php?autoID=230> for more data.)

But as spring blossoms to full bloom this is a particularly appropriate time of year to reflect on how you are caring for yourself and acknowledge the great work you have been doing – an important component in your continued ability to serve others. How do you find small ways to add spirit-lifting moments into your daily life? We're big fans of this little video as a great pick-me-up - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlfKdbWwruY>. Feel free to give me a call if you ever want to touch base about an idea or issue.

Have a restoring spring,
Carolyn

HOT TOPICS

Oregon State Police Fingerprinting Services At Risk

The Oregon State Police (OSP), by request of the Oregon Legislature, will begin reviewing the fees and costs associated with fingerprinting. What does this mean for mentoring programs? If your program utilizes the OSP fingerprinting services, your free background checks are at risk.

Oregon Mentors is working hard to prevent this from happening, but we need your help. OSP is hosting a series of regional meetings to obtain feedback and input concerning possible impacts of their services. If you're able, please attend and share stories about how this service impacts your program's bottom line.

E-mail annie@oregonmentors.org for meeting details and to let us know you're able to attend.

Salem – May 17, 18 and June 16
Bend – June 2
Central Point – June 10
Coos Bay – June 17
Ontario – June 22
Pendleton – June 23

Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring Applications DUE May 7th

The 2010 Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring (SIYM) will be held July 26 – 30 in Portland. The SIYM is a special educational opportunity for experienced mentoring professionals nationwide. Participants attend an intensive week-long seminar series that presents current theory and research on youth mentoring led by nationally-recognized research fellows. SIYM encourages attendees to examine their program models, policies and procedures, and training materials with consultation and support from mentoring researchers and a small group of advanced colleagues. The 2010

Institute will explore the influence of technology on mentoring relationships and mentoring programs. Space is limited and the application deadline is May 7, 2010. For more information and to apply, visit www.youthmentoring.ssw.pdx.edu.

NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join MENTOR for new webinar series on the Elements of Effective Practice

MENTOR has launched a webinar series to support the new Elements of Effective Practice. Monthly webinars will tackle issues like training, match support, closure, and more. Additional information about MENTOR's Elements will be posted at www.mentoring.org/elementswebinars. MENTOR is pleased to feature Mentor Michigan in the upcoming webinar on male mentor recruitment. The webinar will be Wednesday, April 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., PST. Webinars are free but advance registration is required. Go to www.mentoring.org/elementswebinars to RSVP.

Wrap up the Training Development Project

In March, 45 youth development professional from 25 agencies joined Oregon Mentors in our pilot Training Development Symposium. Participants are welcome to join Oregon Mentors for the wrap-up webinar on either May 20 at 10 a.m. or May 26 at 2 p.m. Please RSVP to celeste@oregonmentors.org.

Oregon Mentors Welcomes Caitlin Walker

This week we welcome Caitlin Walker to the Oregon Mentors team. Caitlin is replacing Jennifer Dressen as the AmeriCorps * VISTA member serving Oregon Mentors and Oregon ASK as the Multnomah county Youth Development Network (YDN) Coordinator. Caitlin graduated from the University of Redlands in 2009 with a BA in International Relations, and has since worked for the International Rescue Committee's Office of Refugee Resettlement in New York. She looks forward to continuing her work with this community as a mentor for IRCO's AIM program. Caitlin's VISTA project will include strengthening the YDN in Multnomah County by offering relevant trainings for mentoring programs and hosting regular network meetings. Other goals this year include, increasing visibility of mentoring programs; expanding volunteer recruitment effort; and contributing to research in mentoring program evaluation strategies. She looks forward to meeting and working with mentoring and afterschool professionals in Multnomah County. Contact Caitlin with any questions and ideas regarding the YDN at Oregon Mentors (503) 517-8990 ex. 10 or Caitlin@oregonmentors.org

Governor's Volunteer Award Nominations Due May 10

Oregon Volunteers is once again accepting nominations for the 2010 Governor's Volunteer Awards. Nomination forms and additional information can be found online at www.oregonvolunteers.org. Nominations are due by May 10 and awardees will be recognized at the Governor's Volunteer Awards on October 22, 2010 in Salem.

Oregon Mentors Can Support You with Your Training Needs

Programs outside of a Youth Development Network (YDN) area can request Oregon Mentors to travel to your area to provide training on volunteer recruiting, fingerprinting, or how to be an effective mentor. To request more information, contact celeste@oregonmentors.org.

Powerful Male Mentoring Documentary Touring the Country

Journeyman, a one-hour documentary about rites of passage, mentoring and male culture in America, is airing on stations across the U.S. encouraging men to volunteer as mentors. The film follows Joe and Mike, two teenage boys from diverse backgrounds who struggle with depression and violence, both in dire need of support and guidance from adult males. In a mentoring program, they face challenging rites of passage, discover their inner strength, and learn to engage with a community of supportive men. The documentary is scheduled to air on KOPB in June 2010. Go to www.mirrormanfilms.org for more information about the film.

Thank you Greg Oden!

As another Blazers season comes to a close, we extend a huge thank you to Greg for supporting Team Oden and providing hundreds of mentors, kids and staff with tickets to Trail Blazer games and other Rose Garden events. We've forwarded every thank you card and email that you've sent us on to Greg to ensure he knows how great these experiences are for your kids. If you'd like to send cards, photos or other tokens of your appreciation to Oregon Mentors, please mail them to Annie Klug at 1221 SW Yamhill, Suite 260, Portland OR 97205. Thanks to all of you as well for taking time to coordinate these events for your mentors and youth.

EVENTS

Southern Oregon Symposium on Youth Mentoring, May 3

Join Dr. Tom Keller and expert mentoring practitioners on Monday, May 3 to learn about mentoring best practices and research. The Southern Oregon Symposium on Youth Mentoring will share information from the previous Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring. It is a terrific opportunity to learn about emerging best practices and new research in youth development. The event is free due to the generous support of the Oregon Community Foundation. It will be at the Running Y Ranch in Klamath Falls from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is free, however, space is limited so please

register before Thursday April 28 at <http://southernoregonmentoring.eventbrite.com/>. If you have questions, contact Kay Logan at (503) 725-9680 or kay.logan@pdx.edu.

Portland: Executive Directors Meeting, June 3

The 3rd Annual Executive Directors Meeting will be Thursday, June 3 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Portland Business Alliance building in downtown Portland. This meeting is an opportunity for directors from Oregon Mentors' 90 registered programs to come together and learn about our current activities and initiatives. We'll update you on a number of projects including:

- National quality assessment process with MENTOR
- Evaluation toolkit development with Education Northwest
- P20 Initiative with Portland State University and the Leaders Roundtable
- Mentoring program "types" project

If your executive director would like to attend, please RSVP to annie@oregonmentors.org.

Multnomah County: Spring Social, May 25

Oregon Mentors Spring Social for Mentoring Programs will be May 25, 2010 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Lucky Lab Beer Hall; 1945 NW Quimby St, Portland 97209. Come and enjoy a spring evening with Oregon Mentors and your fellow mentoring professionals. Oregon Mentors Spring Social is a great opportunity to network with people from the youth development field and discuss challenges and success stories as we reflect on the closing school year. Light fare will be provided, bring cash for drinks. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Caitlin Walker at Caitlin@oregonmentors.org or call (503) 517-8990 ex. 10.

FUNDING

iMentor Software RFP DUE May 17

If you're looking for programmatic and technological support for your mentoring work, iMentor is currently offering a grant to subsidize the cost of its iMentor Interactive program. Sponsored by the Department of Justice, this suite of software and services can help with the following areas:

- Recruiting mentors and cutting-down on data entry through online applications
- Screening mentors via a background check and tracking system
- Matching pairs through an algorithm that measures compatibility in 12 areas

- Getting pairs talking via a safe and secure email system and writing prompts
- Scheduling events and collecting RSVPs through an online calendar
- Monitoring relationships via email and event trackers
- Evaluating impact through surveys and a comprehensive database

To learn more about eligibility criteria and download the RFP, please check out http://www.imentor.org/imentor_interactive/ojdp.php. The deadline is May 17.

Foundation Center Trainings

Interested in learning more about grant writing and fundraising? Check out these great webinars offered by the Foundation Center:

http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/pwbsp_webinar.html

Funding Opportunities

Samuel S. Johnson Foundation - Proposal deadline: May 15 – Guidelines posted at: <http://www.foundationdatabook.com/Images/johnson.pdf>. Contact: Elizabeth Hill Johnson, (541) 548-8104, mary@tssjf.org.

Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation - Proposal deadline: May 31- Contact: Barbara Hall, (503) 973-0286 for proposal requirements.

Braemar Charitable Trust - Proposal deadline: June 1 - for Central Oregon Region find grant guideline information at www.trustmanagementservices.net. (Deadlines for Mid-Valley region is Feb. 15; Deadlines for Portland Metro region is Aug. 15)

D.E. & Jane Clark Foundation - Baker County - Proposal deadline: June 1 -Supporting Baker County. Applications are available through Baker City branch of U.S. Bank. Contact: Bill Dolan, (503) 275-5929.

Robert D. & Marcia H Randall Charitable Trust - Pre-application deadline: June 15 - Application now available. Contact: Marcia Randall, (503) 293-6210.

Juan Young Trust – Application deadline – June 30. Restricted to programs serving youth under 21 years of age. The trust operates two divisions (Western and Eastern) Visit its Web site for details: www.gosw.org/juanyoungtrust.

The Jackson Foundation – Proposal Deadline: June 30
Foundation has a broad, charitable purpose fund that supports organizations with missions that promote the welfare of the public. The foundation considers projects located outside the Portland

metropolitan area only if the project has statewide appeal. No phone calls. Visit www.thejacksonfoundation.com for more information.



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