

# Bulletin Board



The Greater Washington Haiti Relief Committee has set up a relief command center in the Embassy of Haiti building to coordinate national assistance and disaster relief in response to the deadly earthquake that has devastated Haiti.

## Help for Haiti

The Greater Washington Haiti Relief Committee (GWHRC) is coordinating a number of relief efforts for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The following events are happening this month.

To Haiti with Love: Feb. 10 at 6 p.m., musicians, DJs, poets and visual artists will perform at the Lincoln Theatre (1215 U St. NW) in a series of events organized by the Young Haitian Professionals. \$20.

Dining out for Haiti: Through Feb. 19, the chefs at 701, Ardeo/Bardeo, Bibiana Osteria-Enoteca, The Bombay Club, Oval Room and Rasika – all owned by restaurateur Ashok Bajaj – will donate \$1 to the Red Cross every time patrons order certain appetizers and entrees.

Additionally, the GWHRC has set up a volunteer website [gwhrc.org](http://gwhrc.org) for individuals wishing to help with the relief efforts. GWHRC needs a variety of volunteers from those who can help sort and pack donated items to those who are available to answer phones to doctors and nurses who can go to Haiti. Visit [www.gwhrc.org](http://www.gwhrc.org) for the latest information. To contact GWHRC, call the Haiti Embassy at 202-332-4090.

(L to R): Donald L. Hense, founder and chairman of Friendship PCS; Lisa Raymond – DC State Board of Education; Kerri Briggs – DC State Superintendent of Education; Stephanie Day – DC Teacher of The Year; one of Day's students; Keith Stephenson – principal for Friendship Chamberlain; and Victor Reinoso – DC Deputy Mayor for Education.



## Stephanie Day is the 2010 DC Teacher of the Year

DC Deputy Mayor for Education Victor Reinoso, State Superintendent Kerri Briggs and State Board of Education Chair Lisa Raymond announced on Jan. 20 that Stephanie Day from Friendship Public Charter School was the 2010 DC Teacher of the Year. The announcement came at a celebration at Friendship's Chamberlain campus in Ward 6 in front of students, parents and faculty. Day received a check for \$3,000 at the event and will be heading to Dallas, Texas, as DC's representative for National Teacher of the Year. The Friendship Chamberlain Elementary campus is located at 1345 Potomac Ave. SE. For more information on Friendship Public Charter Schools, call 202-281-1700 or visit [www.friendshipschools.org](http://www.friendshipschools.org).

## Celebrate Black History Month with CHCA

Join the Congress Heights Community Association and celebrate Black History Month on Feb. 8, 7-8:30 p.m., at the UPO Petey Greene Center, in a community conversation with Lorraine C. Miller, the first African-American clerk of the US House of Representatives and the president of the DC Chapter of the NAACP. The evening will feature the Ballou Senior High School Choir and refreshments will be served. The center is located at 2907 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE. For more information, contact CHCA President Philip Pannell at 202-562-2726 or [philippannell@comcast.net](mailto:philippannell@comcast.net).

## Work on Haiti Reconstruction

ACET Inc. is recruiting paid workers to provide assistance to the devastation from the recent earth-

quake in Haiti. ACET is looking for anyone interested in going to Haiti to help for a three- to six-month period. There are no particular skills sets defined at this point except the willingness to help wherever needed. ACET will be presenting folks and highlighting their unique skills and trade qualifications, so if the opportunity to help in your area exists, it will be noted and presented. Typical skill sets needed include: carpenters, masons, electricians, medical personnel, communications, builders, heavy equipment operators, plumbers, logistics, etc. But any skill can be of great help. This is not a volunteer request; this is a temporary employment assignment that will include travel, expenses and remuneration with an understanding that housing accommodations will be very basic. All that is needed at this point is a passport or ability to obtain one ASAP. To apply, contact Onekqua Beverly,

corporate recruiter/security specialist, with ACET Inc., at 301-861-5023 or [otbeverly@adamscomm.com](mailto:otbeverly@adamscomm.com).

## National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

The Center for Minority Studies will host an event on National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, Feb. 7, 3-6 p.m., at Excel Academy Public Charter School (2501 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE), designed for the youth of DC but with activities for the whole family. The day will include a talent show, health information fair, free HIV testing, food, prize giveaways and T-shirt logo contest. CMS has been dedicated to reducing and/or eliminating health disparities and barriers that hinder educational progress in what the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has labeled the “hard to reach population.” To learn more about CMS, call 202-396-5404 or visit [cms-dc.org](http://cms-dc.org).

## Healthy Schools Act Hearing Feb. 9

DC Councilmember Mary Cheh (Ward 3) and Chairman Vincent Gray are holding a joint public hearing on Bill 18-564, the “Healthy Schools Act of 2009,” Feb. 9, 11 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building located at 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. This bill would raise school nutritional requirements to meet national standards; establish a farm-to-school program in DC; address the youth obesity epidemic by increasing physical activity; promote recycling, composting, clean air, green schools and school gardens; improve school wellness, asthma treatment and allergy management; and reconstitute an existing body as a Healthy Youth and Schools Commission to create long-term solutions. To testify at this hearing, contact Aukima Benjamin at the DC Council: 202-724-8062 or [ABenjamin@DCCOUNCIL.US](mailto:ABenjamin@DCCOUNCIL.US).

## Valentine's Benefit for College & Career Connections

Show your love for DC youth by joining College & Career Connections for an evening of Valentine's fun Feb. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Twelve Restaurant & Lounge (1123 H St. NE). CCC is dedicated to building a college-going culture among youth in DC's under-resourced communities. In just three years, CCC has en-

gaged 1,000 middle and early high school students from Wards 7 and 8 in college and career planning activities and visits to college campuses and workplaces. Enjoy great company, free appetizers, a cash bar, a lively silent auction and more. \$25 minimum suggested donation. Call 202-536-4907 or visit [www.collegeandcareerconnections.org](http://www.collegeandcareerconnections.org) for more information.

## Educational Workshop for Tenants Living in Foreclosed Homes

Has your landlord lost your apartment building or home to foreclosure? Have you been told that you have to leave your home or heard conflicting or confusing information about what your rights are? Housing Counseling Services, a HUD-approved nonprofit agency, is holding a free educational workshop Feb. 18, 6 p.m., for DC tenants living in foreclosed homes and apartments. Find out what protections you have under DC law, what your legal rights and responsibilities are, and what steps you can take to protect yourself. Both workshops are at Housing Counseling Services, 2410 17th St. NW, Suite 100. Free. For more information please call Natalie Lebeau at 202-667-7425.

## Washington Hospital Center Offers Free Seminars on Living Well with Cancer

Adult cancer patients, survivors and caregivers alike are invited to attend Washington Hospital Center's new 2010 series of free Saturday morning seminars on “Taking Care, Taking Control.” Seminars are scheduled for Feb. 20 and March 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) auditorium on Washington Hospital Center's Campus, 102 Irving St. NW. You may attend all three or pick and choose what suits you the best. Both registration and parking are free. Register at [www.WHCenter.org/livingwell](http://www.WHCenter.org/livingwell) or contact Lorna DeLancy at 202-877-3915 or [lorna.delancy@medstar.net](mailto:lorna.delancy@medstar.net).

## Transforming Communities: Faith-Based Affordable Housing Development

Join the Faith-Based Development Initiative in a series of free workshops to learn how your house of worship can transform a commu-

nity through affordable housing development. The following upcoming workshops on the affordable housing development process take place at THEARC: Using Tax Credits to Finance Your Development Project, Feb. 11, 1-5 p.m.; Asset Management: Life after the Ribbon Cutting, March 4, 1-5 p.m.; Legal Structures to Protect Your Assets, April 8, 1-5 p.m.; Accessing Public Money and Networking Luncheon, May 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required. Send RSVPs to Jennifer Bonsall at [jbonsall@enterprisecommunity.org](mailto:jbonsall@enterprisecommunity.org) or 202-649-3923. THEARC is located at 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE.

## Deanwood Chess House Anniversary/Black History Program

The Big Chair Chess Club is celebrating 10 years at the Deanwood Chess House this year. As part of its anniversary celebration, the club is conducting a black history contest in collaboration with local schools. Community members are invited to view the finalists – essays, poetry and visual arts – and see the winners chosen at a Black History Month celebration on Feb. 27. Open house, 1-4 p.m.; program, 4 p.m. 4322 Sheriff Road NE. 202-396-1780, [chess@bigchairchessclub.org](mailto:chess@bigchairchessclub.org).

## DPR Needs Volunteer Timers for 24th Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet

The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the United Black Fund will host “Diving Into History,” the 24th Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet, Feb. 12-14, at the Takoma Aquatic Center, and volunteers are needed for the event. Volunteer shifts are available throughout all three days of the meet. To volunteer, contact Sean Link at [sean.link@dc.gov](mailto:sean.link@dc.gov). Takoma Aquatic Center is located at 300 Van Buren St. NW.

## ASALH 84th Annual Luncheon

The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH) will hold its 84th Annual Black History Luncheon, themed “The History of Black Economic Empowerment,” on Feb. 20, 12:15 p.m., at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC. DC Council

Chairman Vincent Gray will chair the luncheon, and the luncheon will be emceed by the great-granddaughter of one of the first African-American millionaires, Madame C.J. Walker, and acclaimed author, journalist and former ABC and NBC network television news executive, A'Le'ia Bundles. Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League, will deliver the keynote address at the luncheon. ASALH was founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the father of black history month. \$75 (purchase tickets by Feb. 2). 999 Ninth St. NW. [www.asalh.net](http://www.asalh.net).

## College Scholarships for Ward 7 Students

The Lloyd D. Smith Foundation is offering college scholarships for 2010 high school graduates of Ward 7. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, provided the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Applications are due April 9 at the Lloyd D. Smith Foundation, PO Box 10473, Washington, DC 20020-9994. To learn more about the scholarship program or to download an application, please visit [lloydsmithfoundation.org](http://lloydsmithfoundation.org). Applications are also available from DC Public Schools high school counselors.

## Fort Dupont Park Has New Rules for Obtaining Community Garden Plots

Fort Dupont Park is getting ready to distribute community garden plots for the year, and in order to obtain a plot in 2010, all gardeners must register for an upcoming orientation course. Courses will be held on Feb. 19 and 27, from 10 a.m. to noon both days. Garden orientation courses will be open to 50 people per class on a first-come, first-served basis. At the conclusion of each session, participants will have the opportunity to choose a plot. Plots will be assigned one to a person, 18 years or older. There is a limit of two plots per address. Please call Fort Dupont Park, 202-462-7723, or visit [www.nps.gov/fodu/fort-dupont-community-gardens.htm](http://www.nps.gov/fodu/fort-dupont-community-gardens.htm) for more information and to register.

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