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Emerging News: The EPIP Greater Boston Bulletin

May 2009 Update

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This communication is meant to provide the EPIP Greater Boston network with announcements of philanthropy related events, articles, and job postings. If you have any content that you would like included in the EPIP Greater Boston Bulletin, please send it [here](#).

News from EPIP

EPIP Greater Boston

Brown Bag Lunch Series Launched

In April, EPIP Greater Boston launched a monthly brown bag lunch series designed in response to the feedback from our recent member survey. Approximately thirty people participated in our kick-off lunch. Our discussion focused on how, in practical terms, young grantmakers can incorporate innovation and leadership opportunities into their daily work life. The monthly lunches will be held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Boston Foundation.

EPIP National

EPIP Hosts Member Briefing Series

In response to the US' ongoing economic crisis, EPIP will continue its three-part member-briefing series entitled "Survival Skills for Emerging Leaders." You must be a dues-paying member to participate in these discussions. If you are not yet a member, you can register today by following the "Membership" link on www.epip.org

Phone Briefing: Philanthropy and its role in sustaining a vibrant nonprofit sector

Date: June 11, 3-4:30 pm/12 noon-1:30 pm (EST/PST)

Speaker: TBA

RSVP: rebecca@epip.org

Upcoming Events

Social Innovation Forum's: Sixth Annual Nonprofit Venture Forum

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 5:30 – 9:00 pm

Location: MIT Faculty Club, 50 Memorial Drive, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA

Host: Social Innovation Forum

Description: Imagine a venture fair for the nonprofit sector. The showcase event is a dynamic opportunity to meet six rigorously-selected, entrepreneurial Social Innovators who are working on the root causes of pressing social issues in Boston. This event is designed to provide potential donors with an opportunity to meet one another and think about how to best leverage their time, talent, relationships, and money to support organizations that will have an impact on Boston's future. [Click Here To Learn More](#)

RealTalk: Can a Bad Economy Make for Better Citizens?

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location: Ned Devine's, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, MA

Host: MassINC

Description: The first of three events in the "Our Economy" series will focus on the recent surge of interest in public service and whether the increased interest in volunteering is the silver lining of the recession. This panel discussion will feature panelists Joshua Biber, Executive Director of Teach for America - Greater Boston; Elizabeth Clay, Director of Grassroots Governance and Commonwealth Corps for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Adam Mazo, Executive Director of Reconciliation's Reach; and Tommy Clark, M.D., CEO of Grassroots Soccer. [Click Here To Learn More](#)

An Evening with Phil Buchanan, CEO of the Center for Effective Philanthropy

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Elephant & Castle, 161 Devonshire Street Boston, MA

Host: Boston Chapters of Net Impact and the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network

Description: This discussion will explore the role of philanthropy in solving global issues. What roles can venture philanthropy and social enterprises play in solving the world's greatest problems? What are the strengths and limitations of pro-poor (base of the pyramid) businesses? What roles can nonprofits play in solving global problems that companies and governments cannot?

RSVP: jenn.garner@gmail.com (for NetImpact) or on [Facebook](#)

EPIP Greater Boston Monthly Lunch

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Location: The Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington Street, Boston, MA

Host: EPIP Greater Boston and The Boston Foundation

Description: Join EPIP colleagues for an intimate and lively conversation about key issues in philanthropy and your daily work. More details to come.

AAPIP 9th Annual Funders' Briefing and Dim Sum Breakfast

Date: Thursday, May 14, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Location: New England Foundation for the Arts, 145 Tremont Street, Boston

Host: AAPIP Boston/MA

Description: This briefing entitled, Weathering the Storm: The Impact of the Economic Crisis on Asian Americans in Chinatown and Beyond, will share results from surveys conducted by the local AAPIP chapter and will include panel conversations that focus on the impact of the economic downturn on Asian Americans in the Boston-metro area. The key question it will address is: How are Asians coming together to think about, talk with each other, and address the economic crisis as it is impacting our communities? [Click Here To Learn More](#)

Associated Grant Makers' 40th Anniversary Reception: The Future of Philanthropy

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Back Bay Events Center

Host: AGM

Description: This lively discussion and celebration, led by Pam Cross of WCVB Channel 5 with Alan and Susan Solomont, will investigate the future of philanthropy.

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Recently in the Media

National Service Act Could Help Spur Interest in 'Encore' Careers: The combination of growing numbers of Americans in their fifties and sixties who are rethinking retirement on account of the recession and the recent passage of the Edward M. Kennedy National Service Act could spur new interest in nonprofit "encore" careers. [Click Here To Learn More](#)

Understanding the Massachusetts Recovery Plan: Governor Patrick has unveiled a plan to secure Massachusetts' economic future that will integrate federal, state and private resources to produce immediate relief and long-term solutions for our state.

Massachusetts expects to receive between \$6 and \$9 billion in federal stimulus funds, plus additional funds through tax benefits and competitive grant programs. It is estimated that these resources will save or create more than 79,000 jobs in Massachusetts over the next two years, provide tax cuts to working families, and help to protect essential state services. AGM has compiled a [Resource Page](#) with links to articles, analysis of what communities will receive funds, what projects will be funded and related AGM program offerings for your reference.

New Leader Overhauls Ford Foundation: The Ford Foundation, the nation's second-largest philanthropic institution, has begun unveiling the results of a two-year overhaul undertaken by its new leader, Luis A. Ubiñas. The changes define the foundation's work and objectives more clearly, streamline its sprawling operations and place greater emphasis on demonstrating the impact of its programs.

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How Best to Help Nonprofits Weather the Storm: It's hard to ignore the increasing news coverage about the local, regional and global impacts of the economic recession. How much can we tell about nonprofits and the downturn's repercussions for them?

onPhilanthropy spoke with Clara Miller, President and CEO of the Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF), which recently surveyed nearly a thousand nonprofit leaders on that question. NFF sought to identify the areas of most critical need occasioned by the economic downturn, both for the immediate and longer-term durability and effectiveness of the sector. [Click Here To Learn More](#)

Speculation Abounds Over Identity of University 'Mystery Donor': Experts in the worlds of philanthropy and higher education are speculating about the identity of an anonymous donor who has given \$68.5 million to at least a dozen universities across the country. The gifts, ranging from \$1 million to \$10 million, all have arrived over the past few months in similarly secretive fashion with the unusual stipulation that college officials not try to discover the donor's identity. Only one real clue about the identity of the donor has been uncovered so far: all the universities that have received donations are led by women. [Click Here To Learn More](#)

Job Postings

Job Title: Program Associate - SkillWorks

Organization: The Boston Foundation

Brief Description: Coordinate SkillWorks, a major multi-year workforce development initiative of a collaborative of 12 funders, including the Boston Foundation, the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Aid the Director in managing internal and external communications, grants administration, and special projects related to SkillWorks. Approximately 50% of the Project Associate's time will be spent developing and coordinating a new Green Collar Careers Pathways Initiative within SkillWorks.

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Job Title: Associate Program Officer

Organization: Nellie Mae Education Foundation

Brief Description: The Foundation seeks a dynamic professional to serve as its Associate Program Officer as it forges a new strategic direction to achieve increased, direct impact on education reform through innovative, multi-dimensional improvement in systems of education. This position will work closely and collaboratively to support Program Staff on program priorities consistent with the Foundation's strategic objectives.

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Member Discount Opportunities

GrantCraft Publications

If you are a dues-paying EPIP Member, take advantage of your 20% discount off all publications from GrantCraft, a project of the Ford Foundation, providing tools to improve your grant making skills. Newly available is GrantCraft's guide focused on funding community organizing entitled, "Social Change through Civic Participation."

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