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Human Services Council Newsletter

Letter from Executive Director Michael Stoller



As the year 2008 draws to a close, we at HSC want to congratulate and thank all of you for what we have accomplished this past year.

In this end of year edition of our newsletter, you will read about some of our accomplishments and what to look forward to in the coming year.

As you already know, HSC is hosting our 13th annual Leadership Awards Reception. We are honoring three distinguished individuals, all from within the sector-- Eric Brettschneider, Mary Pender Greene, and Steven Newman. I invite you to come and support our leaders in the sector. For more information on this, you may read our newsletter or download a copy of the invitation-[click here](#).

Your efforts and support helped us accomplish the many goals we had set for ourselves this past year. We are grateful for all your support and thank you for your continuing service and dedication to our mission.

Michael Stoller
Executive Director

HSC 13th Annual Leadership Awards Reception

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 pm
Venue: Mutual of America at 320 Park Avenue, 35th Floor.

Join Our Mailing List!

Human Services COLA may be in jeopardy. Act Now! Send a letter to the Governor to impact the Executive Budget.

Governor Paterson will release his Executive Budget on December 16, to accelerate the State Budget process. HSC is concerned that the human services COLA promised in the FY 2009 budget, which was expected to continue through 2012, may be in jeopardy. Though the Legislature did not act on the Governor's November Special Session proposal, his proposal did include a 1% reduction to the 3.2% COLA.

Considering the \$15 billion budget deficit that is projected for FY10, we are concerned that we may lose the entire COLA rather than just 1%.

We urge you to write to the Governor as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, to impact the Executive Budget. We need to reiterate the importance of the human services COLA, especially during the economic downturn, when staff will be asked to do more with less.

[Click here](#) for a sample letter to the Governor. Please provide real examples of the impact a lost COLA would have on your organization and fax copies of your letters to the individuals listed below:

Laura L. Anglin
Director of Budget
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224
Fax: (518) 402-2298

Joe Baker
Deputy Secretary for Health and Human Services
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224
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Michael Stoller
Human Services Council of NYC
130 East 59th St.

Each year, our colleagues and friends in the human services sector come together with leaders of our City and State to celebrate the work of HSC and to honor the people and organizations that have made significant contributions to the human services sector and the people it serves.

This year we are honoring:

- **Eric Brettschneider**, Special Advisor to the Commissioner, New York State Office of Children and Family Services
- **Mary Pender Greene**, Assistant Executive Director, Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services
- **Steven Newman**, Chief Operating Officer, Public Health Solutions

For tickets and ad information contact: Debra Goldman at humanservicescouncil@nyaac.org

Upcoming City and State Budget Calendar*

New York City

- December 18, 2008- Possible Council action on the Mayor's Modified Budget for FY 08-09
- January 2009 - State of the City
- Mid January 2009 - Mayor releases his FY 09-10 Preliminary Budget
- March, 2009 - Council Hearings on Preliminary Budget Proposal
- March 31, 2009- Deadline for Council Response to Mayor's Preliminary Budget
- April 2009 - Mayor releases his FY 09-10 Executive Budget
- May - Council Hearings on Executive Budget Proposal
- June 30, 2009-- Deadline to approve the City Budget
- July 1, 2009 -- New budget takes effect

New York State

- December 15, 2008- Senate to convene a Special Session
- December 16, 2008- Governor releases his FY 09-10 Executive Budget (month early)
- January 2009 - Newly Elected Legislature takes office
- January 7, 2009-- State of the State
- March 31, 2009- Deadline to approve the State Budget
- April 1, 2009 - New budget takes effect

* Please note that the Budget Calendar is the best information available at this time, but is subject to change.

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HSC needs copies of your letters for our advocacy efforts. Thank you for your urgent attention!

One New York: Fighting for Fairness Coalition



Working with the One NY Fighting for Fairness Coalition, HSC continues to advocate for a balanced approach to closing the City and State budget gaps.

HSC helped to coordinate a very successful rally and press conference in Albany on November 18th with over 1,000 consumers, advocates, and workers concerned about New York's most vulnerable from all over the State. The coalition sent a loud and clear message opposing proposed cuts and offered fair solutions for balancing the budget. Many media outlets covered the event, including the New York Times. [Click here](#) for the New York Times article.

The coalition also held a press conference on December 9th just before the City Council Stated Meeting. Coalition members joined legislative leaders to speak out about the impact of cuts and to urge both the State and City to adopt progressive revenue options, specifically calling on the State to enact a tax increase on the wealthiest New Yorkers and calling on the City to generate additional revenues.

If you have not yet endorsed this important coalition, we urge you to do so by emailing Chris Winward at: winwardc@humanservicescouncil.org.

HSC and partners hold a successful training workshop on Lobbying Laws in New York

On November 20, HSC, Lawyers Alliance for New York, and the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC) held a successful training

ACCESS NYC Terminals - Free Computer Giveaway

[ACCESS NYC](#) is giving away computer terminals (computer and printer) on a first-come-first-serve basis to all qualified 501(c)3 organizations and City agencies. The awarded terminals will enable clients to screen themselves for benefits using the [ACCESS NYC website](#) at <http://www.nyc.gov/accessnyc>

There are ONLY 75 computers remaining, all of which must be given away before the end of this calendar year, so apply today!

Please contact ACCESS NYC:

Email: accessnyc@hhsconnect.nyc.gov

Phone: Sarah Galena at (718) 826-5108

Taproot Foundation awards Key Message and Brand Strategy Service Grant to HSC.

HSC is pleased to announce our second service grant from the Taproot Foundation. The Taproot Foundation makes grants of high-quality, professional consulting services, called Service Grants. Through this grant, HSC will work with a team of marketing professionals to develop our key messages and brand strategy.



HSC Board Members and Taproot Foundation Account Director sign the final paperwork as part of the Service Grant. **Standing:** HSC Development Committee Co-Chairs Jack Lund and Joyce S. Johnson.

Seated: HSC Executive Director Michael Stoller and Taproot Account Director Anne Friedman.

workshop on Complying with Lobbying Laws as a Not-For-Profit Organization in New York City.

The workshop featured a number of legal and policy experts from the State Commission on Public Integrity, the New York City Clerk's Office, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn's Office, Lawyers Alliance of New York, and HSC.

An electronic version of the brochure published by HSC on Complying with Lobbying Laws as a not-for-profit organization in New York City can be found in the "Members Only" section of the [HSC website](#)

HSC is growing- meet our newest members.

HSC is expanding and the voice of the human services sector is growing louder! We welcome our newest members. Please click on the links below to learn more about their critical services.

1. [Alzheimer's Association, New York City Chapter.](#)
2. [Child Welfare Organizing Project.](#)
3. [Varied Internship Program](#)
4. **Help us add more members to this list.**

All HSC members are listed on our website. You can visit their webpages by [clicking here.](#)

For more information on membership, contact:

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Meet those who make our work possible

HSC is grateful to all our members and donors who continue to support the critical work HSC does on behalf of our members and the human services sector as a whole. This Newsletter was made possible by a grant from the Booth Ferris Foundation.

Other supporters of HSC include:

1. [Altman Foundation](#)
2. [Booth Ferris Foundation](#)
3. [Mutual of America](#)
4. [New York Community Trust](#)
5. [New York City Council](#)
6. [Taproot Foundation](#)

HSC is Going Green!

HSC will be launching our inaugural "Going Green Initiative" with our 13th Annual Leadership Awards Reception, Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

This year's journal will be electronic as part of our effort to promote sustainable living. As part of the "greening" of HSC, we will rely more heavily on digital information. We hope to increase the visibility of HSC by reaching a far wider audience and reduce our need for printing and mailing. This will lead to cost savings and help reduce our impact on the environment.

Over the next year, other HSC newsletters and reports will go on-line as well. We encourage you to visit our [website](#) and, when in need of information or a specific document, please visit our "Members Only" section of our website.

News from HSC Members and Friends

This space is designated for our members. Please send us your announcements, news, and interesting issues of relevance to the sector.

Editorial Policy: Submissions must be no more than 25 lines, font size 12, Times New Roman. HSC reserves the right to determine suitability for publication and edit submissions.

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