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# CIPResource Bulletin

August 2008

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### CIP Community Calendar Highlights

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### Welcome to our e-newsletter!

August is here, and that means lots of outdoor activities, including the county fair, free concerts and free Shakespeare in the Park. [Click here](#) for a complete schedule of events. Don't forget that the kids will be heading back to school soon and some of them need help with back-to-school supplies. Read the article below on how to help through the Children's Fund. And remember the sunscreen!



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### Resource for Kids with Incarcerated Parents

LIFE Project is a mentoring program of [Centerforce](#) for youth with a parent convicted of a felony, serving his or her sentence in either jail or prison. The program is for kids 11-18 years of age who live in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco or San Mateo Counties. For more information [visit www.lifeproject.centerforce.org/lifeproject/index.html](#).



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- 10:30 am**

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### **John W. Gardner Center Publishes New Resource Directory**

The John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities recently released the *Youth Development Resource Directory* that lists the Web sites of youth development focused organizations. To download a copy [visit jgc.stanford.edu/resources/tools.html](http://jgc.stanford.edu/resources/tools.html). For more information [contact Katrina Brink at 650-498-4889 or kbrink@stanford.edu](#).

**August 13, 10:00 am  
- 3:00 pm**

Diversity Job Fair

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Estate Planning 101 -  
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### **Internet Tutoring for Those Over 50 Seeking Health Information**

Seton Medical Center in Daly City is offering free one-on-one Internet Tutoring services to the community. Scheduled with the medical librarian, the training will help those over the age of 50 navigate the Internet while looking for health information with the goal of increasing the health literacy of participants. The service will be provided for up to three people at a time. For more information or to schedule an appointment [contact Geri Bodeker, MS, AHIP Library Services Manager at 650-991-6315 or visit www.setonmedicalcenter.org](#).

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**August 24, 11:00 am  
- 6:00 pm**

Seventh North Fair  
Oaks Community  
Festival

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### **Senior Peer Counseling**

Family Service Agency offers Senior Peer Counseling, a one-on-one service provided by trained volunteers who offer confidential emotional support, guidance and empathy to older adults facing challenges such as loneliness, depression, grief, isolation from family and friends and life changes. For

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- 11:00 am**

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### August 29 -

**September 1, 8:00  
am - 9:00 pm**

Slow Food Nation

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### SAVE THE DATE!

**October 18,**

**9:00 am - 6:00 pm**

Fifth Annual Nonprofit  
Boot Camp

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For a calendar of  
children's health  
events sponsored by  
nonprofit organizations  
in San Mateo and  
Santa Clara counties,  
**visit**  
[www.kidscal.org](http://www.kidscal.org).

For a calendar of  
training opportunities  
for nonprofit staff,  
**visit**  
[compasspoint.org](http://compasspoint.org).

Email  
[shulman@plsinfo.org](mailto:shulman@plsinfo.org)  
anytime to submit your  
upcoming event for the  
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**Click here** for the  
complete **CIP**  
**Community Calendar**  
where you can now  
search by month.

more information about Family Service Agency's Senior Peer  
Counseling **click here...**



### Rebuilding Together Peninsula

**Application Deadline: October 15**

### Rebuilding Together Peninsula (RTP)

strives to improve the lives, homes and  
community facilities of low-income individuals while providing  
a positive volunteer experience for community members and  
partners. Every project that RTP undertakes is unique. Each  
work site comes with a different history, need, scope of work  
and volunteer team. For more information on the services  
RTP provides and how to apply for these services, **click**  
**here...**

### Career Assessment Course

College of San Mateo Career Center presents a Career  
Assessment Course. This .5 unit (8 hour) career exploration  
course covers career assessment, self-awareness, career  
decision-making, goal setting and creating action plans with  
the assistance of a skilled career counselor. The course  
provides four assessment surveys including the Myers-Briggs  
Type Indicator, Strong Interest Inventory and skills and  
values sorts which identify careers compatible with your  
personality profile. For more information about the class and  
how to register **click here...**

### Registration Open for Fall Classes at Skyline College

Registration is now open for the fall semester, which begins  
August 18, at Skyline College in San Bruno. The College  
offers job training, associate's degrees or transfer to a four-  
year university; convenient classes and location;  
knowledgeable professors and staff; English language  
instruction and short courses starting throughout the  
semester. The last day to add a semester-length class is  
August 29.

Classes are held at Skyline College, 3300 College Drive, San  
Bruno. Fees are \$20 per unit. For more information and to  
register **call 650-738-4465 or visit**  
[www.SkylineCollege.edu](http://www.SkylineCollege.edu).

### Children's Fund School Supply and Clothing Drive

The Children's Fund Annual School Supply  
and Clothing Drive has begun. The  
organization is requesting donations of  
new school supplies, including pens,  
pencils, crayons, markers, glue, notebooks, folders, binders,  
rulers, scissors and backpacks, as well as clothing for  
children age 5 to 18. For more information about the drive  
**click here...**



**Fatherhood Collaborative of San Mateo County '08-'09**  
**Request for Proposals and Application for Partners in**

### Service Awards Deadline: September 5

The Fatherhood Collaborative of San Mateo County is now accepting applications for its Partners in Service program for fiscal year 2008-2009. For more information on the Fatherhood Collaborative and how to apply for a Partners in Service Award, [click here...](#)

### Agency Updates

The **California Center for Law and the Deaf** is closed temporarily while undergoing restructuring.

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**Article deadline for the September issue of the *Resource Bulletin* is August 15. Email your submission to [shulman@plsinfo.org](mailto:shulman@plsinfo.org).**

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### Resource Highlight

CIP maintains a [database](#) of more than 2,600 nonprofit agencies, government programs, community clubs and social, service, environmental and fraternal organizations that serve residents of San Mateo County. In each issue of the *Resource Bulletin*, we feature one or more resources to help familiarize readers with the depth and breadth of the [database](#). Following is the highlight for this month.

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month. Read about the benefits of breastfeeding and then check out local organizations for more information.

#### *Benefits for Babies*

Breast milk is the most complete form of nutrition for infants. A mother's milk has just the right amount of fat, sugar, water and protein that is needed for a baby's growth and development. Most babies find it easier to digest breast milk than they do formula. They tend to gain less unnecessary weight and to be leaner. This may result in being less overweight later in life.

#### *Benefits for Moms*

Nursing uses up extra calories, making it easier to lose the pounds of pregnancy. It also helps the uterus to get back to its original size and lessens any bleeding a woman may have after giving birth.

Breastfeeding lowers the risk of breast and ovarian cancers, and possibly the risk of hip fractures and osteoporosis after menopause.

Breastfeeding makes a new mom's life easier and saves time and money; there's nothing to purchase, measure or mix, and no bottles to warm in the middle of the night!

**La Leche League of the Peninsula**

28 West Summit Drive  
Redwood City CA 94062-3339  
650 363-1470 (24 hours daily)  
[llnocal.org/groups/PeninsulaCA.html](http://llnocal.org/groups/PeninsulaCA.html)

Offers information and encouragement to women who want to nurse their babies, including those in special circumstances, such as mothers with impaired vision, mothers whose babies were born premature, mothers of multiple births and mothers of babies with birth defects.

**Nursing Mothers Counsel, Inc.**

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter  
650 327-6455 (24-hour recording)  
[nursingmothers.org](http://nursingmothers.org)

Provides free personal counseling and assistance to breastfeeding mothers. Offers a hotline for information and support. Brochures are available, including some in Spanish.

**Get Healthy San Mateo County Task Force**

This task force includes a Breastfeeding Advisory Committee which has produced two resource lists; [click here](#) for a table of San Mateo County Breastfeeding Resources and [here](#) for a flyer listing Breastfeeding Resource Contact Information and Web Resources.

The next meeting of the Breastfeeding Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, at 3:00 pm at the Sequoia Health and Wellness Office, 749 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City. For more information about the committee or to RSVP for the meeting, [contact Anne Garrett at 650-573-2955 or agarrett@co.sanmateo.ca.us](mailto:agarrett@co.sanmateo.ca.us).

**At CIP**

[cip.plsinfo.org](http://cip.plsinfo.org)

- To submit an article for the **CIP Resource Bulletin**, or to add your next event to the **CIP Community Calendar**, email Amy Shulman at [shulman@plsinfo.org](mailto:shulman@plsinfo.org).
- Find our publications, including *Resource Bulletin* archives, at [CIP Publications](#).
- Search our database online at [CIP Database](#).
- Contact us: **650-802-7950** or [cip@plsinfo.org](mailto:cip@plsinfo.org).
- We're part of the Library!  
[Link to Peninsula Library System](#).

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### Meet the Author in San Mateo or Redwood City

**August 6, 7:00 pm.** The libraries of San Mateo County invite families to read together and discuss Francisco Jimenez's award-winning book, *The Circuit*. It is based on the author's experiences as a child in a migrant farmworker's family.

Location: Redwood City Public Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. For more information [call 650-522-7838](tel:650-522-7838). The event is free and open to the public.

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### Expectations from Philanthropy Presented by the Center for Excellence in Nonprofits (CEN)

**August 7, 9:00 am - 11:30 am.** Get an insiders scoop about foundations as CEN presents Bill Somerville from Philanthropic Ventures Foundation at a special Nonprofit Leadership Series session. Mr. Somerville will be talking about his "Expectations from Philanthropy" and his new book *Grassroots Philanthropy: Field Notes of a Maverick Grantmaker*. He will share ideas on how nonprofit leaders should approach foundations and develop partnerships with foundation staff.

In 1991, Mr. Somerville founded Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, which specializes in innovative, responsive approaches to grantmaking such as "paperless" discretionary grants and grants with 48-hour turnaround. Participants will receive a copy of his book which is a guide to hands-on grantmaking.

Location: 1922 The Alameda (the old United Way Silicon Valley building), Room 103, San Jose. \$35 single attendee of a CEN Member organization/\$55 per person for non CEN members. For more information [visit www.cen.org](http://www.cen.org). To register, [visit www.cen.org](http://www.cen.org) or [email registration@cen.org](mailto:registration@cen.org) with name, organization, phone number, email address and billing address of each attendee.

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### San Mateo County Fair

**August 8 – 17; 4:00 pm - midnight opening day; noon - 11:00 pm Sunday**

**through Friday; noon - midnight Saturday and Sunday.** This year's concerts include KC and the Sunshine Band, Tower of Power and Billy Ray Cyrus. Grounds entertainment includes Chinese Acrobats, pig races, a steel drum band, pony rides and a hypnotist. From food to rides, to horse racing, exhibits and more, this fair has it all!

Location: San Mateo County Event Center, 2495 South Delaware Street, San Mateo. Visit [www.sanmateocountyfair.com](http://www.sanmateocountyfair.com) for more information.

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### Adrienne Barbeau at the San Mateo Main Library

**August 9, 2:00 pm.** Actress and author Adrienne Barbeau began performing in 1963 with the San Jose Civic Light Opera and made her Broadway debut as Tevye's second daughter, Hodel, in *Fiddler on the Roof*. A Tony nomination for her creation of Rizzo in the original Broadway production of *Grease* led her back to California and the role of Bea Arthur's daughter, Carol, in the hit series *Maude*. She has appeared in dozens of plays, musicals, films and television shows. Her memoir, *There Are Worse Things I Could Do*, was a best seller. Her new novel, *Vampyres of Hollywood* is full of Hollywood glamour, behind-the-scenes secrets and the bloodthirsty reality of Tinseltown.

Appearing with Ms. Barbeau will be Eddie Muller, film critic and the author of three books on film noir, earning him the nickname "The Czar of Noir." He has also written two novels, *The Distance* (2002) and *Shadow Boxer* (2003). This program, which is free and open to everyone, is co-sponsored by "M" is for Mystery bookstore. The authors will be signing books which will be available for purchase.

Location: San Mateo Main Library, 55 West Third Avenue, Oak Room, San Mateo. There is free parking in the underground garage. For more information, **call the library at 650-522-7813 or visit [www.smplibrary.org](http://www.smplibrary.org).**

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### Shakespeare in the Park

**Saturdays, August 9, 16 and 23, 7:00 pm. Sundays, August 10, 17 and 24, 5:00**

**pm.** The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival will once again be providing a Free Shakespeare in the Park program at sites throughout the Bay Area. This year's play will be *Pericles*, the story of a young man who embarks on an epic journey that leads him from a tragic shipwreck to a joyful marriage and from the loss of his beloved daughter to a surprising reunion. Along the way he encounters many characters, from clownish fishermen to dancing suitors to roguish pirates. Ultimately good triumphs over evil, jealousy and vice are punished, and faithfulness and virtue are rewarded.

Enrich your show experience by coming to a discussion featuring cast members from the production. View selected scenes, participate in fun group exercises, listen to discussions on why the production is set in frontier America and learn about the play's popularity

during Shakespeare's time. The event will take place on August 18 at the San Mateo Public Library; see that [listing](#) for more details.

Location: Central Park, 50 East Fifth Avenue, San Mateo. Visit [www.sfshakes.org](http://www.sfshakes.org) for all the details.

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### **Mandated Reporter Training**

**August 11, 9:00 am - 11:00 am.** San Mateo County Children and Family Services is offering training for mandated reporters who are either living or working in San Mateo County. This training will cover Mandated Reporter Law, CWS Redesign/SIP, Child Abuse Indicators and an Overview of Differential Response. Two CEUs will be offered to LCSWs, MFTs and MFCCs.

Location: Human Services Agency, Notre Dame/Harvard Rooms, 400 Harbor Blvd., Building B, Belmont. There is no cost to attend this training. To register, [contact Hmcclain@smchsa.org](mailto:Hmcclain@smchsa.org).

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"DOVIA" is the generic name for "Directors of Volunteers in Agencies" Association. DOVIAs are local professional associations made up of leaders of volunteer programs. Members are local volunteer managers from nonprofit and government agencies who share, network and discuss local volunteer related issues as well as broader issues facing the professional. Meetings are held regularly to exchange information and ideas, host workshops and speakers, and plan collaborative activities. There are several hundred DOVIAs operating in cities and counties across the USA. This meeting is the first for DOVIA San Mateo County.

Location: Mills-Peninsula Health Center, 100 South San Mateo Drive, Hendrickson Auditorium, San Mateo. Refreshments will be served and parking is free. To RSVP [contact Deborah Owdom, Project Director, RSVP of San Mateo County at 650-696-7661 or owdomd@sutterhealth.org](mailto:owdomd@sutterhealth.org).

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### **Senior I & R Monthly Forum**

**August 13, 9:00 am - 10:30 am.** Crispin Delgado of the San Mateo County Health Department will explain the Aging 2020 Model, a projection tool to help plan for the

changing service needs of older adults.

Location: San Mateo County Health Department, 225 - 37th Avenue, Room 100, San Mateo. All are welcome; no reservations needed. To be added to the email notification list for this monthly meeting, **contact Pat Michelin at 650-802-7549, [michelin@plsinfo.org](mailto:michelin@plsinfo.org) or [pmichelin@smchsa.org](mailto:pmichelin@smchsa.org).**

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### **Diversity Job Fair**

**August 13, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.** If you are currently unemployed or considering a career change, this event is for you. Meet growing Bay Area employers looking to fill positions in diverse industries, with job openings ranging from entry-level to professional and technical.

Location: South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 South Airport Blvd., South San Francisco. Free admission and parking. For more information **call 650-348-4432 or visit [www.jobscareers.com](http://www.jobscareers.com).**

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### **Estate Planning 101 - The Basics**

**August 14, noon.** Wondering if you need a "Living Trust" or a "Living Will," or are you wondering exactly what these are? Learn the difference between Living Trusts, Living Wills and Last Will, Power of Attorney, Financial Powers and Health Care Powers at this free lecture. Learn what these documents are, what they do and why you need them for yourself and your family in this easy to understand presentation by attorney Cynthia L. Schreurs.

Location: San Mateo County Law Library, 710 Hamilton Street, Redwood City. For more information **contact Karen Lutke at 650-363-4913 or visit the Law Library online at [www.smcll.org](http://www.smcll.org).**

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### **Culture on the Square in Redwood City**

**August 17, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.** Revel in the discovery of a unique culture through its music and movement, including Sufi, Russian and Balkan. This event will also take place on September 27.

Location: Courthouse Square on Broadway between Middlefield and Hamilton, Redwood City. For more information, as well as a list of other events in Redwood City, **visit [www.redwoodcityevents.com](http://www.redwoodcityevents.com).**

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### **Successful Parenting of Children Ages 0 - 5**

**Wednesdays, August 20 through November 19, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.** The Prenatal to Three Program, in collaboration with Parents Place, presents this English parenting class for San Mateo County families with children between the ages of 0 and five. Topics include building a positive parent-child relationship, learning the importance of culture in the family, teaching positive discipline, involving the family and community in raising children and creating a healthy family environment.

Location: Parents Place, 2001 Winward Way, Second Floor, San Mateo. The class is free and space is limited. To register or for more information **call Kristine Averilla at 650-573-2629 or Yvette La Fleur at 650-573-2756.**

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### **Seventh North Fair Oaks Community Festival**

**August 24, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm.** The Sheriff's Office of San Mateo County presents this annual festival with live entertainment, a parade, children's activities, information booths and food.

Location: Middlefield Road between First and Fifth Avenues, Redwood City. For more information **call 650-368-2497 or visit [www.northfair Oaks Festival.org](http://www.northfair Oaks Festival.org).**

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### **CIP's Monthly Orientation to Community Services**

**August 27, 9:30 am - 11:00 am.** Offered monthly, this free training session provides an overview of health and human services in San Mateo County. Attendees will learn about the work of the major service agencies and the interaction between county and nonprofit agencies. The services offered by the Community Information Program are outlined and each participant is given a packet of resource information.

Location: 262 Harbor Blvd., Building A, Veranda Room, Belmont. Registration is required as seating is limited. **Call 650-802-7950** for more information or to register.

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The Academy will be held Wednesdays from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, September 3 through November 19 (excluding September 24) as well as Saturday, October 11 from 8:00 am - noon. There is no cost to attend the academy.

For more information or an application **call Carol Jampetti at 650-522-7740 or visit the [City Council](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org) section at [www.cityofsanmateo.org](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org).**

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### **Slow Food Nation**

**August 29 - September 1, 8:00 am - 9:00 pm.** The largest celebration of American food in history, Slow Food Nation will bring together thousands of people to experience a range of activities exploring the connection between your plate and the planet. Slow Food Nation will feature tastings, chef demonstrations, a major conference on food values, social justice and the environment, an urban farm, a music festival and workshops, forums, films and interactive exhibits.

Location: Most events will be held in Civic Center and Fort Mason Center, San Francisco. Certain events will be ticketed and prices vary from \$10 to over \$100. For more information **visit [slowfoodnation.org](http://slowfoodnation.org).**

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### **Fifth Annual Nonprofit Boot Camp**

**October 18, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.** Nonprofit Boot Camp is a community effort planned, produced and promoted in partnership with over 100 local organizations. Its focus is to educate, empower and connect the next generation of nonprofit leaders and social entrepreneurs. 2008 participants will have the opportunity to choose between six Educational Tracks: Nonprofit Basics, Fundraising, Social Entrepreneurship, Technology, Big Ideas and Lobbying and Advocacy. Highlights include a choice of over 15 seminars, panels and interactive workshops covering the essentials of starting and running a nonprofit or social enterprise; an exhibit hall featuring more than 50 organizations that support nonprofits and social entrepreneurs; one-on-one nonprofit consulting and career counseling sessions; facilitated networking and community lounge; greening strategies to reduce environmental impact and opportunities for participants to apply for grants through "Reality Grantmaking." Nonprofit Boot Camp is sponsored by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and Zazzle.

Location: San Mateo County Events Center, 2495 South Delaware Street, San Mateo. For more information **visit [www.craigslfoundation.org/bootcamp](http://www.craigslfoundation.org/bootcamp)**; online conference registration will be available shortly. Registration is \$75 per person.

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### **One Book One Community Presents Dave Eggers on October 1**

One Book One Community is a month-long reading event held annually to encourage all of San Mateo County to read and experience the same book at the same time.

This year's book is *What Is the What* by Dave Eggers. The novel is based on the life of Sudanese refugee Valentino Achak Deng, who was forced as a child to flee his village to find safety during a brutal civil war. Companion programming throughout October will explore the culture, history and politics of Sudan and Africa.

The event includes refreshments, an audience question and answer period and book sales and signing by both Dave Eggers and KQED host Michael Krasny. The San Mateo Performing Arts Center, 600 North Delaware Street, San Mateo will host the presentation. The free event is presented by the Peninsula Library System (PLS). For more information visit [www.onebookreads.com](http://www.onebookreads.com).

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This new Web site will allow nonprofits to solicit "reviews" from their stakeholders. This has the potential to raise public visibility and attract new supporters and volunteers. Beginning this fall, GuideStar ([www.GuideStar.org](http://www.GuideStar.org)), a database of nonprofit organizations, will feature these reviews on their profiles. For more information about being listed on GreatNonprofits visit [www.greatnonprofits.org](http://www.greatnonprofits.org) directly or contact Shari at [shari.ilsen@greatnonprofits.org](mailto:shari.ilsen@greatnonprofits.org).

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### **Funding Opportunity: Letters of Intent due August 22**

Sequoia Hospital has announced the annual Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) Community Grants Program, which provides funding to nonprofit organizations meeting the needs of vulnerable populations in communities served by Sequoia Hospital. Applicants can submit a letter of intent if their program meets the following criteria:

- The organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or have a fiscal agent that is a 501(c)(3) organization and capable of administering the project's funds.
- Programs support the following areas identified in the *2008 Community Assessment: Health & Quality of Life in San Mateo County* ([www.plsinfo.org/healthysmc](http://www.plsinfo.org/healthysmc)):
  1. Childhood Obesity: Reduce childhood obesity rates by promoting physical activity within and outside of school settings and by increasing nutrition education.
  2. Healthy Aging in Place: Prepare for the demographic shifts in the population and accessibility of "aging in place" by actively planning for the impacts of the increasing number of seniors in all services offered.

3. Diabetes Education and Prevention: Address the increasing prevalence of diabetes, especially among low income and Latino community members, with education and prevention interventions.

- Programs must target communities with disproportionate unmet health-related needs or vulnerable populations within Sequoia Hospital's service area (from southern San Mateo to Menlo Park). Vulnerable populations are those who face financial or non-financial barriers, such as legal, cultural, language, economic, transportation and/or physical or psychological disabilities.

Grant amounts of up to \$25,000 may be requested. If you are interested in applying to the Sequoia Hospital/CHW Community Grants Program, letters of intent must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Friday, August 22 using the CHW template provided electronically. To receive the template for the letter of intent **contact Marie Violet, Manager, Sequoia Hospital Health and Wellness Center at 650-367-5995 or [marie.violet@chw.edu](mailto:marie.violet@chw.edu).**

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#### **DOVIA: New Networking Group for Directors of Volunteers Meeting August 12**

The Volunteer Manager/Coordinator/Director is the point person in an agency that is responsible for everything volunteer related. In many cases, this person is the only staff person dedicated to recruiting and engaging the good will and talents of community volunteers to support an agency's mission. One resource for a person in this position is DOVIA.

"DOVIA" is the generic name for "Directors of Volunteers in Agencies" Association. DOVIAs are local professional associations made up of leaders of volunteer programs. Members are local volunteer managers from nonprofit and government agencies who share, network and discuss local volunteer related issues as well as broader issues facing the professional. Meetings are held regularly to exchange information and ideas, host workshops and speakers, and plan collaborative activities. There are several hundred DOVIAs operating in cities and counties across the USA. This meeting is the first for DOVIA San Mateo County. It will take place on August 12 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Mills-Peninsula Health Center, 100 South San Mateo Drive, Hendrickson Auditorium, San Mateo. Refreshments will be served and parking is free. To RSVP **contact Deborah Owdom, Project Director, RSVP of San Mateo County at 650-696-7661 or [owdomd@sutterhealth.org](mailto:owdomd@sutterhealth.org).**

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#### **The City of San Mateo City Services Academy Fall 2008 Session: Deadline to Apply August 29**

If you reside or work in the **City of San Mateo** and would like to learn more about the municipal government, this opportunity is for you. The city's fall City Services Academy is designed to provide an opportunity to learn firsthand how the city is managed and operated.

The Academy will be held Wednesdays from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, September 3 through

November 19 (excluding September 24) as well as Saturday, October 11 from 8:00 am - noon. There is no cost to attend.

For more information or an application **call Carol Jampetti at 650-522-7740 or visit the [City Council](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org) section at [www.cityofsanmateo.org](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org).**

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### **Senior Peer Counseling**

Family Service Agency offers Senior Peer Counseling, a one-on-one service provided by trained volunteers who offer confidential emotional support, guidance and empathy to older adults facing challenges such as loneliness, depression, grief, isolation from family and friends and life changes.

Family Service's Senior Peer Counseling is available in English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Filipino and to the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community. Peer counselors help older adults cope with situations that, left unattended, can lead to clinical depression, hopelessness, life-threatening incidents and accidents. Support groups are also available.

Any San Mateo County adult 55 years or older is eligible to receive these services. Sessions take place anywhere the client and peer counselor feel comfortable, such as the client's home or a local senior center. Privacy is assured.

For more information about Senior Peer Counseling, **call Family Service Agency at 650-403-4300 ext. 4389.**

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### **Rebuilding Together Peninsula Application Deadline: October 15**

**Rebuilding Together Peninsula (RTP)** strives to improve the lives, homes and community facilities of low-income individuals while providing a positive volunteer experience for community members and partners. Every project that RTP undertakes is unique. Each work site comes with a different history, need, scope of work and volunteer team.

RTP works on projects ranging from yard cleanup and painting to skilled repairs of plumbing, windows, electrical systems and flooring. They also repair or replace roofs on homes and community facilities.

National Rebuilding Day is an annual event that takes place every year in April. For this one-day rebuilding event, thousands of volunteers and corporate sponsors unite to rehabilitate the homes and community facilities of low-income neighbors and revitalize communities across the Peninsula. The next National Rebuilding Day will be held April 25, 2009, but applications for services are due October 15. For information on how to apply **call 650-366-6597.**

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### **Career Assessment Course**

College of San Mateo Career Center presents a Career Assessment Course. This .5 unit (8 hour) career exploration course covers career assessment, self-awareness, career decision-making, goal setting and creating action plans with the assistance of a skilled career counselor. The course provides four assessment surveys including the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Strong Interest Inventory and skills and values sorts which identify careers compatible with your personality profile.

Participants have a choice of four different sections of CRER 126 to choose from: Tuesdays, September 9–30 from 12:30 pm–2:30 pm; Mondays and Wednesdays, October 6–15 from 12:30 pm–2:30 pm; Thursdays, November 6–December 4 from 12:30 pm–2:30 pm; or a hybrid version during which you work at your own pace and meet two or three times with a career counselor. To register for one of these sections, **visit [www.collegeofsanmateo.edu](http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu)**, apply to the college if not already a student, and register. For more information **visit [www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/career](http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/career) or call 650-574-6116**. Classes will be held at College of San Mateo, 1700 West Hillsdale Blvd., Building 1-213, San Mateo.

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### **Children's Fund School Supply and Clothing Drive**

The Children's Fund Annual School Supply and Clothing Drive has begun. The organization is requesting donations of new school supplies, including pens, pencils, crayons, markers, glue, notebooks, folders, binders, rulers, scissors and backpacks, as well as clothing for children age 5 to 18.

In lieu of donating, you can sponsor a family or group of children by shopping for or with them. The Drive also accepts gift cards from stores, cash and checks. Send donations to: Al Teglia, School Drive, Peninsula Works-Daly City, 271 92nd Street, Daly City, CA 94015. Donations will be accepted until August 29.

If you have any questions about the drive, email the Children's Fund at **[childrensfund@smchsa.org](mailto:childrensfund@smchsa.org) or call Al Teglia at 650-301-8444 or Lyn Dayao at 650-301-8428**.

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### **Fatherhood Collaborative of San Mateo County '08-'09 Request for Proposals and Application for Partners in Service Awards Deadline: September 5**

The Fatherhood Collaborative of San Mateo County is now accepting applications for its Partners in Service program for fiscal year 2008-2009. The Collaborative was established in 1998 by a group of practitioners, providers and public and private community organizations that shared an interest in expanding local services for fathers. Their mission is to provide a forum to address and support the importance of men and fathers taking an active role in the well being of children and families.

For the coming year, the Fatherhood Collaborative continues its focus on family

relationships and strategies that enhance fathers' relationships with their families or facilitate / improve access to appropriate local services. Preference will be given to Partners in Services proposals that address some aspect of the following or similar issues: reunifying men with their families; older fathers or grandfathers raising children; the resilient father who can cope; step-fathering; foster fathering; co-parenting; dads and daughters and/or dads and sons; fathers coming home from war; dads and moms communicating to do best for children; the role of men in the prevention of domestic violence; the role of men in the prevention of child abuse; dads in domestic violence; or increasing accessibility of information regarding resources and referral services for fathers and male caregivers.

Any organization that provides services to San Mateo County residents is eligible. For more information **contact Eve Agiewich at 650-372-3252 or [eagiewich@fatherhoodcollaborative.org](mailto:eagiewich@fatherhoodcollaborative.org). Visit [www.fatherhoodcollaborative.org](http://www.fatherhoodcollaborative.org)** to download the Request for Proposals and an application form.

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