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It's already August and it's hard to believe that school will be starting again in just a few weeks. This issue of the Nonprofit Neighborhood will focus on school supplies drives and nonprofit educational programs and resources, including student loan repayment.

But first, a few updates and announcements.

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## Special Member Offer

Register today and receive CAN's early bird member rate to Building Strong Nonprofits: 17th Annual CAN Conference October 22-23 at The Center at the Cathedral Plaza.

This year's conference will bring together more than 300 executive directors and other professional staff, board members, fundraisers, program officers, consultants, volunteers and students to network, gain valuable tools and build momentum to continue their important work for our communities. [Register today!](#)



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## Member Benefits

### Partner with CAN Business Members

It takes so many skilled professionals to help run a successful nonprofit -- accountants, lawyers, fundraisers, IT professionals, management consultants and marketers -- to just name a few. What you may not realize is that many people and companies with these valuable skill sets are already CAN members and their interest is in being of service to you. CAN membership includes more than three hundred associate members -- individuals and for-profits who join to assist nonprofit groups. The CAN Classifieds -- our free online business directory -- found at [www.canonprofits.org/resources/classifieds](http://www.canonprofits.org/resources/classifieds) can lead you to the right professional expertise in finance, human resources, grantmaking, law, technology, management and education as well as more basic needs like office supplies and copying.

So for our associate members, be sure that your name and service is listed (it's free!), so CAN members can find you. For our nonprofit members, CAN membership demonstrates their dedication to serving nonprofit clients. Don't hesitate to make the Classifieds part of your selection process any time you need outside help.

### Discounted Los Angeles Dodgers Tickets!

The Los Angeles Dodgers are launching their 1st Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day with 50% off discounted tickets to all non-profit organizations, employees, staff and volunteer

workers. The game is on September 19th vs. the San Francisco Giants on Friday night at 7:40 pm. Individuals interested in purchasing up to 30 tickets should visit [www.dodgers.com/volunteer](http://www.dodgers.com/volunteer). To purchase tickets for groups of thirty or more, contact Justin Blackman at 323.224.1304 or [insidesales@ladodgers.com](mailto:insidesales@ladodgers.com).

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## Awards

### **Social Venture Network Innovation awards**

The Social Venture Network (SVN) Innovation Awards program supports the "next generation" of socially responsible business and nonprofit leaders by providing them access to the people and resources to help develop their ideas into successful enterprises. Now through July 15, 2008 companies can learn more and submit applications online at <http://www.svn.org/awards>.

### **Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation**

The award is granted to a social sector organization that demonstrates Drucker's definition of innovation—change that creates a new dimension of performance. The winner will receive the \$35,000 first prize, with \$7,500 for second place and \$5,000 for third place. Applications are due July 15<sup>th</sup>. To download an application, visit <http://www.druckerinstitute.com/nonprofit.html>.

### **2008 Awards of Excellence - Call for Nominations**

CAN Insurance Services is now accepting nominations for the 10th annual CAN Awards of Excellence. The deadline to apply is September 26th.

To obtain an application and more information, please visit [www.caninsurance.com](http://www.caninsurance.com), or contact Monique Padia at [monique@caninsurance.com](mailto:monique@caninsurance.com) or (888) 427-5222 ext 1016.

Each award recipient receives a plaque and financial award of \$5,000 funded by CAN Insurance Services which will be presented at the Annual California Association of Nonprofits Conference in Los Angeles, California.

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## Events

### **Money Matters: 2008 Nonprofit Finance Conference**

The 7th Annual CAN Money Matters Nonprofit Finance Conference will be held: Sept. 10 - Oakland and Sept. 17 - Fresno. This is the up-to-date conference for Resources, Reporting & Responsibility.

[Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) to register now.



### **Building Strong Nonprofits: 17th Annual CAN Conference**

October 22-23, 2008 - Los Angeles

[Click here](#) for highlights from the 2007 CAN Annual Conference.

**Keynote speaker** for the Thursday luncheon on Social &

Economic Justice - What The Election Means to the Nonprofit Community will be Torie Osborn who served in the cabinet of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa for two years, and continues as a senior advisor to the Mayor. Previously the executive director of the Liberty Hill Foundation, one of the nation's most admired social-change foundations, Ms. Osborn has been a social activist for 40 years, beginning with the anti-poverty, civil rights and anti-war movements of the 1960s, as well as the women's movement of the 1970s and later as a champion for gay and lesbian rights.



[Register today](#) for our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual CAN Conference. Remember, CAN members receive a discount on registration. Not a member yet? [Click here](#).

### **Not on My Watch: Real Risk Management Training for Los Angeles Nonprofits**

Please join the Center for Nonprofit Management and CAN Insurance Services on Thursday, September 4 as we start our new Risk Management Lunch & Learn series with:

Employee Handbooks: 13 Things Every Nonprofit Must Know Presented by Ellen Aldridge, Labor and Employment Risk Manager, Nonprofits' Insurance Alliance of California (NIAC)

Time and Location:  
Thursday, September 4th 12:00-1:30 p.m.  
The California Endowment  
1000 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Cost: \$15 for CAN Members/ \$20 for Non-Members

Don't wait, enroll TODAY! To register contact Monique Padia, [monique@caninsurance.com](mailto:monique@caninsurance.com) or call (831) 824-5016. For more information visit: [www.caninsurance.com](http://www.caninsurance.com).

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### **White House Office on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conference**

CaliforniaVolunteers, the state office that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering is partnering with the White House Office on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to present a conference in Sacramento on Monday, August 18, 2008. CAN Regional Partner Ann Lucas, Nonprofit Resource Center-Sacramento, and Ken Larson, CAN Director of Public Policy, are on the Steering Committee for this event.

[Registration](#) is now open for this free event, which is expected to draw as many as 1,000 participants. The conference which will focus on understanding how to access Federal and State resources, disaster preparedness and response, volunteer management, and prisoner re-entry and crime prevention

Learn more by [clicking here](#).

### **Risk Management and Finance Summit for Nonprofits**

The [Nonprofit Risk Management Center](#) along with local host, the [Minnesota Council of Nonprofits](#) and Corporate Sponsors, ChoicePoint, Travelers and Riverport Insurance Company, will present a three-day Risk Management and Finance Summit for Nonprofits, September 7-9, 2008, in Minneapolis, MN. National and local experts will share the latest risk management news, recommendations and strategies relevant to your nonprofit's operations and programs.

### **Inland Empire Nonprofit Conference**

Hosted by The Resource Center for Nonprofit Management, the 11th Annual Inland Empire Conference will be held Tuesday, September 16, 2008 from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Riverside Marriott.

For more information, call the Resource Center at 951-686-4402 x 162 or email: [cpepper@vcrivco.org](mailto:cpepper@vcrivco.org)

### **Los Angeles Nonprofits VOTE 2008 - Civic Engagement Forum**

Find out how your nonprofit can encourage nonpartisan voter participation, get up-to-date information on voting in California this year and learn how to build stronger communities through active civic engagement.

Thursday, September 18, 2008  
National Center for the Preservation of Democracy  
111 N. Central Avenue, Los Angeles

For more information and to RSVP visit [www.nonprofitvote.org/losangelesforum.html](http://www.nonprofitvote.org/losangelesforum.html).

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**Renew your membership today!**  
You can renew [online](#) or by calling 213-347-2070 x201.

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## **Resources and Announcements**

Is your organization looking to switch content management systems (CMS)? NTE has just released its first [CMS Satisfaction Survey](#) that includes survey results from hundreds of nonprofit professionals. NTE members get the \$50 survey for free, but readers of the Nonprofit Times can get the survey for half-price with discount "**NPTimes.**"

California's Secretary of State is looking to nonprofits get out the vote in the upcoming election. Resource information is available online by [clicking here](#) and nonprofits and other organizations are urged to add the [MyVote Election Information button](#) to their websites

The Office of Management and Budget is consolidating and replacing four existing financial reporting forms (SF269, SF269A, SF272, and SF272A) with a single Federal Financial Report (FFR). The purpose of the FFR is to give recipients of grants and cooperative agreements a standard format for reporting the financial status of their grants and cooperative agreements (hereby referred to collectively as awards). Federal awarding agencies developed the FFR as part of their implementation of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106107).

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by going to OMB's main Web page at

<http://www.OMB.gov> and clicking on the Grants Management, then Forms then Proposed Government- Wide Standard Grants Reporting Forms links. Comments are recommended by September 12.

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## Back-to-school time

Back-to-school means back-to-school supplies. In a declining economy, however, getting those new supplies can be hard for cash-strapped families.

Individuals looking to donate new school supplies can bring them to a local Staples. The company is partnering with Do Something to encourage youth to help other students by donating school supplies through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Their [site](#) includes a list of the most needed supplies and a helpful location finder for the closest drop-off spot.

Many communities managed their school supplies drives in early August or even July, but [Santa Cruz](#), [Danville](#), and [Monrovia and Pasadena](#) are still collecting donations.

For those who want to be involved, but can't quite make the August deadlines, World Vision provides a year-round [school supplies donation program](#) in the US.

Teachers need supplies too and this NEA blog includes a list of companies that are providing [teacher discounts](#).

Among the treats? Office Depot's [Teacher Appreciation Week](#) is this week, with a free breakfast on August 18<sup>th</sup> and school supplies goodie bags. Not a teacher? CAN members can take advantage of their CAN member discount at Office Depot online for low prices on school and office supplies.

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### Back to school doesn't have to be limited to kids!

With summer coming to a close, numerous organizations are releasing their fall calendars for classes and educational programs.

Thanks for support from The James Irvine Foundation, The Foundation Center in San Francisco has recently released a copy of its Spanish-language [Proposal Writing Guide](#). Also available: An impressive list of [fall classes and events](#). For those who aren't in the Bay Area, many of the Foundation Center beginner classes are available through [free webinars](#).

The California Board of Equalization has also released its fall schedule of [free seminars](#) to discuss tax laws, exemptions, and reporting requirements for nonprofits. Upcoming locations include Huntington Beach, San Diego, Bakersfield and San Fernando Valley.

Executive Directors looking for specialized training can apply for the [CEO-Link](#) program hosted by the Nonprofit Resource Center in Sacramento. In Los Angeles, Executive Directors are urged to apply for the Executive Service Corps of Southern California third annual Wells Fargo Executive Directors Leadership Institute, which will kick off on Thursday, September 25. [Click here](#) for the brochure and [click here](#) to apply.

Not an executive director yet, or haven't been one for long enough to qualify for these programs? The Executive Service Corps also offers new executive director training sessions and [management development programs](#).

Of course, don't forget CAN's Annual Building Strong Nonprofits Conference on October 22 and 23. The early bird deadline of October 10 can save members and nonmembers alike \$50. [Click here](#) to

learn more and register.

A very complete list of nonprofit workshop providers statewide, including CompassPoint, Nonprofit Resource Center and Craig's List Foundation is available [here](#).

For those looking for something outside the nonprofit arena, [One Day University](#) offers a quick return to the college classroom through one-day seminars covering everything from "Positive Psychology and the Science of Happiness" to "Where Do We Come From? From Creation Myths to the Big Bang." Upcoming sessions include September 14 in Los Angeles and September 20 in San Francisco.

If you're like most nonprofit professionals, you're probably still in student loan repayment. But good news may be just around the corner in terms of student loan forgiveness for public service work. Access a FAQ from the *LA Times* [here](#) and sign up for updates provided by the Project on Student Debt at <http://www.ibrinform.org/>.

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Just N' Tyme Promos has a special link for CAN members to start taking advantage of special pricing on all of their promotional products. In order to receive the discounts, CAN members can use the preferred partner login use code 257583. Just click the following link <http://www.jusntymepromos.com/presentations.htm> or go directly to the CAN showroom <http://www.promoplace.com/ws/ws.dll/Pres?DistID=9610&AC=257583&Login=Login>. For more information regarding Jus N' Tyme Promos, please call 888 382-8038.

CAN members also receive special pricing on back to school specials. Just [click here](#) or visit Jus 'N Tyme's idea center.

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