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Letter from the Executive Director Michael Stoller

The one year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy approaches and nonprofits have not stopped the amazing work they have done, and continue to do, in helping our communities recover. Our sector has partnered closely with the government, philanthropic, and private sectors to respond, recover, and rebuild from this disaster.

[Join us](#) in our "Sandy: One Year Later" forum as we come together with stakeholders to share our survey findings on the response of the nonprofit sector to Superstorm Sandy and discuss how we can prepare for the next disaster together. Special thanks to the **Center for Disaster Philanthropy** for a grant to support this forum.

As demonstrated in the recovery efforts, we can accomplish more together. To promote further collaboration between sectors, HSC created the Chair's Cabinet, made up of leaders from business and academia, who will be lending their expertise and experience to help HSC address sector needs. Please welcome [David Birdsell](#), Baruch College School of Public Affairs; [Gordon Campbell](#), Wagner Graduate School of Public Service; [Carol Kellermann](#),

HSC Welcomes

...our newest members, [Education and Research Foundation of the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan New York, Inc.](#) and [The New York Academy of Medicine](#). Please check out their websites to learn more about the notable work that they do.

...our new Board Members **Dianne Morales**, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of [Phipps Community Development Corporation](#), and **Gabriel Sayegh**, Director of [Drug Policy Alliance's](#) New York office.

...our Fall interns, Shannon Clevon, Gerald Reynolds, and Victoria Cheung.



L - R: Victoria Cheung, Shannon Clevon,
Gerald Reynolds

Farewells

HSC gives a special thank you and farewell to:

- **Reverend Monsignor Robert M. Harris**, former President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Vincent's Services
- **Richard Motta**, former President and Chief Executive Officer of Volunteers of America - Greater New York
- **Wanda Wooten**, former President and Chief Executive Officer of Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center
- Dajanee Cochran, David Kischkower, Stephanie Parkinson, and Laurina Santi, HSC's Summer interns

Thank you all for your advocacy, leadership, and hard work with HSC!

Advocacy News

HSC is urging the Governor to reinstate a [\\$63 million Cost of Living Adjustment](#) (COLA) in his proposed FY15 Budget for human services nonprofits. Nonprofits have NOT received a COLA for five consecutive years. Including the human

Citizens Budget Commission; [John MacIntosh](#), SeaChange Capital Partners; and [Kathryn Wylde](#), Partnership for NYC, to the Chair's Cabinet. We look forward to joining their voices with ours.

Now, more than ever, we must ensure our collective voice is heard. For the first time in 12 years, the City administration will be changing. I urge you to vote and to encourage the people you work with, and for, to do the same. The new administration needs to hear how important the human services sector is to our City. Our partnership with *New York Nonprofit Press* on our radio show "[Human Services News and Views](#)" has increased our ability to share our sector's stories and those of the people we serve but there is more we can do.

Now is the time to speak up.

Many thanks,
Michael Stoller

 Forward to a Friend

Upcoming Workshops & Events

[RSVP today](#) for HSC's "Sandy: One Year Later" forum on October 23!

Tickets are now on sale for the Human Services Council 2013 Leadership Awards Reception. [Click here](#) for information on our honorees for this year and order your tickets and journal advertisements today!

services COLA in this year's budget is an immediate step the state can take to help move the sector towards sustainability. HSC [presented](#) on the importance of COLAs at the Not-for-profit Contracting Advisory Committee Meeting on September 25. You can make a difference! [Reach out](#) to the Governor and his top advisers **today** and get the word out about the importance of COLAs to human services providers.

Budget News

Governor Cuomo recently announced the creation of a [New York State Tax Relief Commission](#) to identify ways to reduce taxes, co-chaired by former Governor George Pataki and former State Comptroller Carl McCall. Although specific tax reduction targets were not announced, reports indicate a possible \$2-3 billion in tax cuts for the FY14 State budget.

Member and Partner News

HSC and the [Nonprofit Coordinating Committee](#) are offering a discount to membership. If you are a member of one and not the other, you get 50% off your first year dues. If you are not a member of HSC or NPCC, you can join both for 50% your dues in the first year. [Join today!](#)

[Center for Disaster Philanthropy](#) (CDP) is collecting stories and updates about how nonprofit organizations continue to respond to the long-term recovery needs from Hurricane Sandy. If you would like to be added their website, [Disaster Profile on Hurricane Sandy](#), please send a brief (100-200 word) description of your work and relevant links to NGOresponse@disasterphilanthropy.org. CDP will be sharing this information with the donor and philanthropic communities, as well as with the media.

The Silberman School of Social Work is offering **10% off** their [Professional Development and Continuing Education Courses](#) for one class this semester to HSC members. Members who send 5 staff or more receive 15% off enrollment. Visit our [member's only](#) section for the code.

The [New York Immigration Coalition](#) and [Fund for Public Advocacy](#) will be hosting an event to celebrate that launch of the updated **Immigrant Services Manual**, a guide on federal, state, and city benefits, resources, and services for immigrants on October 24. [RSVP here](#).

The Mayor's Office of Contract Services has released a list of [Capacity Building and Oversight Resources](#) for nonprofits with information on upcoming trainings and workshops. Included in the list of resources is information on **HHS**

The [Support Center for Nonprofit Management](#) will be hosting an interactive panel, "[Meet the Grantmakers: Poverty, the Social Safety Net, and Philanthropy's Role](#)," on October 25. Grantmakers will discuss how they evaluate programmatic outcomes, best practices to approaching and building relationships with funders, and aspects of relationships they expect to have with grantees before and after the grant period. HSC members can attend this and all future workshops with the Support Center for only \$35, a discount of over 50%! Find out how in our [member's only](#) section.

Tune into HSC's new radio show "Human Services News and Views," co-hosted with New York Nonprofit Press, every Sunday on WWRL 1600 AM from 5 pm to 6 pm. Each week, we will re-cap human services news for the week, examine local and national human services issues, and interview leaders in the local nonprofit human services community. [Click here](#) to listen to the show.



L - to -R: Allison Sesso, Michael Stoller, and Fred Scaglione

The Undoing Racism workgroup meets the first Monday of each month (the next meeting will

Accelerator, an initiative launched earlier this year which HSC worked closely with the City on to improve and streamline the contracting process. **RFPs will soon be released on Accelerator so it is important to sign up and complete your application now!**

[Center for New York City Law](#) and the New York City Law Department will be hosting a continuing education course, "[New York City Procurement Law: Doing Business with New York](#)," on November 6. On the agenda is an overview of the laws and rules governing NYC procurement and core vendor issues such as how and when a bidder may protest procurement decisions, how and when a pre-qualification applicant may challenge an adverse decision, how and when a vendor may challenge a non-responsiveness determination, and more. HSC members receive a **10% discount** when [registering](#).

[New York State of Health](#), New York State's health plan marketplace, has opened for business. Read our [blog post](#) for more information on NY State of Health and for helpful links.

Opportunities from Our Members

The Center for Urban Community Services is looking to fill [several positions](#).

Please visit our [website](#) for more opportunities.

Our Sponsors

HSC is grateful to our members and funders who support our work on behalf of the human services sector.

Valued supporters of HSC include: Altman Foundation, Blue Ridge Foundation New York, Center for Disaster Philanthropy, The Clark Foundation, IBM Corporation, Mayor's Fund To Advance New York City, Mutual of America, New York City Council and Speaker Christine Quinn, New York Community Trust, UJA-Federation of NY, and United Way of New York City.

Thank you again for your generous support!

If you'd like to contribute to HSC, you can [donate online!](#)

Help the sector by asking other nonprofit human services agencies to join HSC. Our collective voice gets louder as we add more members. Please see our [website](#) or contact [Jason Wu](#) at 212-836-1667 for more information.

HSC's mission is to strengthen the not-for-profit human services sector's ability to improve the lives of New Yorkers in need.

The Voice of the Human Services Community

be November 4th), from 12 pm-2 pm at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services (JBFCS), at 135 West 50th Street. The meetings provide Executive Directors with an opportunity to gain knowledge and perspective to help them move towards anti-racist leadership. For more information, please contact [Mary Pender Greene](#).

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