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### 2008 Silver Pages - Senior Resource Directory

**2008 Silver Pages – Senior Resource Directory to be published**

If your business, organization, or agency markets or provides its products, services, or information to persons 50 years of age or older, there is a unique opportunity to reach these individuals residing in Northwest Louisiana via the sixth annual "2008 Silver Pages - Senior Resource Directory" by the publishers of the award-winning *The Best of Times* newsmagazine. The ad space reservation deadline is November 2, 2007.

Seniors, retirees, veterans, family members, referral sources, and others use this popular resource throughout the year as a convenient and user-friendly source of infor-

mation and reference. Distribution is via mail, free pickup at over 450 distribution sites, and will be available at various senior-related health fairs, expos and events. Distribution will begin on December 17, 2007.

This is the only printed, comprehensive senior resource directory in Northwest Louisiana. Seniors, family members, and referral sources use this popular senior resource directory to contact providers/suppliers/agencies/organizations for needed services, products, and information.

In addition to the distribution of 20,000 printed copies, the 2008 edition of the Silver Pages will appear on *The Best of Times* website at

[www.thebestoftimesnews.com](http://www.thebestoftimesnews.com) for FREE download for an entire year.

If you desire to be part of the "2008 Silver Pages - Senior Resource Directory", please contact Gary Calligas before the deadline of November 2, 2007 .

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## News for Constituents

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### BridgeBuilders Foundation

**Application Deadlines:** June 1 and November 1 each year

**Description:** The intent of the foundation is to support small, community-based organizations working to build bridges between groups of people that differ with respect to age, race, gender, economic resources,

and physical or mental ability. A further objective is to fund projects that actively promote social, economic, and environmental justice. In recent years, the foundation has made it a top priority to support programs that encourage young people to broaden their experience and contribute to society. Projects that are initiated by young people and those that address the needs of minority and low-income youth are of particular interest to BridgeBuild-

ers.

**Funding Amount:** Average annual distributions range from \$40,000 to \$50,000. Individual grants are typically \$2,000 to \$5,000.

**Who May Apply:** The foundation funds projects throughout the United States; however, it has historically concentrated its giving in Western Pennsylvania. The founda-

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tion does not make grants to individuals, colleges and universities, hospitals, endowments, or capital campaigns. Documentation of IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is required.

**For more information**, go to:

<http://www.bridgebuildersfoundation.org>

### RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

**Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service -- Rural Fire Assistance (RFA)**

**Application Deadline:** Application deadlines may vary throughout the United States. It is best to contact the local Department of the Interior (DOI) agency to determine the specific deadline.

**Description:** The RFA program provides funds for rural fire departments that:

protect rural, wildland-urban interface communities

play a substantial cooperative role in the protection of federal lands

are cooperators with DOI-managed lands through cooperative agreements with the DOI, or their respective state, tribe, or equivalent

serve populations of less than 10,000.

**Who May Apply:** Departments must meet the following eligibility requirements:

a rural/volunteer fire department must have an agreement through its state forester, or a mutual aid agreement/cooperative fire agreement

with the local DOI agency  
the funding request must be for training, equipment, or fire-prevention materials or activities related to wildland fire

the rural/volunteer fire department must serve a community of less than 10,000 people near federal land (wildland-urban interface).

**Funding Amount:** The maximum award is \$20,000.

**For more information**, go to:

<http://www.nifc.gov/rfa/>

### NEEDLE EXCHANGE

**The Comer Foundation -- Needle Exchange Programs**

**Application Deadlines:** March 1, July 1, and November 1 annually

**Description:** The Comer Foundation provides support to not-for-profit organizations focused on needle exchange and other harm-reduction strategies within the drug-using community, and seeks to facilitate the process between organizations and communities committed to creating and maintaining health.

**Who May Apply:** The Comer Foundation will make grants to organizations that are federal-tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code and that are not classified as private foundations under section 509(a) of the code.

**Funding Amount:** Average single-year grants range from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

**For more information**, go to:

<http://www.comer-foundation.com/NEPfull.html>

### INFANT AND CHILD NUTRITION

**The Gerber Foundation**

**Application Deadlines:** Grant awards are approved in May and November. Initial letters of inquiry are accepted at any time but should be submitted no later than five months prior to these award dates. For the May round, submit letters prior to December 1; for the November round, submit letters prior to June 1.

**Description:** The foundation's mission focuses on infants and young children. Accordingly, priority is given to projects that improve infants' and young children's nutrition, care, and development from the year before birth to three years of age. Programs should support a specific health or nutrition intervention and have defined outcome parameters. The foundation gives priority to projects of national or regional impact. Projects should be sufficiently focused to make an appreciable difference in the field of interest.

**Who May Apply:** Organizations recognized as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) are eligible to apply for foundation grants. Organizations must also be determined not to be private foundations under Internal Revenue Code 509. No grants are made to individuals. With few exceptions, only organizations with principal operations in the United States and its territories are eligible for funding. There is no geographic limitation within the United States.

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**Funding Amount:** While there is no policy affecting the dollar amounts of foundation grants, there are some practical considerations. Projects requiring small grants (generally under \$50,000) are typically local in scope and impact, and therefore may not be within the scope of national funding initiatives. Large requests (greater than \$1 million annually) may exceed available foundation resources. Please describe your need for funds in a way that makes sense for the specific request. Clearly describe the impact foundation dollars will have on the course of the project.

**For more information, go to:**  
[http://www.gerberfoundation.org/grantmaking\\_policies.htm](http://www.gerberfoundation.org/grantmaking_policies.htm)

### VIOLENCE PREVENTION

#### The Mary Byron Foundation -- Celebrating Solutions Awards

**Application Deadline:** October 5, 2007

**Description:** The Mary Byron Foundation created the Celebrating Solutions Awards to showcase and applaud local innovations that demonstrate promise in breaking the cycle of violence. The foundation selects programs that can serve as models for the nation, and offers cash awards in recognition of their pioneering efforts.

**Who May Apply:** Both the nominated program and the institution must have been operating for a minimum of three years. The program must address the issue of domestic violence, and be part of a nonprofit 501(c)(3) or government agency. The program should be replicable, or if it is national in scope, the program should have

applications for individual communities, regardless of their size or ethnic population.

**Funding Amount:** \$10,000 awards

**For more information, go to:**  
[http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/work\\_solutions.html](http://www.marybyronfoundation.org/work_solutions.html)

### TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION

#### National Science Foundation -- Advanced Technological Education (ATE)

**Application Deadline:** October 11, 2007

**Description:** With an emphasis on two-year colleges, the ATE program focuses on the education of technicians for the high-technology fields that drive our nation's economy. The program involves partnerships between academic institutions and employers to promote improvement in the education of science and engineering technicians at the undergraduate and secondary school levels. The ATE program supports curriculum development; professional development of college faculty and secondary school teachers; career pathways from secondary schools to two-year colleges and from two-year colleges to four-year institutions; and other activities. A secondary goal is articulation between two- and four-year programs for K-12 prospective teachers that focus on technological education. The program also invites proposals focusing on applied research relating to technician education.

**Funding Amount:**  
 Estimated number of awards: 75

Anticipated funding amount: \$46,000,000 each year in fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for both new and continuing ATE awards, subject to the availability of funds

**Who May Apply:** Two-year colleges and other associate-degree-granting institutions are especially encouraged to submit proposals, and all proposals are expected to include one or more two-year colleges in leadership roles. A proposal from an informal consortium of institutions should be submitted by one member of the consortium; a proposal from a formal consortium -- such as a community college system or school district -- should be submitted by the consortium.

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07530/nsf07530.htm>

### SERVICE LEARNING

#### Tolerance.org -- Mix It Up Grants

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** The Mix It Up Grants program funds youth-directed activist projects that focus on identifying, questioning, and crossing social boundaries in schools and communities.

**Who May Apply:** Youth-directed programs

**Funding Amount:** Grants are limited to \$500.

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp>



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### COMMUNITY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

#### Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) -- Lowe's Toolbox for Education Program

**Application Deadline:** October 12, 2007

**Description:** LCEF is dedicated to helping parent-teacher groups. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. There is a preference for funding requests that have a permanent impact, such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) and landscaping/clean-up projects.

**Funding Amount:** Up to \$5,000 per school is available. Lowe's will donate a total of \$5,000,000 to schools and school parent-teacher groups at more than 1,000 different schools in 2006 and 2007. In order to apply, the requested grant amount must be between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

**Who May Apply:** Any individual nonprofit public K-12 school or parent group (associated with a nonprofit public K-12 school) that has a group tax ID number and official 501(c)(3) status from the IRS may apply. Applicants without 501(c)(3) status should apply through their school. The school must be more than two years old; preschools are not eligible at this time. Please note that grant money cannot be used to pay for memorials, stipends, salaries, scholarships, or third-party funding.

**For more information,** go to:

<http://toolboxforeducation.com/index.html>