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A Photograph of You with
Your Grandkids

For the December 2007 issue

(Deadline is Saturday, November 10th)

The Best of Times, the only FREE monthly news-magazine for mature adults in Northwest Louisiana, is pleased to announce that our December 2007 issue will be a special "Grandparents and their Grandkids" issue. We are putting out the call for pictures of your grandkids in which YOU are also in the picture. They don't have to be professionally-taken photos, as any color snapshots will do nicely. You will receive our grateful "thanks" and you and your

grandkids will become a celebrity when the 19,000 copies of our December 2007 issue hits the newsstands and when the issue is placed on our website at www.thebestoftimesnews.com for viewing and downloading.

In order to be included in this special issue we must receive your photos no later than November 10th. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your photos returned.

Mail your photo along with your name, address, and grandkids' names to:

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Or, email your name, address, grandkids' names and a digital photo to:

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Note: If possible, we do prefer you emailing a digital photo to us.

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Early Childhood

A.L. Mailman Family Foundation

Application Deadlines: Letters of inquiry: December 1 and May 1 annually; full proposals (upon invitation): January 15 and June 15

Description: The foundation funds projects of national or regional import in the early childhood field.

Who May Apply: The foundation only supports U.S. organizations with 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status. The foundation does not consider proposals to support locally focused organizations, direct-service organizations, individuals, child-care centers, schools, capital campaigns and endowments, or scholarships.

Funding Amount: The foundation's grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$50,000, with most in the \$25,000-\$35,000 range.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.mailman.org/guidelines/index.html>

Nutrition

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Hidden Valley® Ranch Dressings -- Love Your Veggies™ Nationwide School Lunch Campaign

Application Deadline: November 30, 2007

Description: The makers of Hidden Valley Ranch dressings announce the Love Your Veggies Nationwide School Lunch Campaign, an initiative that will provide grants to public elementary schools in the United States to support increased access to and consumption of fresh vegetables.

Funding Amount: \$10,000 grants to 51 elementary schools nationwide -- one in each state (pending qualified applications received) and one in the sponsoring company's hometown of Oakland, California

Who May Apply: Public elementary schools in the United States

For more information, go to:
<http://www.hiddenvalley.com/community.php>

Animal Welfare

PetSmart Charities

Application Deadline: The due date for U.S. grant applications is determined by the state in which the applicant's services are provided. See Web site for details.

Description: PetSmart Charities' mission is to improve the quality of life for all companion animals through programs that save the lives of homeless pets and promote healthy rela-

tionships between people and pets. This grant program provides limited financial assistance to fund best practices and innovative programs with measurable results.

Funding Amount: Qualified groups may request no more than 30% of the previous year's annual income. There is a cap of \$10,000 for first-time grants.

Who May Apply:

Municipal or tribal entities with a budget for animal care/control

Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status and a pre-determination or decision letter from the IRS, and at least twelve months of financial records after date of incorporation. Note: This category may include educational institutions, community foundations, and religious organizations; however, PetSmart Charities does not typically fund private foundations.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.petsmartcharities.org/animal-welfare/grants.php>

Youth Literacy

Dollar General -- Youth Literacy Grants

Application Deadlines: October 5, 2007, and February 5, 2008

Description: Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and local nonprofit organizations to help with the implementation or expansion of literacy programs for new readers, be-

low-grade-level readers, and readers with learning disabilities.

Funding Amount: \$3,000 maximum per grant

Who May Apply: Organizations requesting funds must provide direct services to one of the groups of readers defined above, and instruction must be designed to meet the varying learning preferences and needs of the defined target population. Applicants must be located in Dollar General's 35-state operating territory and must be within 20 miles of the nearest Dollar General store.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/communityinvestments.aspx?Category=Community&SubCategory=Grant%20Programs#YouthLiteracy>

Minority Mental Health

American Psychiatric Foundation (APF) -- Awards for Advancing Minority Mental Health

Application Deadline: November 1, 2007

Description: The APF Awards for Advancing Minority Mental Health recognize psychiatrists, other health professionals, mental health programs, and other organizations that have undertaken innovative and supportive efforts to:

raise awareness of mental illness in underserved minority communities, the

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need for early recognition, the availability of treatment and how to access it, and the cultural barriers to treatment

increase access to quality mental-health services for underserved minorities

improve the quality of care for underserved minorities, particularly those in the public health system or with severe mental illness.

Funding Amount: Four awards of \$5,000 each are given each year.

Who May Apply: Psychiatrists, other health professionals, mental health programs, and other organizations may apply. Psychiatrists and other health professionals must be licensed and/or accredited in the state in which they practice. Mental health programs and other organizations must have been in operation for at least two years before the application deadline.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.psychfoundation.org/aammh.cfm>

HIV/AIDS

M·A·C AIDS Fund

Application Deadlines: December 15, March 15, June 15, and September 15

Description: Established in 1994 by M·A·C Cosmetics, the M·A·C AIDS Fund supports men, women, and children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Who May Apply: The M·A·C AIDS Fund makes grants supporting men, women, and children affected by HIV/AIDS

through registered charitable non-profit organizations.

For more information, go to: <http://www.macaidsfund.org/support/givingguidelines.html>

COLLEGE PREPARATION

The College Board -- The College Board Inspiration Awards

Application Deadline: November 16, 2007

Description: Each spring the College Board presents Inspiration Awards to three of America's most improved secondary schools. Award-winning schools are recognized for their outstanding college preparation programs and partnerships among teachers, parents, and community organizations. Through their dedication and commitment, these school communities have opened doors to higher education for students facing economic, social, and cultural barriers by:

improving their academic environment

helping a significant percentage of seniors realize the promise of higher education.

Funding Amount: Three winning schools receive \$25,000; five schools receive \$1,000 honorable-mention awards.

Who May Apply: Applicants must be secondary schools in the 50 United States or the District of Columbia. A

minimum of 40 percent of the school's student population must qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. The school must demonstrate consistent growth across the entire student population in:

participation in rigorous curriculum, such as Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate programs

the percentage of students participating in college preparatory course work

the percentage of students accepted to two- or four-year institutions of higher education.

Applicant schools must have graduated at least five senior classes. Schools with an academic admissions policy are not eligible. Previous recipients of the College Board's Inspiration Awards are not eligible, but honorable-mention winners and schools that have applied in the past are encouraged to reapply.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.collegeboard.com/about/association/inspiration.html>

PEOPLE WITH PARALYSIS

Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation (CDRF) -- Quality of Life Grants Program

Application Deadlines: March 1 and October 1 annually

Description: The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation (CDRF) is committed to funding research that



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develops treatments and cures for paralysis caused by spinal cord injury and other central nervous system disorders. The foundation also vigorously works to improve the quality of life of people living with disabilities through its grants program, paralysis resource center, and advocacy efforts. Quality of Life grants support nonprofit organizations that address the needs of persons living with paralysis (particularly spinal cord injury) and their families and caregivers. Funding is awarded in thirteen categories: accessibility, advocacy, arts, assistive technology, children, counseling, education, employment, health promotion, independent living, practical service, sports and recreation, and therapeutic riding.

Funding Amount: Funding is awarded in amounts of up to \$25,000.

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations that address the needs of persons living with paralysis (particularly spinal cord injury) and their families and caregivers.

For more information, go to:

http://www.christopherreeve.org/site/c.gelMLPOpGjF/b.1029295/k.64F6/Quality_of_Life_Grants.htm