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I would like you to know that I have been working for you.

As your State Representative, I promised to be the voice for District 2 to make sure that you are constantly and properly represented in Baton Rouge as well as help build the economy within our district. I have kept my promise and will continue to build our district in a way that will offer permanent growth opportunities for the community and you. My door is open for your questions, concerns and ideas. Let me hear from you. Feel free to contact me via telephone, fax, mail, email, or through my website.

In the 2007 Regular Legislative Session, I voted to:

Working for You

- ✓ Support the sales tax holiday to help parents on back-to-school clothes and materials
- ✓ Support an earned income tax credit for working families
- ✓ Restore federal itemized deductions on state income tax filings
- ✓ Support pay raises for teachers, support personnel, state employees, and supplemental pay for firemen, policemen, and emergency medical technicians
- ✓ Support an absolute ban on sex between teachers and students
- ✓ Establish a healthcare delivery system for Medicaid recipients and uninsured low-income individuals
- ✓ Expand healthcare to 10,000 additional children
- ✓ Establish a State Public Defender Board for delivery of indigent defense service
- ✓ Secure millions of dollars to fund I-49 construction
- ✓ Secure and spend over \$1 million locally on District 2 projects such as tutorial programs, mentoring programs, entrepreneurship and business programs, recreational programs, and more.

Burrell's Commitment to Entrepreneurship

NFTE University in Shreveport

The Inner City Entrepreneur (ICE) Institute is a public, non-profit organization. La. State Rep. Roy Burrell is one of the founders. Currently, he is the Executive Director of the ICE Institute.

ICE's overall mission is to foster a healthy economy in the Inner City of Shreveport that creates jobs, income, wealth, and economic opportunities for local residents. ICE's youth mission is "to create a new crop of entrepre-

neurs for the 21st century" by introducing low-income and at-risk young people to the world of business and entrepreneurship.

The Inner City Entrepreneur (ICE) Institute sponsored the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship's (NFTE) Teacher Education Program, "NFTE University," in Shreveport. The training was held Monday, July 9 - Thursday, July 12, 2007, at the Multi-Cultural Center of the South (MCCS) at 401 Texas Street, Downtown Shreve-

port, LA 71101.

The program cost was \$2,000 per person. The ICE Institute sponsored a total of 11 (eleven) participants for a grand total of \$22,000.

The training was led by Sam Bryant of Sam Bryant Consultants. Mr. Bryant is one of NFTE's Certified Entrepreneurship Teacher Instructors (CETI). John Walston, Program Manager, Office of Program Partnerships, NFTE, said, "I received very positive feedback from

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Sam; he was delighted to lead the group."

NFTE University offers an accredited entrepreneurship training program for youth work professionals and teachers of economics, business, marketing, entrepreneurship, math and social studies, who are planning school-based and out-of-school entrepreneurship programs. Through peer teaching, instructor-led sessions, and the creation of a business plan, participants learn how to teach key concepts in the NFTE curriculum. They also receive guidance from NFTE staff on implementation strategies.

NFTE's curriculum aligns with National Council for the Teaching of Mathematics (NCTM), National Council for Social Studies (NCSS) and the US Department of Labor Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) standards.

After launching NFTE youth entrepre-

neurship programs, certified teachers enter NFTE's international teacher corps, and can access ongoing teaching resources, professional development opportunities, international awards, and alumni services for their students. They also have access to the Certified Entrepreneurship Teacher (CET) website.

The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, 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.

The new NFTE Certified teachers in North Louisiana are Arcenia Anthony, Director of Community Outreach Programs, Southern University, Shreve-

port; Audrey Flournoy, Community Activist, Minden; Lena Leviston, retired educator, Shreveport; Priscilla Me-toyer, Multicultural Center of the South; Tonja Prudhomme, Permanent Substitute Teacher at Bethune Middle Academy, Shreveport; Xanthe Seals, Program Manager of Stars Beyond the Bell, Southern University, Shreveport; Christine Wilson Suttles, Community Activist, Chatham, Louisiana; Nancy Jane Crockett-Tisdon, Caddo Parish Public School Teacher; Twandolyn L. White, Caddo Parish Public School Teacher; Martha Janelle Winston, Caddo Parish Public School Teacher; and Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

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Women and Children

WHO Foundation

Application Deadline: Grant applications must be at the foundation by the second Tuesday of September each year.

Description: The WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others® nationally supports grassroots charities serving the overlooked needs of women and children. Grants are provided to organizations serving women and/or children in the United States and Puerto Rico. Specific projects and programs addressing health, education, and social-service needs are the foundation's priority.

Who May Apply: In order to qualify for funding, an organization must have 501

(c)(3) nonprofit status through the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Funding will be considered for grassroots charities with:

- a total organizational budget of \$2 million or less
- government funding of less than 30% of income
- United Way funding of less than 30% of income
- salaries/wages and benefits not more than 50% of budget.

For more information, go to:

http://www.whofoundation.org/WHO_Funding.htm

Wellness, Culture, and the Environment

Foster's Group Limited -- Foster's Community Grants

Application Deadline: September 19, 2007

Description: Foster's Community Grants will support projects in three core focus areas: wellness, culture, and the environment.

Who May Apply: Only registered not-for-profit organizations are eligible for funding.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.fosters.com.au/about/fosterscommunitygrants.htm>

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Community Development

Singing for Change (SFC) Charitable Foundation

Application Deadline: Proposals are by invitation only. The SFC Charitable Foundation does not accept unsolicited requests. If you think your project fits the foundation's guidelines, please submit a one-page letter of interest describing your organization and your project.

Description: Singing for Change offers competitive grants to progressive, community-based, nonprofit organizations that address the root causes of social and environmental problems. SFC areas of interest include:

- *Children and families* Grants are awarded to programs that are concerned with the health, education, and protection of children and their families. Projects that foster self-esteem and self-sufficiency and that teach nonviolence and creative problem solving

are most likely to be considered.

- *The environment* Grants will be awarded to programs that promote environmental awareness and teach people methods of conservation, protection, and responsible use of natural resources. Efforts to protect individual species or animals are not usually funded by SFC.
 - *Disenfranchised groups* SFC defines these groups as people who have been marginalized in our society because of their low levels of skill, education, or income; people with AIDS or disabilities; and homeless people. Projects most likely to be considered are those that:
 - help people overcome social or economic barriers to education or employment
 - promote the empowerment of individuals toward self-sufficiency, and provide opportunities for personal growth
 - demonstrate human equality and encourage people to cross boundary lines to help others.

Who May Apply: Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code, or other organizations that have a sponsoring agency with this status. The SFC Charitable Foundation does not normally consider grants to individuals or to fund research; basic-needs programs (for example, programs that exist to supply food or clothing) or single-service programs; governmental agencies; artistic, political, or fund-raising organizations or events; programs that promote religious doctrine; or organizations outside the United States.

Funding Amount: Grants range in size from \$500 to \$10,000 and are made on an annual basis.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.margaritaville.com/index.php?page=sfc>

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Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation -- Community Grant Program

Application Deadline: Rolling

Description: The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) is dedicated to improving the communities it serves through support of public education, community improvement projects, and home safety initiatives.

Who May Apply: The foundation provides funding only to 501(c)(3) organizations in communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers.

Funding Amount: LCEF awards more than

\$1.5 million annually to diverse organizations across the United States.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.lowes.com/lkn?action=frameSet&url=apps.bridgetree.com/funding/default.asp>

Education

Kids in Need Foundation -- Kids in Need Teacher Grants

Application Deadline: September 30 each year

Description: The purpose of the grants is to provide funds for classroom teachers who have innovative, meritorious ideas but lack the budget to bring them to life. Projects may qualify for funding

if they make creative use of common teaching aids, approach the curriculum from an imaginative angle, or tie nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities.

Funding Amount: Awards range from \$100 to \$500 each and are used to finance creative classroom projects. Typically, 200-300 grants are awarded each year.

Who May Apply: All certified K-12 teachers in the United States are eligible.

For more information, go to:

<http://kidsinneed.net/grants/index.php>



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WKHS offers FREE grandparenting class on September 27th at 6 pm

Willis Knighton Health System offers a "FREE" grandparenting class several times throughout the year. The next class will be held at WK Bossier facility on Thursday, September 27th from 6 to 8 pm. There is no charge to attend this class.

Grandparents must remember that things have changed since their babies were born. This class offers grandparents updated information on newborn care, safety in the home, emergency procedures and establishing a positive relationship with the new grandchild.

Persons can register for this class online at www.wkhs.com under Classes & Events, Prenatal Classes. Or call 212-8225 to register. This is a FREE Class but registration is needed.