



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

Strategic Focus Areas

PHILANTHROPY

[Charities Optimistic About Fundraising Climate in 2010](#)



Coming out of the worst year for fundraising in over a decade, 60 percent of surveyed charities expect to raise more money in 2010 than in 2009.

[Parents Play Biggest Role in Encouraging Teenagers to Give](#)



According to a study on philanthropic parent influence, thirty-three percent of teenagers who give often said their parents explained how their actions can help others.

SELF SUFFICIENCY/EDU.

[Museum of Science wins 21st Century Fund Grant](#)



The Buffalo Museum of Science is the winner of a \$100,000 grant voted on by members of the 21st Century Fund. The grant will be used to develop "Science Studios" an integration of exhibits and programming reflective of current science curriculums offered in schools.

[Laboratories of Underfunding? State Financing for Anti-poverty Efforts after the Recession](#)



This report examines the factors that constrain states' abilities to maintain critical public services and respond to increasing need following the great recession.

REGIONAL ASSETS

[The Buffalo Maritime Center Looks to Relocate](#)



The Maritime Center is proposing to transform part of the Col. Ward Pumping Station near the foot of Porter Avenue into a museum, creating a regional tourism magnet for maritime enthusiasts.

[WNY Sets the Pace for Affordable Housing](#)



In a recent study of 52 major markets conducted by Business First, Buffalo ranked second only to Rochester as the having the most affordable housing in the country, with a median home value of \$109,900.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVIVAL

[Revitalization Project Targets East Side Streets](#)



On Earth Day (April 22nd), approximately 500 volunteers launched the “Good and Green Homes” neighborhood revitalization project; repairing homes and improving neighborhood conditions on three streets in the City’s East Side.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

[In Poor Neighborhoods, “Fresh” Produce Isn’t Always What it Seems](#)



In a recent study, scientist found mold, microorganisms and bacteria were more likely to be present on produce purchased from stores in poor neighborhoods than in wealthier ones highlighting the inequality that remains among food quality standards.

ENVIRONMENT

[Love Canal Activist on National Campaign to End PVC Use](#)



Former head of the Love Canal Homeowners Association, Gibbs presented at UB the scope of a national campaign to persuade companies, schools and home builders to refrain from selling or using products containing PVC.

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

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