

# Department of Public Instruction Learn and Serve America



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Be like the flower, turn your face to the sun  
-- Kahlil Gibran

**To:** Service-Learning educators, practitioners, and enthusiasts

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## **DPI LSA E-Brief on Vacation!**

The E-brief will be on vacation for July and August and will resume in September! To read archived e-briefs please see DPI's Service-Learning Website under "Internet Resources": <http://dpi.wi.gov/fscp/sllinkpg.html>

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## **Important Announcements: Grant Opportunities**

### **DPI: Learn and Serve Grants**

DPI's 2010-2011 Service-Learning Grants RFP is now available! Grants will be due June 15<sup>th</sup> and offer districts the opportunity to receive funds for growing service-learning school and district wide. Grant application and all materials can be accessed here: <http://dpi.wi.gov/fscp/slhmpage.html>. **Deadline: June 15**

### **Fizwoz Campus Challenge**

The fizwoz Campus Challenge is offering ten \$500 grants to school organizations that use the FREE fizwoz Assignment Desk to invite photo and video submissions taken at service projects for possible use by the news media. fizwoz.com is the premier online marketplace for iPhone captured media. Utilizing a state-of-the-art auction engine and cutting-edge mobile applications, fizwoz enables the average citizen to reach all levels of media buyers, from multinational media powerhouses to campus newspapers. Just tell fizwoz how your school organization would use \$500 and the FREE fizwoz Assignment Desk to get students and others with iPhones to submit newsworthy pictures and videos of service projects on GYSD or anytime in April 2010. If they like your plan, your organization will get \$500 to take your project and could receive \$5,000 in December for the Best Use of Fizwoz by a student group. Learn more at [www.fizwoz.com/college](http://www.fizwoz.com/college)  
**Deadline: Ongoing**

### **The International Award**

The International Award is an exciting self-development program available to all 14 to 25 year olds. Over 6 million young people worldwide have taken up the Award challenge. Young people design their own Award Programme, set their own goals, and record their own progress. The only person they compete against is themselves, by challenging their own beliefs about what they can achieve. The Programme is based around three Levels, each successive one requiring a greater degree of commitment. It is possible to start at any Level - some participants work their way through all three, while others start at Silver or Gold. To gain an Award, participants must complete activities in four Sections for a specified minimum period of time. **Deadline: Ongoing**  
[www.intaward.org](http://www.intaward.org)

### **Motorola Foundation Grants**

Motorola seeks to benefit the communities where it operates around the world, including locations in North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia/Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East. The Motorola Foundation focuses its funding on education, especially programs that support math and science teacher-training programs and charitable organizations that excite young people about these subjects. Other areas of interest include increasing access to communication technology for people in the developing world and supporting communities in areas where the company operates. The Foundation funds programs only in communities where Motorola has a significant presence. Organizations based outside the United States must be located in a country with a Motorola presence and be able to prove charitable status. Applications are accepted online throughout the year. **Deadline: Ongoing** [www.motorola.com/staticfiles/Business/Corporate/US-EN/corporate-responsibility/society/community-investment-motorola-foundation-apply-for-a-grant.html](http://www.motorola.com/staticfiles/Business/Corporate/US-EN/corporate-responsibility/society/community-investment-motorola-foundation-apply-for-a-grant.html)

### **Promise Neighborhoods Planning Grants**

The U.S. Department of Education is accepting applications for a \$10 million planning grants competition for the Promise Neighborhood program - an initiative meant to support comprehensive, community-based efforts to prepare youths from economically distressed neighborhoods for college and careers. Up to 20 planning grants of up to \$500,000 each will be awarded. The competition is open to nonprofits and institutions of higher learning. The initiative will support up to 20 organizations with one year of funding to plan for implementing "cradle-to-career" services. The Promise Neighborhoods program will award one-year grants to support the development of a plan to implement a Promise Neighborhood. **Deadline: July 1** [www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/index.html)

### **Best Buy @15 Community Grants**

Through the @15 Community Grants Program, Best Buy teams across the United States select non-profit organizations that provide positive experiences to help teens to excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop leadership skills. This year, Best Buy Children's Foundation will give \$2 million through the Community Grants Program. Best Buy seeks applications from organizations that have current 501(c)(3) tax status and are serving a diverse population of young teens in the areas of learning, life skills, leadership or relationship development. Special consideration will be given to programs that: Serve a diverse population in local or regional communities; Build social, academic, leadership and/or life skills in early adolescents (primarily ages 13-18); Show positive results against a demonstrated community need; Reach at-risk children in working families. This is an annual grant program with applications accepted June 1-July 1, 2010. Maximum award: \$10,000. **Deadline: July 1**  
[www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/local\\_donations.htm](http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/local_donations.htm)

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### **Service-Learning Stories: Last Call for Submitting your Service-Learning Story!**

The Department of Public Instruction is seeking YOUR service-learning stories! Fill out the attached Service-Learning Project form and email it to [betsy.prueter@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:betsy.prueter@dpi.wi.gov). These stories may be used by DPI in future monthly e-briefs and on our website under teacher resources.

Did you and your students engage in meaningful service-learning this year? Did your service-learning experience make an impact on your school or community? Did you learn something new while implementing service-learning? Did you see a difference in the way your students felt about themselves or their learning? Whether you are an experienced practitioner or a novice, consider writing up your story. Tell us about your strengths and also where you struggled- learning from one another's stories can help inform future practice and quality for everyone!

We look forward to reading about YOUR service-learning experience.

With any questions, please let me know. Feel free to forward this to your co-workers and fellow educators.

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### **Inspiration Corner: Finding the Heart of Service-Learning**

*Service-learning is about passion! Each month, we hope to feature some resources that serve to energize, inspire, and motivate you to continue to dig deeper in your journey to quality service-learning.*

*The New Service-Learning Implementation Guide is here! After much anticipation, DPI has published High Quality Instruction that Transforms: A Guide for Implementing Quality Academic Service-Learning. Printed copies will be made available in June but for now, feel free to check out the guide and download a copy from the DPI Service-Learning website (see link).*

<http://dpi.wi.gov/fscpl/hmpage.html>

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### **What's New In Service-Learning? DPI's Summer Intern!**

*A new feature of the e-brief to share the latest tools, research, and resources available from the service-learning field.*

DPI's Service-Learning program is pleased to welcome our first summer intern- Kanchan Gautam- to the team! Kanchan will be working this summer to research pertinent social issues that many of you address through service-learning. Kanchan will be looking for resources, articles, and websites to help you and your students in the investigation phase of your experience. She will be looking at hunger, homelessness, environmental issues, poverty, race and culture, driver safety, and school climate to name a few. These resources will be posted on the DPI's website later in the summer.

If you are interested in more resources on a particular social issue or topic that you feel is important in your community, please email Kanchan and let her know! She can be reached at [kanchan.gautam@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:kanchan.gautam@dpi.wi.gov).

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The DPI LSA E-Brief is distributed once a month. It is intended to:

1. Offer relevant and timely information to support you in your efforts to build and develop programs of service-learning;
2. Update you on available research, tools, materials, services, and training opportunities from DPI and other national sources; and
3. Provide you with a vehicle to exchange ideas with, ask questions of, and share resources with other LSA grantees, service-learning practitioners, and DPI staff.

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