News

1. The question of deductibility of a contribution towards education and the education of a specific individual often surfaces during tax time and so we have included a link to IRS Publication 526, to assist in addressing this inquiry.

2. The Council for Aid to Education (CAE) has announced a new category of data variables to the benchmarking tool Data Miner. It is on advancement investment for higher education and it collects data for salaries, benefits, operation costs, capital investment, and staff FTEs. Also, their annual statistical report, 2010 Voluntary Support of Education, is expected by April 29 and will be sent to member organizations that participated in the on-line survey. Data Miner, CAE’s benchmarking tool, is available free of charge to PSI members. Information regarding Data Miner can be accessed in our website, www.philanthropicservice.com, under the ‘Resources’ tab.

3. Want to know what is needed to further advance your career as a fundraiser from the perspective of a nationally recognized leader in the field? Please take a few minutes to listen to Dr. Lilya Wagner as she gives some pointers required to develop your expertise and position yourself for better opportunities. Our website is www.philanthropicservice.com.

4. A big congratulations to Barbara Willis of the Holbrook Seventh-day Adventist Indian School for earning her CFRE credential.

PSI Resources
This resource provides nonprofit leaders with insight into choosing and using consultants and allows them to make better use of their resources. Targeting both nonprofit consultants and the end user of the consulting services, it also increases the effectiveness of those consultants serving the nonprofit sector by raising awareness of some of the more subtle dynamics underlying successful consulting. Cagney outlines a number of concrete consulting strategies that serve as tools for managers seeking to resolve complex organizational development issues.

**Grant Opportunities** (Please visit the Foundation Center’s website, [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp), for details.)

**Aging**

**Archstone Foundation Issues Two New Funding Opportunities Related to Improving the Lives of California’s Elderly**

Grants will be awarded to nonprofits and government agencies working to provide services for victims of elder abuse or improve mental health services for community-dwelling older adults experiencing depression....

Posted on March 15, 2011
Deadline: April 6, 2011

**Arts and Culture**

**Chamber Music America Invites Applications for Classical Commissioning Program**

Grants of up to $31,000 will be awarded to U.S.-based professional classical, contemporary, and world music ensembles and presenters working to commission and perform new chamber works by American composers....

Posted on March 16, 2011
Deadline: April 8, 2011

**Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Invites Filmmaker Applications for Screen/In Person Film Touring Program**

Independent American filmmakers are invited to submit their films — including animation, documentaries, experimental, and narrative work — for a tour across the mid-Atlantic region beginning in fall 2011....

Posted on March 10, 2011
Deadline: April 1, 2011

**Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation to Administer French-American Jazz Exchange**

Grants of up to $25,000 will be awarded to small jazz ensembles and/or individual musicians from France and the United States or their territories who are engaging in
collaborative projects and exploring new music....

Posted on March 10, 2011
Deadline: May 31, 2011

**Tribeca Film Institute Launches New Media Fund to Support Filmmakers Utilizing Cross-Platform Storytelling to Promote Social Change**
Grants between $50,000 and $100,000 will be given to up to eight nonfiction, social issue film projects that integrate film with content across newer media platforms; the fund also will provide peer support and expert mentorship for producers....

Posted on March 9, 2011
Deadline: May 25, 2011

**Ford Foundation Announces Social Issue Film Funding Initiative**
A total of approximately $16 million will be given through an open-application process to filmmakers and mediamakers around the world who are working to create documentaries that address urgent social issues....

Posted on March 9, 2011
Deadline: Open

Children and Youth

**Nominations Invited for Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**
Ten young people will receive grants of $2,500 in recognition of their environmental or service work; nominees must be legal, current residents of Canada or the United States....

Posted on March 16, 2011
Deadline: April 30, 2011

**Liberty Media Invites Grant Applications for Colorado Youth Programs**
Grants of up to $150,000 will be given to organizations providing proactive and preventative services to Colorado’s at-risk youth....

Posted on March 11, 2011
Deadline: May 31, 2011

Community Improvement/Development

**Bank of America Launches 2011 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative**
Community-based organizations, local heroes, and student leaders working to improve their communities in forty-five Bank of America markets in the U.S. as well as London will receive grants, training, and other resources and honors....
Posted on March 16, 2011
Deadline: Various

Education

Nominations Invited for Teaching Tolerance Award for Excellence in Culturally Responsive Teaching
The program will award $1,000 each to five educators who excel at teaching students from diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds....

Posted on March 14, 2011
Deadline: June 1, 2011

Operation Homefront and Saban Family Foundation Announce 2011 Saban Military Wife Educational Scholarship
Scholarships of up to $30,000 will be awarded to wives of uniformed service members attending vocational training in the medical field....

Posted on March 10, 2011
Deadline: May 1, 2011

Toyota International Teacher Program Accepting Applications for Costa Rican Study Program
All expenses will be paid for middle and high-school American teachers and librarians to travel to Costa Rica to meet with local experts, visit schools and museums, and experience the rainforest first-hand from November 19 - December 3, 2011....

Posted on March 10, 2011
Deadline: May 4, 2011

Environment

Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Nominations of California Landowners Who Exemplify Land Stewardship
The $10,000 award, which honors Aldo Leopold's vision of an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage, recognizes California farmers and ranchers who demonstrate outstanding, sustainable management of natural resources....

Posted on March 10, 2011
Deadline: July 8, 2011

Health

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Invites Applications From Junior and Senior Investigators for New Connections: Increasing Diversity of Programming Initiative
Grants of up to $75,000 will be awarded to scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities to submit programming ideas that relate to one of the foundation's interests; in this round, public health law is of special interest....

Posted on March 10, 2011
Deadline: May 5, 2011

Human Services

**United Way of Greater Los Angeles Invites Grant Applications for Efforts to Combat Poverty**
Grants of between $25,000 and $100,000 will be awarded to organizations working to reduce homelessness, improve educational achievement, and boost the financial stability of Los Angeles residents....

Posted on March 12, 2011
Deadline: March 28, 2011

Philanthropy and Voluntarism

**Nominations Invited for 2012 International Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize for the Alleviation of Human Suffering**
An award of $1.5 million will be given to a charitable organization anywhere in the world working to end human suffering; this year, for the first time, the nomination process will be conducted entirely online....

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Deadline: April 29, 2011

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