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Economic Club of Washington Awards \$500,000 In Grants to Local Community Services Organizations

Washington, DC – May 7, 2012 – Ten community services organizations in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, can add \$50,000 each to their annual operating budgets this year courtesy of The Economic Club of Washington, D.C.

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the founding of The Economic Club of Washington, D.C., Club members decided that the most fitting tribute to the intentions of the Club founders was to share the benefits of the Club's growth and success with the greater Washington community. Contributing to the well-being of the metropolitan region in which Club members work and live was a common commitment of the Club's founding members, many of whom were instrumental in the rebirth of Washington as a business and cultural center, according to Mary Brady, the Economic Club's Executive Director.

Club President David M. Rubenstein said, "Giving back to the greater Washington community has been a core component of the Economic Club's mission throughout our history. Hundreds of area students have benefited in particular from the Club's ongoing scholarship and fellowship programs. Our members felt it was important that this tradition of community support be a highlight of our 25th anniversary celebration."

The grants will be presented to the 10 nonprofit organizations selected at the Economic Club's 25th anniversary dinner celebration on June 5. Warren E. Buffett, chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., will be a special guest at the event and will participate in a dialog with President Rubenstein as part of the evening's program.

A special Grants Task Force comprised of Economic Club Board members coordinated the process of awarding the grants. A total of 138 different community organizations were nominated by Club members for consideration as recipients. Criteria for organizations to be nominated and considered for the grants was limited to local nonprofit groups with a primary mission of preparing underserved youth for success in school, the workforce, and life.

The 10 organizations selected to receive the grants of \$50,000 each are as follows.

- **Alexandria Seaport Foundation** offers disadvantaged youth and young adults a paid, work-based apprentice program in boat building that prepares participants for careers in the building trades and offers them a pathway to earn a GED.

- **Brainfood** builds life skills and promotes healthy living among D.C. high school students through culinary-related activities including hands-on cooking classes, lectures, field trips, and community service projects.
- **BUILD DC** provides a four-year entrepreneurship training and college preparation program that actively engages area high school students in creating comprehensive business plans, launching and operating micro-businesses, and preparing for college through tutoring, SAT/ACT preparation courses, and mentoring.
- **E.L. Haynes Public Charter School** is recognized for outstanding student achievement, effective practices and innovative programs, and its commitment to transforming public education. The school, recognized by the DC Public Charter School Board in 2011 as a high-performing "Tier One" charter school, currently serves 800 students in pre-school through grade 9 and will continue growing one grade a year until it serves students through grade 12.
- **Jubilee JumpStart/Jubilee Housing** are collaborating to break the cycle of poverty two generations at a time by giving low income children access to high quality education and care, eliminating barriers to work and together expanding an innovative, new model.
- **KIPP DC** is a network of nine high-performing public charter schools committed to providing low-income students in the District of Columbia with a rigorous college preparatory academic experience. With a student body that is almost 100% African-American and more than 80% low-income, KIPP schools consistently rank among the highest-performing schools in D.C.
- **Latin American Youth Center (LAYC)** has built a regional network of youth centers, school-based sites, and public charter schools that serve approximately 4,000 low-income youth in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County. LAYC programs support academic achievement, promote healthy behaviors, and ultimately guide youth toward successful adulthood.
- **Maya Angelou Schools** provide a "second chance" for young people in the District of Columbia who have not been successful in other schools. This network of four schools provides students with a rich academic experience augmented by comprehensive social-emotional services, an extended day, and an alumni support program to support post-secondary credential attainment. The investments in youth made by the Maya Angelou Schools empower young people to transform their lives and ultimately break the cycles of poverty and circumstances that once limited their futures.
- **Urban Alliance** is the only year-long employment program for disadvantaged high school seniors in Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, MD. The Urban Alliance uses paid

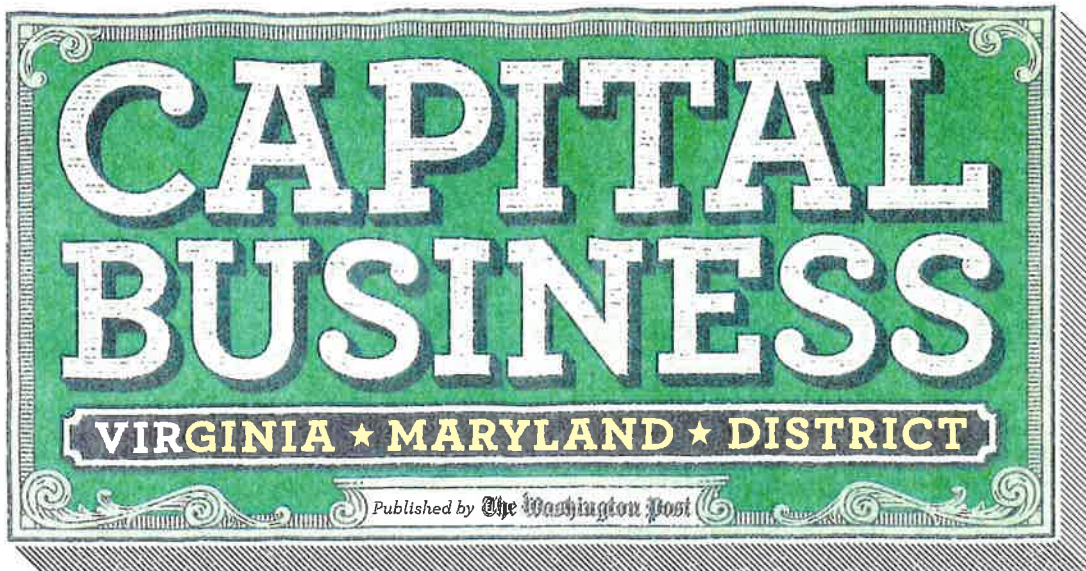
internships, formal training, and individual mentoring to provide urban youth with meaningful work experience and motivation to stay in school.

- **Year Up National Capital Region** opened in 2006 and is a one-year, intensive training program that provides low-income young adults, ages 18-24, with a combination of hands-on skill development, college credits, and corporate internships. More than 33,000 young adults in the National Capital Region do not have access to livable wage careers or higher education, and Year Up's students and graduates have proven that these young adults are capable of adding immediate value to local companies. Year Up is working hard to close the Opportunity Divide in this community.

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The Economic Club of Washington, D.C., is at the nexus of public and private sector economic policy and activity in our nation. Members represent over 550 businesses, located in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region, that are at the forefront of the private sector economy. They meet regularly to hear top-level economic policy makers and key corporate leaders address current issues that are in the news. Featured speakers in recent years have included the President of the United States, the current and immediate past Secretaries of the Treasury, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and CEOs of *Fortune 100* Corporations. The Economic Club consistently is ranked among the Top 10 speaking forums for CEOs. David Rubenstein, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder, The Carlyle Group, is the current President.



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10 nonprofits win a piece of \$500,000 from Economic Club

\$50,000 grants are in
honor of organization's
25th anniversary

By J.D. HARRISON

Some of the District's youth-serving community organizations are slated to receive a significant financial boost from some of the city's top business executives.

In honor of its 25th anniversary, the Economic Club of Washington D.C. will award \$50,000 grants to each of 10 local nonprofits that strive to prepare underserved youths for success in school, work and life. The winners were selected from a group of 138 organizations nominated by club members.

Lyles Carr, senior vice president of the McCormick Group and chairman of the task force created to select the winners, said that supporting the region's future workers was an initiative in which all Economic Club members, many of them executives at firms spanning a wide array of fields and expertise, could take an active role.

"Our group as a whole can't claim specialty in health care or

housing or technology, but as a collection of businesspeople and professionals, what we do know about is education and the workforce," Carr said. "The workforce is our lifeblood, and with these grants, we are looking to its future."

Grant winners include college-prep services such as those offered by KIPP D.C., E.L. Haynes Public Charter School and Build D.C., as well as organizations that offer job training and work opportunities such as the Urban Alliance, Alexandria Seaport Foundation and Year Up National Capital Region.

Jubilee JumpStart/Jubilee Housing and Brainfood, both of which promote healthy living, will also receive \$50,000 grants, as will the Latin America Youth Center and the Maya Angelou Schools, the latter of which offers an alternative education program to low-income students who have failed in traditional school settings.

"We looked for organizations that have ambitious or innovative approaches to these issues, ones that can set an example for policy leaders, business leaders and other organizations," Carr said. "Beyond that, we wanted groups that were particularly interested in those that were helping catch the youths that have otherwise fallen through the cracks. Our local economy simply can't afford to lose people who over time could be productive members of the community."

The grants will be doled out at an anniversary dinner celebration early next month, at which Berkshire Hathaway Chairman Warren Buffett is to speak along with club President David Rubenstein.

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Washington, DC – August 27, 2013 – Ten community services organizations in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area can add \$40,000 each to their annual operating budgets this year courtesy of The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. and David M. Rubenstein, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of The Carlyle Group and President of the Economic Club.

These one-time grants are a follow-up to the \$500,000 in community grants that were presented to another 10 area nonprofit organizations in June 2012 as part of the Economic Club's 25th anniversary celebration. The Economic Club is contributing \$200,000 to fund this new round of grants. Rubenstein is matching that contribution, bringing the total amount of the grants to \$400,000.

Rubenstein said, "Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, the Economic Club's 25th anniversary was very successful. Therefore, the Club is able to expand the 25th anniversary grants to include another 10 community services organizations.

Giving back to the greater Washington community has been a core component of the Economic Club's mission throughout our history," he continued. "This is why the Club decided to make the presentation of community service organization grants a major part of our 25th anniversary celebration and why the Board now has decided to share the success of that celebration event with another group of nonprofit organizations."

Organizations selected to receive the grants were drawn from an initial pool of 138 different community organizations that were nominated by Club members for consideration as recipients of the grants presented in 2012. Criteria for organizations to be nominated and considered for the grants was limited to local nonprofit groups with a primary mission of preparing underserved youth for success in school, the workforce, and life.

On an ongoing basis, the Economic Club primarily focuses its community support activities on education initiatives. Members actively support programs that annually award \$30,000 in doctoral candidate fellowships. The David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship Program presents nearly \$500,000 each year in college scholarships to seniors graduating from Washington, D.C., public schools. Through 2013, Rubenstein and the Economic Club have awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarships to almost 200 graduating seniors. A strategic plan recently adopted by the Economic Club calls for an expansion of these efforts with a new leadership development initiative. This new comprehensive effort will be framed over the next few months.

The Economic Club will present this year's community service grants during a regular luncheon meeting to be held Wednesday, September 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Washington, D.C. Groups receiving the grants are as follows.

AppleTree Early Learning Public Charter School

Serving low-income three- and four-year-olds on seven campuses in the District of Columbia, AppleTree Early Learning Public Charter School provides young children with social, emotional, and cognitive foundations for success in school. AppleTree uses a research-based instructional program that supports the development of young children's language, literary, and behavioral skills. AppleTree "graduates" show consistent proficiency in foundational early literacy – a skill predictive of later reading achievement – and they also demonstrate important school-ready behaviors such as attention to instruction, cooperation, and self-regulation.

City Year

City Year Washington, DC is an education-focused, nonprofit organization founded in 1988 that partners with public schools to help keep students in school and on track to graduate. This innovative public-private partnership brings together teams of young AmeriCorps members who commit to a year of full-time service in schools. Corps members support students by focusing on attendance, behavior and course performance through in-class tutoring, mentoring, and after school programs. City Year corps members also lead monthly service and community transformation projects at schools, parks and community centers across the District.

College Summit—National Capital Region

College Summit works to increase college enrollment rates of students from low-income communities by building capacity within school districts to guide students through the college preparation and application process. The organization helps schools integrate postsecondary planning structures and resources – including a for-credit College Summit class focused on the college process – and provides ongoing professional support to ensure school staff are equipped to sustain a college-going culture. College Summit also provides customized data and performance management reports on student and school progress toward college-going goals. During the 2012-13 school year, College Summit served more than 3,700 high school students in the National Capital Region and will serve over 4,700 in 2013-14.

District of Columbia College Access Program (DC-CAP)

Established in 1999 by major Washington-area corporations and foundations, DC-CAP is a privately-funded, nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging and enabling DC public and public charter high school students to enroll and graduate from college. In partnership with DC Public and DC Public Charter School Systems, DC-CAP provides direct counseling and financial assistance to students who might otherwise never have the opportunity to go to college. The overwhelming majority of the students served by DC-CAP are from low-income, minority, single-parent households and are the first in their families to attend college. Since its inception, DC-CAP has helped over 19,000 students to enroll in college, awarded approximately \$28,000,000 in Last Dollar Award scholarships and celebrated the success of over 4,000 college graduates who otherwise would have never had the opportunity for higher education.

Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School

Founded in 2007, Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School provides a Catholic college preparatory program for students in the Washington, D.C., area who dream of going to college and deserve a great educational opportunity, despite having limited financial resources. All students participate in a Corporate Work Study Program where they gain professional work experience and earn money to pay for a portion of their education. In the supportive environment of Don Bosco Cristo Rey, students receive new opportunities that help them discover their academic potential and other natural talents.

Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital

Girl Scouts is the largest national leadership development organization for girls in grades K-12 that strives to build girls of courage, confidence, and character. Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital is the second largest council in the country serving over 63,000 girl members in the Greater Washington Region. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as earning badges, taking field trips, conducting community service projects, and environmental stewardships, girls develop work-life skills to help them become leaders in their communities. Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital has developed cutting edge programming to reach girls from at-risk communities including Encuentro, a conference for young Latina; Keys to Leadership with emphasis on including girls with disabilities, and Your Turn to Lead for girls from the District of Columbia and Prince George's County. In addition, the annual Camp CEO program provides a unique mentorship program for teen girls with powerful women executives from the Washington, D.C. area. Camp CEO runs one week, but the relationships and experiences can last a lifetime.

Higher Achievement DC Metro

Higher Achievement closes the opportunity gap during the pivotal middle school years. By leveraging the power of communities, Higher Achievement's proven model provides a rigorous year-round learning environment, caring role models, and a culture of high expectations, resulting in college-bound scholars with the character, confidence, and skills to succeed. Higher Achievement DC Metro offers students from at-risk communities the opportunity to participate in rigorous year-round academic programming, totaling an additional 650 hours of learning per year. From fifth through eighth grade, Higher Achievement scholars participate in after-school and summer academies, mentoring, and instruction in core academic and elective subject areas. Higher Achievement also provides graduating eighth graders with high school placement services, supporting students and families through the process of applying to top academic high schools. Higher Achievement Metro DC currently serves 500 students in achievement centers across six D.C. wards and in Alexandria, VA.

Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc.

Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY) provides shelter, counseling, life skills training and positive youth development activities designed to support vulnerable young people, including those who are homeless or have been abused. Serving approximately 1,500 young people and 5,000 family members in the D.C. area, SBY offers 18 professionally-staffed programs throughout the city. The range of SBY services are intended to help young people find safe homes, maintain good physical and mental health, explore educational opportunities and careers, build leadership skills, and create and strengthen stable families.

Spanish Education Development Center

For over 40 years, the SED Center has designed and implemented educational programs for low income residents in the D.C. metro area, with a focus on integrating Spanish-speaking and other immigrants into mainstream Washington life through services that allow them to achieve their social and economic goals. SED programming in D.C. includes a nationally accredited bilingual children's program as well as adult courses in ESOL, Spanish, GED, and computer literacy. SED programs reinforce positive interactions, the celebration of cultural and linguistic differences, and the enhancement of bilingualism and multiculturalism. By developing innovative programs to meet the changing needs of Latinos and their children, SED empowers families to effectively navigate a new multilingual, multicultural world. SED strives to help its students gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to lead productive, self-sufficient lives.

Trinity Washington University

Located in Washington, D.C., Trinity Washington University continues its historic undergraduate women's college while also offering coeducational graduate and professional programs that meet the workforce needs of the Washington region. Trinity's programs aim to prepare students for the intellectual, ethical and spiritual dimensions of contemporary work, civic and family life. Under President Pat McGuire, Trinity has changed dramatically over the years to become a thriving private urban-based university, focused on providing a quality and affordable education to disadvantaged and disenfranchised students in the D.C. area. Trinity enrolls more D.C. students than any other private university in the nation, with among the lowest private college tuitions in the region. Trinity is now planning to develop a D.C. Residential Scholars Program that will provide housing scholarships to 10 low-income D.C. women during their freshman year.

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