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Summer time is here to stay! But with schools out for the summer and the economic downturn continuing, poverty can be a big issue. The April/May issue of the CAN Alert focused on the economic downturn and to accompany it, we'd like to provide a number of resources for readers.

But first, some updates and announcements.

Membership

Special Member Rate for Money Matter Conferences

Get the latest information, build critical skills and take away tangible tools for improving the financial management of your nonprofit at our 7th Annual Nonprofit Finance Conference: Money Matters.

Register today for any of the Money Matters Conferences below and receive a special Early Bird registration rate of only \$99! That's a savings of over 60%. CAN Members can register at, <http://www.canonprofits.org/events/moneymatters.html>. Register today! Offer ends July 31st!

Money Matters Conference:

Los Angeles, August 13
Riverside August 20
Oakland, September 10
Fresno, September 17

Not a CAN Member yet? [Sign up](#) today for CAN Membership and take advantage of the Member-only Early Bird rate for the Money Matters Conference.



Member Benefits

Shop and Save at Office Depot

As part of our ongoing effort to save California nonprofits time and money, CAN negotiates deep discounts on a variety of goods and services. Nearly half of all CAN members order their office supplies using the system set-up between the California Association of Nonprofits and **Office Depot**, saving up to **65% off** of regular discounted store prices. Thanks to online ordering, you'll get next-day delivery and save yourself a trip to the store.

Here's what you'll save by ordering your Office Depot Products through CAN:

Office Depot brand mailing labels: List price: \$24.99, CAN Member price just \$5.72
HP Model C4127X Laser Jet Black Print Cartridge printer toner, List price: \$128.99, CAN Member price just \$94.18
4-Drawer Vertical File Cabinet, List price: \$159.99, CAN Member price just \$112.26
Avery mailing labels, List price: \$27.99, CAN Member price just \$18.54

All it takes is your member number and a credit card. Register for the program at <https://odams.officedepot.com/registrations/can.php>, and within 48 hours, you will receive a confirmation email with your login ID and password.

Visit CAN's Book Store

Search CAN's [online bookstore](#) for the latest publications of nonprofit books on topics such as Board Governance, Fundraising, Finance, Creating a Nonprofit and much more. This month's featured book is [Wise Economic Decision-making for Nonprofits in Uncertain Times](#) edited by Dennis R. Young. You'll find Mr. Young's article, *The Price is Right?* in the April/May issue of the *CAN Alert*.

Good2getherPartnership

Remember to add your nonprofit to the Good2gether network so you can receive free advertising. Thanks to CAN's new partnership with Good2together, nonprofits can have their names and nonprofit profiles placed on high-traffic websites where they can connect with millions of donors, advocates and volunteers.

For CAN members in the San Francisco Bay area, good2gether launches on SFGate.com (the San Francisco Chronicle website) in late June, with other California cities to follow. Even if your nonprofit is outside the Bay Area, you can still join by [clicking here](#). Want to know more? Register for a "[sneak peek](#)".

CAN's Career Center

Find Your Next Executive at CAN's Career Center

Let CAN's Nonprofit Career Center be your premiere online job source. Employers can specifically target nonprofit professionals and CAN members receive a special discount.

For job seekers, here are a few recently posted positions:

[Director of Development West – Point Foundation](#)

[Executive Director, California Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors](#)

Visit [CAN's Career Center](#) today!

Announcements

The Collaboration Prize

This \$250,000 award that recognizes collaborations among two or more nonprofit organizations that each would otherwise provide the same or similar programs or services and compete for clients, financial resources and staff.

Nominations are now being accepted. Visit www.thecollaborationprize.org for details.

NIAC Webinars

School's out for the summer, but your learning doesn't have to take a break. Check out

these upcoming [NIAC webinars](#):

July 16 - Succession Planning for Nonprofits

August 12 - What to Do When You Have an Accident, Claim or Lawsuit

September 16 - Business Planning for Nonprofits

October 7 - Properly Establishing Independent Contractor Relationships

November 11 - 2008 Developments in Employment and Labor Law

Registration opens two weeks in advance or call 800 359-6422 x 41 if you have questions.

New Program for Valley Nonprofit Organizations

San Fernando Valley nonprofits now have access to the new [Valley Nonprofit Resources program](#). VNR is operated through a partnership between California State University Northridge, MEND, the Volunteer Center of Los Angeles in Panorama City, and Encino-based Human Interaction Research Institute. The website offers free or low-cost information, referral services, training workshops and technical assistance to nonprofits of all types.

Nonprofits may have cell phone liability issues

On July 1st, California's law mandating hand-free cell phones will go into effect. Drivers will get a \$20 ticket for a first-time offense of talking on their phones while driving. For subsequent offenses, the tickets increase to \$50. Drivers under 18 are also prohibited from using any mobile device while driving.

Nonprofit employers who require employees to use their mobile phones while driving, or are not clear in their prohibition of the use of the phones (i.e. by distributing hands-free devices) may be held liable for costs associated with car accidents while the employee is working.

Vote for the Best Nonprofit Taglines

Place your vote today for the first Getting Attention Nonprofit Tagline Awards. The finalists have been culled from over 1,000 taglines submitted to the recent Getting Attention Tagline Survey.

[Voting](#) takes 7 minutes or less. Polls close Friday, June 20.

Events

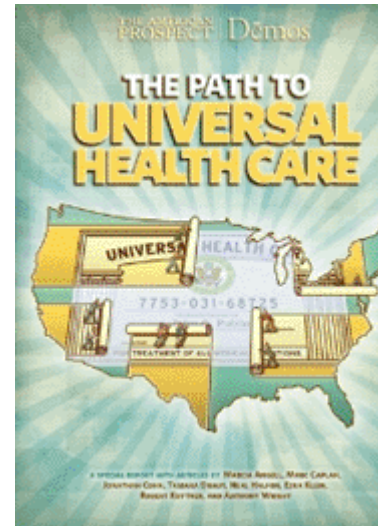
American Prospect Health Care Panel Discussion

What Path to Universal Health Care?

Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7 p.m. -- Los Angeles

The next president will attempt to expand health coverage; this much we know. But will any of the candidates' solutions actually fix our system?

This is the central question of a new special issue of [The American Prospect](#) and of this Center Scene Public Program. Attend this free event to discuss the politics of health reform and what it will take to achieve a system that is truly universal, efficient, affordable and has prevention at its core. [Click here to register](#).



CompassPoint's Nonprofit Day

[CompassPoint](#), which offers consulting, trainings, publications, and other initiatives, will be presenting its annual [Nonprofit Day](#) on June 27 from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Westin St. Francis on 335 Powell Street in San Francisco.

Registration fees are based on a sliding scale, but [register soon](#) to reserve your space!

Nonprofit Accounting Boot Camp

July 9 - 11, 2008 - Fullerton

[Click here](#) for more information.



Money Matters: 2008 Nonprofit Finance Conference

The 7th Annual CAN Money Matters Nonprofit Finance Conference will be held: Aug 13 - Los Angeles, Aug 20 - Riverside, 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.



Poverty Resources

The unemployment rate just jumped to 5.5% nationwide (<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/07/business/07jobs.html?hp>) and approximately 1 in 11 mortgages (<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/06/business/06mortgage.html>) is facing problems. It looks like it's about to be a long summer?

In the realm of foundations, politics and poverty, [Spotlight on Poverty](#) is a great resource for ideas and political viewpoints from various candidates. The site also includes [state-by-state poverty data](#) that nonprofits may find helpful for grant proposals. [One Vote '08](#) also provides a comparison feature where you can see what the remaining presidential candidates have to say about poverty.

Maintained by the [Poverty and Growth Program \(PGP\)](#) of the [World Bank Institute](#) focused on building capacity to reduce poverty. The blog is informative and the article on [Eight Programs that Work](#) summarized from The New York Times, is particularly interesting.

Looking for multimedia resources? National Public Radio has developed a series on [Fighting Poverty in America](#) that includes short articles and audio clips.

Looking for more in-depth materials? The [Hunger, Homelessness and Poverty Taskforce](#) of the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association has numerous resources including statistics, articles and materials for children and families. The section on [library resources for poor people](#) features articles and suggestions that other nonprofits may find helpful. In addition, [Results](#) has links to numerous anti-poverty resources and organizations.

For California specific resources, try HomeBase, California's public policy law firm on homelessness. Their site provides a PDF of [resources and organizations](#) in California.

A recent article in the CAN Alert mentions the decrease in government funding and resources for food banks, but the USDA Community Food Security Initiative (CFSI) still has an online [Resource Kit](#) that serves as "as a one-stop shop" for assistance for community-centered food security activities." Published a few years ago, the Guide is still a helpful resource for technical issues such as evaluation and marketing.

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