

DPI VISTA Monthly



Next Steps to Get Your Action Team Going

By Ruth Anne Landsverk



You heard lots of great ideas at September's VISTA Orientation and the Parent Leadership Conference in Madison. Here are a few "next steps" you can take to meet that looming requirement that VISTAs start an Action Team for Partnerships (ATP) and devise a One-Year Action Plan linked to school goals.

Most of these ideas come from previous VISTAs who've "been there, done that," so a few of them might work for you. **Now** is a great time to try one or two of them!

"Next Steps" Ideas for VISTAs:

- Meet with your supervisor to discuss names of potential ATP members
- Prepare a brief handout that tells potential members what the Action Team is, what members do, and expected time commitments
- E-mail existing ATP members to ask for names of those willing to continue or to begin serving
- Informally visit with teachers in their classrooms to extract names of parents they think would make great ATP members
- Make phone calls to parents interested in serving on the Action Team
- E-mail or phone the PTA/PTO president to request someone from the school parent group to serve as liaison to the Action Team
- Personally invite teachers and other staff members to serve on the ATP AND send e-mail reminders inviting staff to participate

- Meet with supervisor and/or principal to talk about an Action Team schedule, meeting space, first agenda, refreshments (a nice touch, if possible), etc.
- Develop a short article for the school parent newsletter describing the ATP and inviting new members
- Create a brief parent survey and/or staff survey to gauge interest in ATP membership.

Have questions about the Partnership Action Team? Review DPI's new online Partnership Action Team Toolkit at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/fscp/action-team.html>.



Two "must-use" Action Team documents, **Measuring Your Family-School-Community Partnerships** (a great activity for an initial ATP meeting) and the **One-Year Action Plan** form are both available on the DPI VISTA Google page: <http://sites.google.com/site/dpivistaoproject/resources-1/classic--family-school-community-partnership-vista-resources>.

Don't forget to complete paperwork and mail in membership forms for joining the National Network. Membership forms are online at http://www.csos.jhu.edu/p2000/join_network.htm.

Taking that first step or two in recruiting members for your ATP may be scary, but lays the groundwork for future success. Start small, learn from each success and challenge, ask for help if you need it, and share your experiences, questions, and concerns with each other and with us at DPI. We're all on this journey together! Bon voyage!



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Save the Dates!

October 29:
Updated VADs Due

November 11:
Supervisor Check-In Webinar

November 16-19:
PSO for new VISTAs

November 23:
VISTA Check-in Webinar
10:00am

November 30:
Networking Meeting,
Wisconsin Dells

TIPS FOR MAKING YOU AND YOUR WORK KNOWN AT YOUR SITE

by Betsy Prueter

For some of you, it's been weeks since you've started as a VISTA. For others, months. For five of you, over a year. But one of the continual challenges is making sure that sites know who you are, what you're doing, and what you plan to do. Here are just a few suggestions for spreading the word about the importance of your work at your site.

DO YOU ATTEND STAFF MEETINGS?

If you don't, maybe you should. It's a good chance to interact with the teachers. In fact, try to get 3-5 minutes on the agenda each meeting to update the staff on your VISTA work (your supervisor should help you with this). If you can't get on the agenda then look at the staff meetings as good networking time.

WHO ELSE READS YOUR BI-WEEKLIES?

Does your supervisor forward them (or portions of them) to other staff? Do you regularly update those you work with (including community partners) about what you are doing? The bi-weekly form is one way to keep everyone updated but feel free to be creative!

DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS CARDS?

You have a few options for business cards. First, ask your supervisor about this as sites often provide business cards for their VISTAs. There are a few online companies who will print free or very low cost "make your own" business cards. And finally, DPI also has offered to supply VISTAs with business cards. If you email Betsy with what you would like on your card, we'll order them for you!

ARE YOU ON YOUR SITE'S WEBPAGE?

A lot of sites list their staff on the webpage. Are you there? If not, you might want to speak to your sites' "webmaster" or tech department about getting a listing. Also, is any information about the VISTA project in general on the website? It should be!

DOES THE SCHOOL SECRETARY OR RECEPTIONIST KNOW YOU?

If I call the school and ask for you, will the receptionist know who I'm talking about? Make sure that the front office staff is familiar with who you are and what you do.

WHERE'S THE BULLETIN BOARD?

Many VISTAs (and supervisors) use the bulletin board at their site to post announcements about the VISTAs' work and other planned events. Bulletin boards are read by parents, community members and teachers. As VISTAs you might also want to post upcoming activities so that staff, community members and parents can be in contact with interest in getting involved.

DOES YOUR SITE HAVE A NEWSPAPER OR NEWSLETTER?

Consider asking for space to do a regular VISTA column. Remind staff, parents, and community members about events, share resources, and use the opportunity to talk about the importance of family-school-community partnerships!



FUN-TIVITIES!!!

with Amber Richardson



Being a recent college graduate and already used to living on a budget that makes most of my friends laugh, the adjustment to life on a VISTA budget was not that difficult for me. I do realize though, that the meager allowance we are given can be difficult for some to adjust to. As most of you have come to know, I LOVE activities that are fun; so much so that I call them 'Fun-Tivities' which is a much more awesome name. So each and every month, just for those of us on a budget I will highlight one of my favorite Fun-Tivities! October's Fun-Tivity is, get ready for it, open mic night! Open mic nights are super duper fun-tastic fun for a variety of reasons... 1. They get you out of the house and into the community in which you live-good for VISTAs. 2. You get a chance to make new friends- also good for VISTAs. 3. Open mics are usually at really cool trendy coffee shops where they have Fair Trade products and vegetarian friendly food- good for VISTAs & good for the world. 4. Most people are fairly talented and interesting to see perform- good times for VISTAs. 5. Open mic nights are usually free- most important for VISTAs. So, check out your local coffee shops and watering holes to find out who is hosting open mic night and get your entertainment on!

Recipe of the Month:

Peanut Butter Cupcakes

By Nicole Stachurski

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup Chunky Peanut Butter
- 1/3 cup softened Butter
- 1 1/2 cup Brown Sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 2 cups Flour
- 2 tsp Baking Soda
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1 cup Milk
- 3 Eggs



Directions:

1. Cream peanut butter and softened butter.
2. Gradually add brown sugar, beating it until light and creamy
3. Add vanilla
4. Add eggs one at a time
5. Add flour, baking soda, and salt
6. Finally add milk and stir everything together
7. Fill muffins cups half full
8. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes.



Makes 24



“Hey! That’s a good idea!”

VISTA: Ellen Carpenter
Site: Madison Metropolitan School District (Madison)

Ellen Carpenter is opening up her Beyond the Bake Sale Book group to parents and staff from both of her schools to engage in conversation around family involvement and how to make partnerships happen! Beyond the Bake Sale includes an excellent discussion guide.

Decision Making

VISTA: Heather Keyes
Site: Indian Community School (Franklin)

Heather Keyes is getting her name out to the staff and families of Indian Community School by writing a letter for the school newsletter introducing herself and explaining what her role will be for this school year.

Communicating

VISTA: Brittany Williams
Site: Wisconsin Educational Opportunity Program, WEOP (Madison)

Brittany Williams is in the process of organizing a field trip for GEAR UP Students to Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River, WI to engage in environmental education and a weekend of fun and learning!

Learning at Home

VISTA: Nicole Stachurski
Site: Grove Elementary School (Wisconsin Rapids)

Nicole Stachurski made some community connections at Grove Elementary to help fund the painting of a USA Map on the school’s playground. She received paint donations and stencils from another Elementary School in Wisconsin Rapids to cut costs down to just over \$100 for the whole project!

Collaborating with the Community

VISTA: Emily Minerath
Site: Madison Public Library (Madison)

Emily Minerath, with the Madison Public Library, helped to establish a new job help location in a very high need neighborhood where she is partnering with a local community agency. She continues to recruit and orientate several new volunteers for these job help sessions that take place all over the city.

Economic Recovery

VISTA: Amanda Vandehey
Site: Wausau School District

Amanda Vandehey hosted an informational meeting about the Family University Network that parents, teachers and community members were invited to attend. Those who attended were interested in joining the Action Team and started to make suggestions.

Partnerships

VISTAs in the News



Tracy Steffens-Washington Elementary

Washington Elementary School, home of VISTA Tracy Steffens, was highlighted in Oshkosh publication the Northwestern about their exciting visit from a children’s book author.

<http://www.thenorthwestern.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=201010010412>

Get to Know Your Community

By Kristine Nadolski & Becky Smith

Whether you are new to your community or you've lived there your entire life, it's important to take the time to really get an insider's view of your community in your capacity as a VISTA. Perhaps you know where the YMCA is located, but do you know all the youth programs they offer? Have you driven around the neighborhood where your school is located? What is nearby? Do you know which churches offer free meals on Tuesday evenings? Did you know that the owner of the Dairy Queen on the corner is an alum of your elementary school? These are questions that will be answered as you reach out to know your community. And, particularly if you are new to the area, learning about your community will make you feel personally more connected and happy in your new home. Here are a few steps to get you started:

- 1.) **Go to resource fairs.** Often, communities have various resource fairs or events. Go to them to learn about the services that are offered. Make sure to talk to people and find out how you might partner, and then follow up with them. Perhaps ask if you can host an information table about the VISTA project and your site!
- 2.) **Visit local colleges and universities.** There is always something going on at institutes of higher education. Take advantage of them! Go to the free events, find out what tutoring programs are offered for local elementary schools, recruit volunteers, use their space for meetings, create partnerships. Do not underestimate the opportunities here!
- 3.) **Go online or use the yellow pages.** Many cities, towns, and villages now have a website that will give you all sorts of information about the community including when alternate side parking begins to who the mayor is. The yellow pages will give you a giant list of all the businesses located in your area. May take some time, but well worth it.
- 4.) **Take a walk.** The best way to learn about your neighborhood or the neighborhood where your site is located is to take a walk. See what the folks who live there see on a daily basis. What shops and local establishments are available? What is lacking? Also a way to get some outdoor exercise.
- 5.) **Visit the chamber of commerce or tourist center.** A great first stop where you will likely be able to get many brochures and information about local businesses and organizations. This could help you with ideas of where you will ask for donations.
- 6.) **Visit places in person – don't just get the address.** Yes, you can find the phone number and address of just about any organization or social service agency online, but how will you describe it to a client if you've never been there? Take the time to visit these places, walk in the front door, meet the front office staff, and generally be familiar with what they offer.
- 7.) **Check out a "young professionals" organization.** Many cities have one of these organizations. It can be a wonderful way to network and meet other young professionals and future friends.
- 8.) **Attend presentations, speakers, events, concerts, workshops, that are happening locally.** A great way to learn about new and interesting topics and also just to generally enjoy life. Even if they are not "work related" you will become familiar with your community and the opportunities that are out there. You will also likely start to meet people who are already active in the area – great networking.
- 9.) **Attend neighborhood association meetings – ask to be on the agenda.** The neighborhood associations where your site is located can be a wonderful opportunity to create community partnerships. They likely already have a stake in what is happening locally and will be able to provide you with insight and resources. You should ask to be invited and/or on the agenda, particularly if you do not live in the neighborhood.
- 10.) **Avoid staying home and playing video games every night.** Take the initiative to join an ultimate Frisbee team, a knitting club, a gym, a trivia team, a faith based organization, or other group that gets you out of the house and active in the community. You'll have fun and feel more personally connected to your community.



The VISTA Campus: Resources for Current and Former VISTAs

[http://
vistacampus.org/](http://vistacampus.org/)

One resource you definitely want to get connected to is the **VISTA Campus**, which is offered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This is an online portal that allows current members and alumni to access numerous resources, chat with other members nationwide, look for jobs, hear stories and testimonies of former VISTA members and share their own experiences. Current members can also participate in online tutorials to better prepare for their service and to learn new skills.

The VISTA Campus is an online learning community that all members (past and current) should consider joining. You will need to create a free account to access the portal. Check it out today!

VISTA to VISTA with Brittany Williams and Nicole Strachurski



Brittany Williams is serving in Madison in the Wisconsin Educational Opportunity Program (WEOP) office.

Nicole: If your "Fairy Godmother" offered you anything you desired...what would you ask for?

Brittany: I'd cheat and ask for the ability to adopt any super power I want at any time I want. Because really, how can one choose just one superpower?

Nicole: Who is your HERO?

Brittany: Anyone who is willing to take charge of their own destiny, while fully embracing life and all of the highs and lows that come with taking responsibility for oneself. I know that's not a specific or anything, but anyone that fits that description is a boss and deserves my respect.

Nicole: What is your favorite sound?

Brittany: The sound of thunder.

Nicole: What is your favorite word?

Brittany: Geek.

Nicole: You find a "TIME MACHINE"... where are you going and why?

Brittany: I'd probably want to hang out with the Ancient Greeks, since they seem like a fun and savvy bunch. Or maybe I'd check out feudal Japan. There are tons of times and places I'd like to visit, but I'd primarily be interested in visiting different times/ places that were still inhabited by people. I have no desire to be eaten by a Tyrannosaurus Rex or Velociraptor or some other crazy, now extinct animal. And speaking of death, I'd stay away from times in history that were especially diseased. I'll pass on bubonic plague, thank you very much.

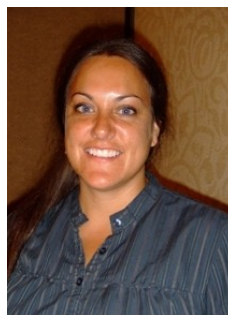
Nicole: What is your favorite "Work of Art"?

Brittany: My favorite piece of art that I've seen in person would have to be a video installation I saw a few years ago at the Moderna Museet in Stockholm. I can't for the life of me remember the name of the artist that created it, but I still remember the subject of the video talking about how all people are actors and deceivers in their everyday lives. Those perspectives on the complicated and conflicting realities we create with our lies, our hopes and our ideas have stuck with me.

Nicole: What song do you

belt out singing or turn up when you hear it?

Brittany: Geez, there are so many songs that fall under that category. But I guess I'll say "Miss Me" by Drake and Lil' Wayne because I got caught singing/rapping aloud to that while riding my bike just today.



Nicole Strachurski is serving at Grove Elementary School in Wisconsin Rapids.

Brittany: What is your favorite movie and why?

Nicole: 1940 Pride and Prejudice because I love Greer Garson.

Brittany: If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and who would you take with you?

Nicole: Into the Alaskan/ Canada wilderness to see the Aurora Borealis with my boys.

Brittany: What's your favorite VISTA memory?

Nicole: One that I will hold near and dear was

when I attended a high school graduation ceremony for one of my volunteers and she mentioned me and what our program meant to her in her speech in front of thousands ... talk about impact, her story was amazing, I had no idea of all the details she spoke of, her life, her struggles- and to think I almost wasn't going to attend... I broke into tears, awestruck, knowing wholeheartedly VISTA is awesome.

Brittany: If you could have any superpower, what would you choose and why?

Nicole: Super-immunity because I am always sick.

Brittany: When you're not saving the world as a VISTA, what's your favorite pastime?

Nicole: Skateboarding with my tribe (husband and son).

Brittany: What was the first concert you ever went to?

Nicole: It is a toss up between two ... when I was 14 (19 years ago mind you), I went to a backyard concert to see Sublime and Face to Face OR I went to the Roxy in Hollywood to see The Vandals and The Dead Milkmen with some friends.

Guest VISTA Article

By Patrick Malarkey

*This issues' guest VISTA article is from Patrick Malarkey, a VISTA serving at the Ohio Coalition of Homeless Advocates in Dayton, Ohio. Thank you to **Katrina Waldron** for arranging this article.*

To be completely honest, I had no idea what I was getting myself into going into this year as a VISTA. I spent most of graduate school doing low-paying, distasteful jobs to pay for rent and food, so the possibility of a stipend seemed exorbitant by previous standards, maybe even decadent. For example, I once netted only \$150 one month while cleaning houses – but that's another story. If you add to that the fact that I couldn't find a job teaching or doing anything else that graduates with English degrees stereotypically do, you have someone who seriously questions his major life decisions on a daily basis.

Enter VISTA. I hesitate to say that this year will change my life, and I don't necessarily say that because I'm pessimistic. Which I am, often. That's also an entirely other story. But what I have accomplished thus far and what I hope to further expand throughout the rest of this coming year as a VISTA, is the practical application of those abstruse philosophies that Humanities students learn but which never seem to "produce" results in the same way that science or mathematics does: how to write, how to speak, and how to react with a clear critical consciousness to a variety of complex issues.

So. For me, this year will be dedicated to doing exactly those things: writing, speaking, communicating to the residents of Dayton, Ohio – and Montgomery County at large – about the issue of homelessness in their community, an issue that I voluntarily accepted when I chose to apply to my VISTA post, an issue that many are either unable or refuse to see.

So, again, what am I getting myself into? If we project the bare economics of it, there will be little direct benefit in terms of money that I will bring to Dayton. Words can only do and pay for so much. It also could be that people will not really want to hear or to learn about homelessness because it cuts too close to the center of one of our basic rights as human beings and it is much easier to accuse than to empathize. But affordable, fair housing is not a dream; it is a practical reality that can exist. It's my humble hope that I can raise awareness to that issue, if only that one, in this year.



"Swipe Out Hunger" Conference

By Amber Richardson

The "Swipe Out Hunger Conference" on September 17th in Appleton, WI was an enlightening experience. Obviously, as a VISTA I knew that I qualified for FoodShare and signed up for my benefits with excitement, but I did not realize that there was still so much stigma around applying for FoodShare. Even though the program is now called FoodShare and is a government nutrition assistance program, most people mistake it for "food stamps" or welfare both of which have negative associations as I am sure you are all aware. The most important thing that I learned from the conference was that we, as community partners, need to assist in removing the stigma around FoodShare benefits and encourage eligible people to apply. Only about 68% of eligible people in the state receive



benefits; that means that 32% of eligible people don't get the assistance that they deserve. The conference suggested some easy ways that schools and libraries can help get the word out; creating backpack fliers, putting the information in newsletters and assisting in enrolling people online were just a few. Along with applying for FoodShare some people also qualify for BadgerCare which is a form of health care. Did you know that every child in the state of Wisconsin automatically qualifies to receive BadgerCare? Because I didn't before I went to this conference! What is most interesting about FoodShare is that it not only assists families with putting the food of their choice on the table but it also stimulates the local economy. For every \$1 of FoodShare used \$1.84 is created in local revenue! So let's help our communities grow and encourage the people we serve to apply for FoodShare and BadgerCare if they are eligible. To apply for benefits go to www.access.wi.gov



Mystery VISTA

If I could be any animal at the zoo, I would be a tiger because they are fierce and I look good in stripes.



When I was in grade school, I wanted to be an archaeologist.

I have a dog named Dante and he is the fluffy love of my life.

If you think you know who I am, send an email to Emily Caragianis eacara01@gmail.com. The winner will receive an excellent prize.

Good Luck!

~~Clarissa~~, Brittany and Mike Explain It All

Dear Mike and Brittany-

Many VISTAs are VISTAs because they are idealists and optimists. This was apparent to me at the recent trainings, especially among new recruits. In a way, it is great to see - positive energy always makes us feel better. But there are cynics and skeptics among us who really feel like we are working on a sinking ship - not rearranging the deck chairs, but building real and useful communities as the water line rises. Now, if all these efforts are erased by greater societal disaster washing over the deck and swallowing everything along with it, does that negate our efforts or absolve us from moral responsibility? Or does that, as I believe, increase our moral responsibility to create pockets of good in an otherwise dark, terrifying existence?

Sincerely,
VISTA, Volunteer in Sinking America

Wow, what great a question - and what a way to start off our new column! Uh-oh there's some more of that VISTA positive energy showing through. Actually, here's a little more:

In all seriousness, 'Sinking', the "cynical" views you mention aren't uncommon. Even the most positive among us feels as though their ship is taking on water from time to time. However, you exposed an important truth surrounding our moral responsibilities. When we witness others struggling with the

proverbial water, it is imperative that we act. And as you point out in your final sentence, the greater the challenge,

the harder we must work. Do not let that seemingly ever increasing challenge deter you - rather, let it be a constant call to action.

That said, it is important to recognize that it is impossible to save everybody. That's simply because we are not trying to save anybody. As VISTAs our charge is to empower those around us and help them become advocates for themselves. Our role should not be captain of the lifeboat, but rather someone who teaches others to swim, to keep their heads afloat - no matter the size of the wave.

Thank you, 'Sinking', for your question. We hope we've provided some insight and not just way too many nautical themed poverty metaphors.

- Brittany and Mike

If have a question or issue for Brittany and Mike, please send it to michael.a.valente@gmail.com. All suggestions will be given whimsical "from" names and therefore kept confidential.



Book Corner

What VISTAs are Reading!

The Five Love Languages

By Gary Chapman

Identifies five basic languages of love and then guides couples towards a better understanding of their unique languages of love. Learn to speak and understand your mate's love language, and in no time you will be able to effectively love and truly feel loved in return.

Recommended by
Kathy Lewis

The Lion

By Nelson DeMille

A sequel to The Lion's Game also by Nelson DeMille. Asad Khalil (aka "The Lion"), the ruthless Libyan terrorist returns to the U.S. to challenge ex-NYPD cop John Corey. Find out if Corey can outmaneuver and outwit a determined, ruthless assassin.

Recommended by
Heather Keys

Whatever It Takes

By Paul Tough

This book is the story about the creation of the Harlem Children's Zone. A great read for anyone concerned about education, poverty, and the debate about charter schools.

Recommended by
Becky Smith

Grant Opportunities & Important Resources



Grants

Got breakfast? Foundation: Silent Heroes

The got breakfast? Foundation Silent Hero program encourages schools and nonprofit organizations to expand the reach of underutilized child nutrition programs, most notably the National School Breakfast Program. The program recognizes, encourages, and rewards those silent heroes who help children start their day off right by serving breakfast.

Maximum award: \$5,000.

Eligibility: public schools, nonprofit private schools, and nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations participating in the National School Breakfast Program.

Deadline: November 15, 2010.

<http://www.gotbreakfast.org/>

ALA/Young Adult Library Services Association: Great Stories CLUB Grants

The American Library Association Public Programs Office and the Young Adult Library Services Association are accepting applications for the next round of Great Stories CLUB grants. The Great Stories CLUB (Connecting Libraries, Underserved teens, and Books) is a book club program designed to reach underserved, troubled teen populations through books that are relevant to their lives.

Maximum award: \$200.

Eligibility: all types of

libraries (public, school, academic, and special) located within or working in partnership with facilities serving troubled teens in the United States and its territories.

Deadline: November 19, 2010.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ppo/programming/greatstories/club.cfm>

Eisner Foundation: Eisner Prize

The Eisner Foundation is seeking nominations of individuals and nonprofit organizations to recognize excellence in uniting and utilizing multiple generations, especially seniors and youth, to bring about positive and lasting changes in their community. Potential projects could include a senior center and pre-school housed in the same building, sharing a staff for maximum benefits for all; a program in which youngsters teach homebound seniors about online social networking in an effort to reduce the seniors' feelings of isolation; a community development program in which high school kids and retirees work side-by-side to repair and build houses. Maximum award: \$100,000. Eligibility: nonprofit organizations, or individuals located in the United States that can demonstrate a track record of excellence and measurable results.

Deadline: January 31, 2011.

<http://www.eisnerfoundation.org/eisnerprize/>

The College Board: Inspiration Awards

The Inspiration Awards celebrate America's most improved high schools, those that have improved their academic environment and

helped their students achieve the promise of a higher education by initiating unique programs and creating partnerships among teachers, parents, community organizations, and local businesses. **Maximum award:** \$25,000. **Eligibility:** secondary schools (public and nonpublic) in which 40 percent or more of the students receive free or reduced-price lunches.

Deadline: November 19, 2010.

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/k-12/awards/inspiration>

Resources

Madison Neighborhood Indicators

<http://madison.apl.wisc.edu/> Madison VISTAs, check out this great resource that Emily M. notified us about – learn about the different neighborhoods in the city and the populations that live there. Check out the mapping function for a provocative visual experience. Other VISTAs, you may want to find out if your community has something like this.

Money Moments

Do you struggle to get parents to come to your parent and teacher organization meetings? Boost meeting attendance by planning a

special event. Show and discuss *Money Moments*, nine short videos that teach parents how to help their children form successful lifelong financial habits. These videos connect parents to the skills, knowledge and ideas being taught in schools. <http://www.ecb.org/finance/parents/>

TechSoup.org

TechSoup.org offers nonprofits a one-stop resource for technology needs by providing free information, resources, and support. In addition to online information and resources, we offer a product philanthropy service called [TechSoup Stock](#). Here, nonprofits can access donated and discounted technology products, generously provided by corporate and nonprofit technology partners. www.techsoup.org

