



A bi-weekly e-publication offering a snapshot of key issues impacting philanthropy, our community and the foundation's agenda.

PHILANTHROPY

[Opera Star Kicks Off New CFGB Initiative](#)



Metropolitan Opera star Angela Brown performed for 2,400 Buffalo public school students and later that evening for the Cultures of Giving Legacy Initiative.

[Bill Could Generate 8,000 to 18,000 Nonprofit Jobs](#)



The nonprofit sector stands to gain \$ 1 billion in assistance and between 8,000 and 18,000 new nonprofit jobs based on provisions in the U.S. Senate's proposed jobs bill.

[States Consider Revoking Charities' Tax Exemptions](#)



Faced with steep declines in tax revenue, a growing number of States are considering taking the necessary steps to eliminate tax exemptions for not-for-profit groups.

SELF SUFFICIENCY/EDU.

[Public Libraries Create Opportunity for Millions of Americans](#)



A recent survey found that one-third of Americans accessed the Internet through public libraries for social networking, education and career needs. Of these 77 million individuals, 44 percent were classified as low-income.

[Teachers' Views on Educational Challenges](#)



Based on a recent survey of more than 40,000 public school teachers, there is an overwhelming concern that students are graduating from high school unprepared for success.

[Census Bureau Estimates that Minorities will Constitute a Majority of Americans Under Age 18 in About One Decade](#)



As early as this year births to minority women will surpass births to non-Hispanic whites, producing heightened tensions in policy debates surrounding education, health care, etc.

REGIONAL ASSETS

[Plan Shifts Peace Bridge Ramp, Reclaiming Front Park](#)



A deal has been crafted to relocate the Peace Bridge's I-190 southbound ramp resulting in the reconfiguration of Front Park closer to Olmsted's original vision.

[NFTA Prepared to Drop Plan to Sell Railroad Right of Way](#)



NFTA will soon remove the railroad line extending 1.6 miles south from the yard and shops on South Park Avenue, from local real estate listings.

[Two City Sites on Endangered List](#)



Two sites on the City's East Side (Price Courts and 169 E. Ferry St.) were recently named to the Preservation League of New York State's annual Seven to Save list of endangered places.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVIVAL

[Urban Farming: A Tool for Neighborhood Revival](#)



The Common Council's Community Gardens Task Force discussed a resolution approved last week that would facilitate urban gardens and farms on vacant city-owned property, reviving distressed neighborhoods.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

[Medicaid and the Uninsured: Medicaid Enrollment Figures](#)



Reflecting the impact of the recession, nearly 3.3 million more people were enrolled in state Medicaid programs in June 2009, compared to the previous June, boosting enrollment by 7.5 percent to 46.9 million people nationally.

ENVIRONMENT

[How America Can Lead the Global Clean Energy Economy](#)



America stands to lose out on an estimated 100,000 manufacturing jobs between 2010 and 2015 if it continues to import 70 percent of the clean energy systems and parts currently in demand.

[A Shared Resource with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo](#)

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