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The Annie E. Casey Foundation Announces Grants to Help Baltimore Families and Children in 2007

Local Direct Service Organizations Urged to Apply for Baltimore Direct Services Grants Program

Baltimore – The Annie E. Casey Foundation has issued a call for grant proposals from local organizations that provide direct services to vulnerable children and families in Baltimore, including programs that help low-income residents build workforce skills and overcome barriers to employment, improve outcomes for at-risk youth, and support family strengthening efforts.

Through its Baltimore Direct Services Grants program, the Foundation supports a wide range of innovative ideas and practices conducted by groups that represent many areas of the city. The program, which marks its 12th year in 2007, is administered by the Associated Black Charities and awards grants based on the potential benefits of the proposed activities and chances for sustained success.

Non-profit community organizations serving the Baltimore City population are eligible to apply. Grants will range from \$2,000 - \$20,000 for a one-year period, with an opportunity for a second year of funding. The grants may be used for a broad range of direct services, including education, job training, childcare, counseling, violence prevention, recreation, cultural arts, and health care.

“Through the Baltimore Direct Services Grants program, Casey provides support to organizations working to make a real difference in our city by improving the lives of Baltimore’s most vulnerable kids and families,” said Scot Spencer, manager of Baltimore Relations for the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Previous grant recipients include Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc., for its Waverly Family Center where young single mothers receive GED preparation, childcare supports, and employment services; the Fresh Start Program at the Living Classrooms Foundation, a 40-week employment training program for adjudicated and at-risk youth; and Children’s Home, Inc., for its Family Reunification Support Program, which encourages families to participate in the treatment of resident children.

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Associated Black Charities, established in 1985 to serve as Maryland's premier African American philanthropic organization and to address critical issues such as family preservation, health disparities, and community revitalization, administers the Baltimore Direct Services Grants program on behalf of the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Submission guidelines and deadlines are available at www.aecf.org/initiatives/baltimore/index.htm or by calling (410) 223-2891. For additional information about the Baltimore Direct Services Program, please contact Rona Williams of the Associated Black Charities at (443) 524-7730.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation, based in Baltimore, is a private charitable organization dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children in the United States. The primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families.

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