

## Community Memorial Foundation

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### REMINDER

Annual Achievement Awards ceremony on February 19th at the Wyndham Drake Hotel, Oak Brook, from 5 - 7:30 PM

Revised

### Welcome to the Inaugural Issue of CMFBLAST!

With a renewed commitment to open and ongoing dialogue with our grantee partners, CMF proudly launches CMFBLAST, a periodic e-newsletter that will feature articles about our grantee partners, CMF events, links to articles of interest, and information about conferences, workshops, webcasts and other resources that may be of use to the work that you do. Please let us know how CMFBLAST can serve you best by e-mailing Deb Kustra with your thoughts and comments at [dkustra@cmfdn.org](mailto:dkustra@cmfdn.org)

### Grantee Partners Meeting

**Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the LaGrange Country Club  
(620 South Brainard)**

<b>4:30 PM to 5:15 PM</b>	<b>Refreshments and networking</b>
<b>5:15 PM to 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Partners Meeting</b>
<b>6:30 PM to 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Networking</b>

Please join CMF for an All-Grantee Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at La Grange Country Club. You will have ample opportunity to network with each other and with CMF staff and board, including our newest additions, Gale Christoff, Administrative Assistant and Greg DiDomenico, Vice President. The meeting will serve to update you, our partners, on the newest developments within CMF's strategic areas: Responsive Grants, Health Access, and Building Organizational Effectiveness.

Due to space limitations, we ask that you please keep attendance to no more than three individuals per organization; we suggest the executive director, development director and/or board chair.

**To RSVP, please contact Gale at 630-654-4729 or [gchristoff@cmfdn.org](mailto:gchristoff@cmfdn.org) by March 7, 2009.**

grant  
submission  
deadlines  
are March  
31st and  
September  
30th

We look forward to seeing you there.

## **HEALTH in the NEWS**

### **Live Webcast: The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorized: What's Next? Thursday, February 12 at 2 p.m. ET**

On February 4th, President Obama signed into law the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 that will reauthorize and expand SCHIP. The measure, which calls for increasing SCHIP spending by \$32.8 billion over four-and-a-half years, will be funded by a 62-cent-per-pack increase in the federal cigarette tax. The bill will provide coverage for an additional four million children by 2013, while continuing coverage for seven million children already in the program.

Kaisernetwork.org is hosting a live webcast addressing the next steps in children's coverage. During the webcast, the panel of experts will address such questions as: What is included in the new legislation? What impact will the new legislation have on coverage of uninsured children? What new tools will states have to reach and enroll uninsured children in Medicaid and CHIP? How will new funding affect state efforts to move forward? How will the deepening recession affect these efforts? What does reauthorization mean for broader health reform? For more information, click onto <http://www.kaisernetwork.org/ask/chip/12feb09>

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## **EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Yes You Can: Demystifying Federal Funds Conference**

Illinois ResourceNet will host a conference on "Demystifying Federal Funds" on Friday, March 20th from 9:00 to 5:00 at the UIC Forum, located at 725 West Roosevelt Road in Chicago. The cost of the event is \$35, and registration is limited. Speakers will talk about emerging trends in federal grants for nonprofit organizations and local governments. The keynote speaker, Gary D. Bass, founder and executive director of OMB Watch, will simplify the federal funding process, while panelists will discuss the opportunities and challenges emerging from the new administration and Congress. For more

information, go to  
<http://www.illinoisresource.net/page/conference/home/Conferences>

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