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Welcome!

Welcome to *In the Loop*, an assortment of e-mails that I have received during the past week, or articles that I may stumble upon. From time to time, you will find announcements of events, grant opportunities, job postings, links to websites and articles of interest or notes of encouragement. I hope that you, or someone you know, would find the information to be of use. If you would like to unsubscribe, submit material, or make general comments, you may contact me at valeriefleonard@msn.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Valerie F. Leonard, Editor

Funding Sources

The following announcements are from the Foundation Center and the Philanthropic News Digest.

Health Funding Watch

Click onto the following link to access funding opportunities in the healthcare sector, including public health, from the Foundation Center.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_health.html

Gateway to College National Network Start Up Funding for College/K-12 Partnerships for Out-Of-School Youth

Grants ranging from \$300,000 to \$450,000 will be awarded to up to nine college/K-12 partnerships for planning and early implementation costs, including training, technical assistance, professional development opportunities, and program evaluation...

Illinois Legislative Research Unit Grant Opportunities June, 2010

I thank Alderman Sandi Jackson for providing a link to the State of Illinois' Legislative Research Unit's funding opportunities.

<http://valeriefleonard.com/StayingintheLoop/nfblog/?p=788>

Top 2011 Scholarships for Black Students

I thank Raynard Villa Hall, Publisher of Bronzecom, for publishing the following list of scholarships

<http://valeriefleonard.com/StayingintheLoop/nfblog/?p=793>

Special Events

A Night In White

SSFCU is hosting "A Night in White" Fundraiser Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 7:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M. at AKArma Foundation Community Service Center, located 6220 S. Ingleside Avenue. Proceeds will be used for our Financial Education and Economic Development Programs. Great Music, Dancing, Food, Drinks, Door prizes & more!!! Ticket donation: \$25.00. For further information, call Gregg Brown, President/CEO at (773) 548-5500.

Chicago Justice Project

Kick back and relax with friends at the south loop's finest bar and grill & support the Chicago Justice Project at the same time. Your \$30 gets you two hours of drinks and an appetizer. Half of your entry fee goes directly to support the vital work of the Chicago Justice Project.

The ability of communities to impact the criminal justice system is directly related to their ability to understand how it operates and to have evidence to base their calls for reform. The Chicago Justice Project works daily to provide the access communities need to data from the Chicago & Cook County criminal justice system. We cannot accomplish our goals on our own. We need your support!

When: Tuesday, June 21st
Time: 5:30-7:30pm
Where: Cactus Bar & Grill
404 S. Wells, Chicago
Cost: \$30

Recommended Reading

Inc.com

Inc.com, the website for Inc. magazine, delivers advice, tools, and services, to help business owners and CEOs start, run, and grow their businesses more successfully. You'll find information and advice covering virtually every business and management task, including marketing, sales, finding capital, managing people, and much, much more. <http://www.inc.com/topic/business>

From John Maxwell

Acting Against Discouragement

It's hard to imagine a time when Samuel L. Jackson wasn't an A-List celebrity, but twenty years ago he was a frustrated, little-known actor who couldn't seem to breakthrough...

http://www.johnmaxwell.com/cms/images/uploads/ads/Acting_Against_Discouragement.pdf

Creating the Space to Innovate

On July 8th, NASA will launch a space shuttle for the final time when *Atlantis* lifts off for the International Space Station. The flight of *Atlantis* marks the last of 135 manned missions conducted over the past thirty years by NASA's space shuttle program...

<http://www.johnmaxwell.com/products-resources/leadership-on-demand/articles/creating-the-space-to-innovate/>

Chicago Business Monthly Newsletter

Local First Chicago is a network of locally owned, independent businesses and community organizations joined together to keep money and character in our neighborhoods and build a thriving local living economy.

http://go.rm0001.net/track/v.asp?eid=8843&sb_id=795392&aid=4380

Workshops/Conferences/Webinars

June 23 • 2 p.m. ET

Mastering the Art and Science of Marketing: How to Make a Big Impact With a Small Budget

Two marketing veterans and *The Chronicle's* social media manager will share the smartest ways to promote your organization and how to build support for your marketing and communications strategy throughout your organization in this one-hour Webinar designed to benefit all communicators—from marketers to fund raisers to social-media managers

Register Now 

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July 14 • 2 p.m. ET Proven Secrets to Fund-Raising Success: How to Inspire Donors to Give

Understanding how donors think, and knowing which changes to make—both small and large—can transform lackluster communications into winners. Join Tom Ahern, one of North America's leading fund-raising authorities, and The Chronicle of Philanthropy's Features Editor, Holly Hall, for a one-hour Webinar that will change the way you raise money.

Register Now 

Policy/Advocacy/Civic Engagement

Safe Summer Festival

I received the following announcement from Val Free.

CALLING ALL South Shore residents, business owners and community organizations! Let's partner to deal with: 1) Neighborhood Security; 2) Education of Our Children; 3) Jobs & Entrepreneurship. There will be food, entertainment, music, community information, full expungement services, University of Chicago Jobs, voter registration, and much more. We will also feature Beat 332 Roll-Call by Chicago Police Department. For More Information Please Call 773.236.0661

Arresting Justice: Juvenile Arrests in Chicago 2009 & 2010

I received the following information from Mariame Kaba, Founder and Director of Project Nia www.project-nia.org.

I am happy to preview a new report titled "**Arresting Justice: Juvenile Arrests in Chicago 2009 & 2010**" with all of you today. This report was produced and written in collaboration with First Defense Legal Aid. We hope that this report serves as a clarion call to those who are interested in preventing youth from getting caught up in the juvenile and criminal legal systems. You can download the full report here: <http://arrestjustice.wordpress.com/full-report/>The report also has an associated blog: <http://arrestjustice.wordpress.com/>

I personally invite each of you to attend an event that we are hosting on Saturday June 25th about juvenile justice issues (with a focus on the Lawndale and Austin). We will unveil this report along with another one specific to North Lawndale at the event. You can find information about the event here:

<http://niastories.wordpress.com/2011/05/26/arresting-justice-a-working-session-about-juvenile-justice-in-lawndale-and-austin/>

Please do RSVP at projectnia@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend the June 25th event. Hope to see you there.

Local First Chicago Special Joint Event

Is Wal-Mart right for Chicago?

DATE: Wednesday June 22, 2011,
5:30pm

LOCATION: Jefferson Tap & Grill
325 N Jefferson St
2nd Floor
Chicago IL, 60661

We will join our friends from the Foresight Design Initiative for Green Drinks and a provocative discussion about the the potential benefits and dangers of living near, competing with, and shopping at Walmart.

Local First Chicago's Suzanne Keers will be a panel member representing the newly formed Chicago Neighborhoods First Coalition. \$7 General Admission Pre-registration is required for this event. [Register Here.](#)

Employment

Job Fair

ETS NETWORK- UCP RESOURCE & JOB FAIR

I thank Stanley Martin for forwarding the following information

**Resource & Job Fair
Thursday June 22nd 2011
11am to 2pm,
Fernwood Methodist Church
10057 Wallace, Chicago, IL
Free Cell phone for those who qualify.No purch343 or email:
etsexpos@live.com**

Job Exchange

From time to time I receive job leads and resumes from clients, colleagues and elected officials. I have posted them all in my Job Exchange bulletin board at <http://valeriefleonard.com/TheJobExchange/>

Small Business

IDOT High Speed Rail

The Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) plans to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2011 Illinois HSR Jack & Bore package on the Chicago to St. Louis High-Speed Rail project. The entire package will consist of locations where the proposed scope of work will fall entirely within existing UPRR right-of-way.

Click onto the link below to find out more information about this project or to become pre-qualified for other projects for the High Speed Rail between Chicago and St. Louis.

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/57700735/IDOT-1>

SPARK Chicago

I thank Maliha Mustafa for providing the following information

Have a great business idea? Whether you're in the beginning stages or ready to implement, SPARK Chicago wants to help you launch your next startup. Apply to our first ever incubation contest by July 1st
<http://valeriefleonard.com/StayingintheLoop/nfblog/?p=74>

Illinois Kids Count 2011 Joliet Symposium: "Great at Eight: Investing in the Whole Child from Birth to Eight"

I received the following information from Voices for Illinois Children.

Illinois Kids Count 2011 Joliet Symposium Thursday, August 11 from 8:30 am until 11:30 am

Joliet Township Administrative Building
300 Caterpillar Drive
Joliet, IL 60436

There is no cost for the event.

Join us to hear leading experts discuss the importance of the years from birth to 8 and how these years impact life-long learning. The *Illinois Kids Count 2011 Data Book*, "Great at Eight," looks at the many factors that prepare children to have the greatest opportunities for learning in school and beyond.

Keynote Speaker and Panelists will be announced soon!
For more information or to register, please [click here](#) or contact Joan Vitale at 312-516-5555 or jvitale@voices4kids.org.
This is for real!!!! But I think it is limited, so get busy!!!

Putting Illinois Back to Work

I thank Paul Norrington from Historic K-Town, for providing the following information.

Benedictine is putting "Illinois Back to Work" with a tuition-covered program. The "Illinois Back to Work" program helps unemployed Illinois residents earn a college degree by covering remaining tuition and fees after all eligible state and federal aid is applied.

Qualified applicants must be Illinois residents 25 years of age and older who have been unemployed for at least 18 months and have not already earned a bachelor's degree.

http://www.ben.edu/future_students/adultug/illinoisbacktowork/index.cfm

Save the Dates the Dates: Housing Action Illinois' 2011 Annual Conference & 25th Anniversary Celebration

I received the following e-mail from Housing Action Illinois.

Housing Action Illinois
2011 Annual Conference and 25th Anniversary Celebration
November 10-11 in Chicago
Crowne Plaza Chicago Metro (Madison & Halsted)
Join us because Housing Matters!
[Click here to go to our conference web page.](#)