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### Convicted Felons Can Vote in Louisiana

*In the U.S., it's up to individual states to decide whether convicted felons can vote and the laws vary from state to state.*

*In Louisiana, any felony conviction will result in the loss of voting rights in Louisiana.*

*You can NOT vote while you're incarcerated, on probation, or on parole. However, your right to vote is NOT taken away permanently.*

*In Louisiana, a convicted felon's right to vote is automatically restored upon completion of the sentence of imprisonment, probation, or parole. So, once you're "off*

*paper," you can vote. You should receive documentation from the facility in which you were incarcerated or from your probation officer stating that you have completed your sentence. You must take this documentation to the Registrar of Voters office, where your name will be restored to the voting rolls. You should also fill out a voter registration form at this time.*

*For more information on voter registration, you may contact your local registrar of voters.*

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### Burrell In The Legislature

#### Regular Session, 2008

#### HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 4 & NO. 5 BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL HAVE BEEN AP- PROVED.

**HSR 4:** Requests that the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice study and investigate the feasibility and effectiveness of expanding

the educational and skills training to assist offenders with the transition back into society to reduce the costs of incarceration and the rate of recidivism and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session.

**HSR 5:** Requests the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to

study and investigate the feasibility and effectiveness of conditioning the earning of "good time" upon the inmate's enrollment and attendance in an adult education or reading program and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session.

For more info: [www.legis.state.la.us](http://www.legis.state.la.us)

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**Highland Area Partnership (HAP) announces the 2008 Home Improvement Program. 10 awards of \$500.00 are available this year.**

Property owners and residents may submit an application outlining plans for significant, highly visible home improvements to their property. Only homes within the boundaries of the neighborhood will be considered. This includes the area south of I-20, east of I-49, west of Youree Drive, and north of Kings Highway. Among other things, judges will consider overall benefit to the neighborhood and prior improvements to the property(ies). Deadline for submission is June 10, 2008. Applicants must agree to complete their work and submit receipts no later than August 15, 2008. Awards will be paid on a reimbursement basis after work is entirely complete, receipts have been submitted, and work/receipts are reviewed.

Applications will be available after April 20, 2008. They may be obtained through the organization's web site

[www.highlandareapartnership.org](http://www.highlandareapartnership.org), at the HAP office located at 106 East Kings Highway (Centenary Square, Centenary College campus) or at Lila's Cakes and Chocolates at 440 Olive Street.

The contest was created in 1996 as part of HAP's mission to aid in revitalization of Shreveport's historic Highland neighborhood. In the 12 years since, the organization has distributed 81 awards totaling more than \$40,000. The awards have helped with everything from landscape to major repairs. The organizers have noticed a change in the type and scope of the projects since then. "In the beginning, we had requests for general maintenance. Now, we have people wishing to complete large scale change," said HAP Committee Chair Kenneth Koonce. The organization attributes this to fact that people are re-discovering the charm of historic Highland. "We have it all! Charming, well-built homes with established landscape, trendy boutiques and delicious restaurants are right around the corner. Plus, you have a safe, friendly, and pedestrian-oriented area," Koonce added.

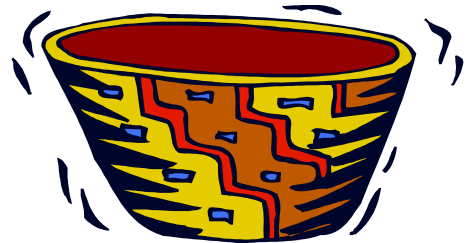
In addition to the annual Home Improvement Program, HAP also hosts the Highland Jazz & Blues Festival in November, as well as numerous other improvement and advocacy services for the historic Highland neighborhood. Highland Area Partnership is a 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization. Recent changes in grants have meant the loss of funding for adminis-

trative staff. Our Executive Director, Dorothy McDonald, has resigned, but plans to remain active as a HAP member and volunteer. For more information about the HAP Home Improvement Program or other HAP activities and membership, please contact Highland Area Partnership at (318) 869-5706.

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**2008 Empty Bowls Fund raising event on June 5th at Horseshoe Casino and Hotel**

Announcing the 2008  
EMPTY BOWLS  
Fund Raiser

The Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana and Horseshoe Casino and Hotel announce the 2008 EMPTY BOWLS fund raising event, to be held at the Horseshoe Riverdome on Thursday,

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June 5th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The event benefits the Food Bank and supports the many programs that depend upon the Food Bank's services throughout northwest Louisiana.

Every ticket holder receives a ceramic bowl of their choosing or have earlier painted themselves at one of our many bowl painting events. There will be entertainment, a silent auction, and a meal of soup and bread will be served.

Tickets for the event are \$30 for an individual, \$50 for a couple. Tables are still available for \$300. For more information and to purchase tickets please call the Food Bank at 318-675-2400 or visit our website at [www.foodbanknla.org](http://www.foodbanknla.org)



### **BizCamp Begins Friday, June 13, 2008**

The young Entrepreneurs of BizCamp invite you to the kickoff of the 8th Annual BizCamp 2008. This year's camp will begin Friday morning, June 13 in the Kilpatrick Auditorium of the Smith Building on the corner of Kings Hwy and Woodlawn, on the campus of Cen-

tenary College of Louisiana with a kickoff press conference beginning at 10:00 A.M. There will also be a check presentation and opening announcements by the founder and CEO, State Representative Roy Burrell.

BizCamp is a two week business camp. It is an initiative of the Inner City Entrepreneur (ICE) Institute, Southern University at Shreveport and Caddo Parish School Board that provides inner city middle and high school students the opportunity to begin learning how to become business leaders and employers. The students of BizCamp will complete the training portion of their program and immediately open their Market Place. The Market Place will allow them to practice the skills that they have learned during camp as well as market their goods and services.



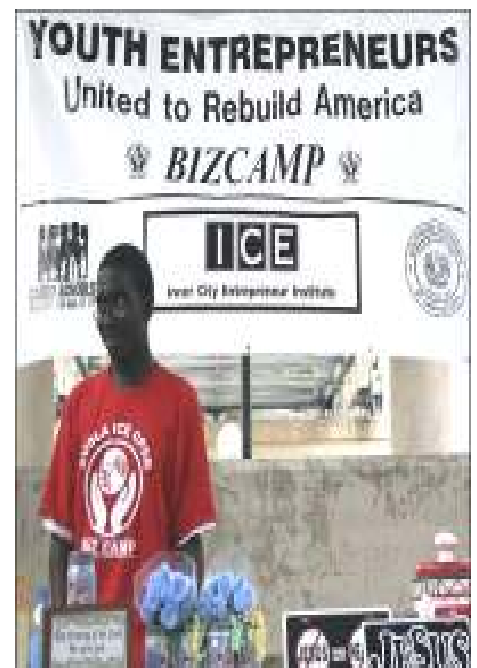
### **BizCamp Market Place Event Thursday, June 26, 2008**

BizCamp will showcase the goods of its entrepreneurship students during the Market Place which will take place on June 26, 2008, beginning at 1 P.M., at the Louisiana Boardwalk in Bossier City, under the Texas Street Bridge between Osh Kosh B'Gosh and K-B Toys. The general public is invited to support the students by

shopping and purchasing their goods. For more information concerning BizCamp and the Market Place, contact State Representative Roy Burrell, CEO of Inner City Entrepreneur (ICE) Institute at 318.425.4234 or email his office at [icerab@bellsouth.net](mailto:icerab@bellsouth.net).



The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), Inc., an international nonprofit organization with a mission to introduce low-income and at-risk young people to the world of business and entrepreneurship, was founded in 1987 and is based in New York City. BizCamp is NFTE's stellar entrepreneurship training program. Harvard University considers BizCamp a Mini-MBA Course for youth.



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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### *Surdna Foundation*

**Application Deadline:** There are no formal deadlines to apply for funding. The Surdna Foundation accepts applications on an ongoing basis. However, grants are approved three times per year: in February, May, and September. Applicants should make their requests three to four months ahead of time for staff review.

**Description:** The Surdna Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations in the areas of environment, community revitalization, effective citizenry, the arts, and the nonprofit sector.

**Who May Apply:** Nonprofit organizations must generally have a valid tax exemption status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and be classified as a public charity and not as a "private foundation" under Section 509(a). The foundation does not generally make grants to government and public agencies, or to individuals.

**For more information, go to:**  
[http://www.surdna.org/grants/grants\\_list.htm?cat\\_id=949](http://www.surdna.org/grants/grants_list.htm?cat_id=949)

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

#### *Home Depot Foundation -- Afford-*

#### *able Housing Built Responsibly*

**Application Deadlines:** Letter of inquiry: July 1, 2008; full proposal: September 15, 2008

**Description:** The Home Depot Foundation makes grants to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charities in the United States and to charitable organizations in Canada. Support is given to programs and projects that align with the foundation's mission and grant criteria. Preference is given to proposals that include community engagement; result in the production, preservation, or financing of housing units for low- to moderate-income families; and address as many of the following considerations as possible:

resource efficiency in design, construction, and operations

minimization of the depletion of natural resources, including timber and water

inclusion of landscaping features, such as trees and shrubs, that minimize demand for water and synthetic chemicals and reduce heat island effect

utilization of innovative and durable materials to reduce cost

the use of more environmentally friendly building materials

site planning with minimal environ-

mental impact

energy-efficiency and renewable energy use

indoor air-quality improvement, including moisture control and proper ventilation

smart site planning and land use.

**Who May Apply:** The Home Depot Foundation will only fund nonprofit organizations that are designated as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in the United States or that have a notification of registration and confirmation of registration from the Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency Charities Division in Canada.

**For more information, go to:**

[http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/support\\_housing\\_apply.html](http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/support_housing_apply.html)

### HEALTH CARE

#### *The Commonwealth Fund*

**Application Deadline:** The Commonwealth Fund requests letters of inquiry to initiate the grant application process. Letters of inquiry are accepted on a rolling basis; there are no deadlines.

**Description:** The Commonwealth Fund's mission is to promote a high-performing health-care system

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that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency -- particularly for society's most vulnerable members, including low-income people, uninsured people, minority Americans, young children, and elderly adults. The fund carries out this mandate by supporting independent research on health-care issues and making grants to improve health-care practice and policy. An international program in health policy is designed to stimulate innovative policies and practices in the United States and other industrialized countries.

**Who May Apply:** The fund makes grants only to tax-exempt organizations and public agencies.

**For more information,** go to: [http://www.cmwf.org/grantinfo/grantinfo\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=224828](http://www.cmwf.org/grantinfo/grantinfo_show.htm?doc_id=224828)

### **ALCOHOL ON CAMPUS**

#### ***Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) -- UMADD Mini-Grants***

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** MADD is offering mini-grants to qualifying groups to help implement evidence-based prevention programs that focus on college-related drinking problems on campuses and/or in the surrounding communities. Priority for funding will be given to applications that:

incorporate the UMADD projects recommended on the Web site

seek to change environmental factors (laws, policies, enforcement) or populations (student body, anyone under 21) rather than individual behavior (motivational speaker, crashed-car exhibit, basic alcohol education)

include partnership with multiple groups, both on campus and in the community

support or enhance law-enforcement efforts.

**Funding Amount:** Mini-grants:

have a maximum of \$500

will be reimbursed upon project completion (with original receipts)

require a completed project evaluation.

**Who May Apply:** Mini-grants are available to:

UMADD student-groups

new groups that have applied to become UMADD groups

active student groups

approved students

campus or community law enforcement working on college-related initiatives

campus/community partnerships working on college-related initiatives

faculty, including alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) or other campus prevention coordinators.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

**For more information,** go to: [http://www.umadd.org/UMADD-Mini\\_grants/UMADD-Mini\\_Grants.html](http://www.umadd.org/UMADD-Mini_grants/UMADD-Mini_Grants.html)

### **EDUCATION**

#### ***SAS Institute Inc. -- SAS Corporate Citizenship Program***

**Application Deadline:** Ongoing

**Description:** Support is directed toward sustainable programs that help students excel in the classroom and graduate from high school. Organizations will be considered if they can show that their efforts have a long-term impact and affect significant numbers of people, regardless of race, national origin, gender, age, disability, religious beliefs, or income levels.

**Who May Apply:** SAS will consider financial and in-kind requests from organizations and institutions that:

have nonprofit tax-exempt status

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under Internal Revenue Code 501 (c)(3)

have a responsible board of directors serving without compensation

show financial stability as evidenced by annual financial statements

employ ethical methods of publicity, promotion, and solicitation of funds

raise funds without payment of commissions, street solicitations, or mailing of unordered tickets

operate from a detailed annual budget

request funds for programs or operations with a minimal portion applied to overhead

use in-kind donation to benefit organizational members or constituents.

**For more information,** go to: <http://www.sas.com/corporate/community/donationguidelines.html>

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

***Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation -- Women's Shelter Grants***

**Application Deadline:** June 30, 2008

**Description:** In observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation awards \$20,000 grants to over 150 women's shelters across the United States.

**Who May Apply:** Women's shelters (designated as nonexempt by the IRS) in the United States

**For more information,** go to: <http://www.mkacf.org/Violence/ShelterGrantWinners.aspx>

### **CHILDREN'S WELFARE**

***The Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation***

**Application Deadline:** There are no deadlines. Grant applications are considered as they are received.

**Description:** The Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals. By making grants to other charitable organizations -- designated as IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations -- the foundation seeks to fund programs that directly impact the lives of individuals. The foundation has identified the following as special areas of interest:

funding programs that assist orphaned children and promote their adoption

intervention in the lives of troubled youths.

However, funding is by no means restricted to the above-mentioned areas.

**Who May Apply:** Organizations must have proof of 501(c)(3) status. No grants to individuals will be considered.

**For more information,** go to: <http://www.swettfoundation.org/index.htm>

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

***The Heineman Foundation***

**Application Deadline:** September 1

**Description:** The purpose of the Heineman Foundation is to provide seed money to start-up projects and new projects within existing organizations for a maximum of three to five years. The foundation's general areas of interest are the following (in no particular order):

programs that enable economically challenged women to enter and remain in the workplace, such as:

on-site day-care centers for women in the workplace

job-training programs

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language and leadership skills

environmental research that will help prevent, reduce, and/or eliminate large-scale water degradation

music as education and a preserver of culture

research into prevention, education, and treatment for childhood illnesses

programs that enable youth to think, create, and communicate effectively.

**Funding Amount:** The average range of the foundation's donations is \$20,000 to \$50,000 per annum.

**Who May Apply:** An organization must have 501(c)(3) status and upload copies of corresponding IRS documents to the online application form for the application to be considered.

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://www.heinemanfoundation.org/guidelines>

### **CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH**

**American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation -- Samuel Harris Fund for Children's Dental Health**

**Application Deadline:** July 17, 2008

**Description:** The ADA Foundation has a permanent endowment fund

dedicated to the prevention of childhood caries and oral health for children. The Harris Fund will award competitive grants of up to \$5,000 to applicants whose oral-health-promotion programs are designed to improve and maintain children's oral health through community education and outreach programs.

**Who May Apply:** Proposals for grants of up to \$5,000 received from community-based, nonprofit, oral-health-promotion programs in the United States and its territories that comply with the submission guidelines will be considered.

**For more information, go to:**  
<http://www.ada.org/ada/adaf/grants/harris.asp>

### **REMINDER!**

Go to <http://www.doa.state.la.us/arc/ProgAsstsrch.cfm> to access the La. Office of Community Development Assistance Resource Center. LARC is a searchable database of grants, loans, technical assistance, funding opportunities and other resources for Louisiana parishes, cities, towns, communities, and faith-based and non-profit organizations.

We also suggest grant seekers identify other potential sources of funding. One resource many find valuable is the Foundation Center,

a clearinghouse for information on foundations nationwide visit the Web site at <http://www.foundationcenter.org>. The database is also available at the SHREVE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 424 Texas St., Shreveport, LA 71120-1523, (318) 226-5894.

**Unfortunately, we can't grow money, but hopefully you'll find funding sources for your worthwhile programs.**



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a service provided by the Northwest Louisiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

The Bossier Marshals Office is the host agency for the NWLICAC Northwest Louisiana Internet Crimes Against Children task force. They have developed a web page to help parents protect their children against SEXUAL PREDATORS.

The web also has games and information for children that are safe. Please check out their web site at [www.MarshalsForKids.com](http://www.MarshalsForKids.com).



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