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#### **FJC Establishes NO-FEE Haiti Recovery Fund**

We at FJC are saddened by the unfolding events in Haiti and we join in the thoughts and prayers for the Haitian people. While the needs are great in Haiti now, we know that Haiti's needs will be many in the months and years ahead.

FJC has decided to establish a no-fee fund which will collect monies and later distribute them to organizations involved in rebuilding and reconstruction. You can contribute directly to this fund or by an inter-fund transfer from your current donor advised fund.

Philanthropy takes many shapes and forms and provides solutions to both immediate and longer term needs. We appreciate all the support you may wish to provide toward helping Haiti recover from this terrible disaster.

#### **Earthquake Relief Suggestions**

We encourage you to go to *Charity Navigator* (CN), one of the country's leading charity evaluation organizations, for some suggestions on agencies needing contributions for their relief work in Haiti. There you will also find helpful suggestions on how to safeguard your giving. CN can be found at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org) or 201.818.1288.

### **FJC 2010 NEW YEAR RESOLUTION**

Help us meet our new year resolution to strive for continuous improvement in serving you! Here's how to help:

#### **Account Maintenance**

*Have you moved or changed jobs during 2009?* Please provide us with your updated mailing address, phone numbers, and e-mail.

#### **Grant Recommendations**

To expedite your grant recommendations, please remember:

- \* The *minimum amount* for grant recommendations from donor advised funds is \$100.
- \* To provide the address and phone number for grantees.
- \* When submitting grant *recommendations via e-mail*, to include your *DonorWeb LogIn information*, in the body of the e-mail to authenticate the request in place of your original signature.
- \* Better yet, go online and **make use of FJC's secure DonorWeb**.
- \* FJC grants cannot be used to pay pledges, tuition, or the non-deductible portions of memberships and tickets to events. When recommending gifts to a school, please be sure to indicate if the gift is for general support or a particular fund, such as an Annual Fund, Scholarship Fund, or Building Fund. When recommending gifts associated with an event, please indicate if you will be attending.
- \* When asking us to notify third parties in conjunction with "in honor or memory of" gifts, please indicate if you would like FJC to send a *copy of our transmittal letter, which includes the gift amount, or a separate letter*, to the third party.

### **APPRECIATED STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS**

- You can make a donation of appreciated stock (held for one year or more) anytime during the year. This means you can maximize your contribution and tax savings by donating it at its highest value. You don't have to wait until the end of the year.
- If you live in a state that also taxes personal income, your tax savings may be even greater.
- Always consult your accountant or tax preparer to be sure you also qualify for the full benefits.
- Contact FJC just before you arrange for the contribution of stocks!

### **\$500 Referral Program Ends June 30, 2010!**

FJC donor advised fund account holders who successfully refer a friend or family member who opens a new donor advised fund will receive \$500.

The \$500 can be credited to the donor's account, awarded as FJC charitable gift certificates that can be given for special occasions, or even credited to the new account.

New accounts must be opened with FJC's \$5,000 minimum for donor advised funds.



Computers For Youth (CFY) is the nation's leader in improving the Home Learning Environment of low-income schoolchildren. CFY believes that the home holds the greatest untapped potential for helping children grow to their potential and achieve academic and life-long success. CFY targets the home by using a unique service model that incorporates both training and technology specifically designed to make learning engaging for students and boost parents' confidence in helping their child learn.

Since 1999, CFY has served 40,000 students and parents across the country and has built a solid foundation from which to grow. CFY now has a nationwide infrastructure, serving more than 4,000 families per year in five cities – New York City, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and the San Francisco Bay Area. In order to reach more families across the country, CFY is developing an Affiliate Network that allows other organizations to benefit from CFY's knowledge and experience.

All of CFY's direct service programs are designed to accomplish one of three goals:

- **Improve family interaction around learning at home.**  
CFY delivers free learning workshops, which make parents more confident when helping their children learn. CFY turns "family time" into "learning time."
- **Enhance the educational resources available in children's homes.**  
After the workshop, families get to take home the computer they worked on. Each computer is designed by experts and tested by students and education executives.
- **Help teachers connect classroom learning with the home.**  
CFY works with principals to set school-wide goals for extending learning outside the classroom and train teachers to link classroom lessons to their students' home learning.

CFY works with middle school students because it is the critical age when a child starts to disengage from family and school. By keeping students connected to learning and to their families, CFY sets up our kids for future success.

- \* 90% of parents report that they are more comfortable helping their kids with homework after participating in our program.
- \* Nearly 66% of students report working harder in school because they have a CFY computer.
- \* Research has shown that CFY computers have a statistically significant impact on standardized tests, particularly in mathematics.

Our success can best be summed up in the words of a student. She wrote:

*My CFY home computer has really helped me and my family learn together. I can now express myself freely when I don't feel comfortable with something. Also, I feel that when my mom and I work together we are unstoppable. The computer has bonded my family together. I believe that if my family bonds we can make it through anything.*

Given the impact of our direct service work, CFY must lead the discussion around including the Home Learning Environment in broader educational reform. Leveraging its robust and growing set of relationships with leading researchers and institutions, CFY is poised to shape the national landscape and influence critical education and technology policy.

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