



Human Services Council Newsletter

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Letter from the Executive Director

Michael Stoller

Typically our January newsletter begins with thanks and photos from our annual Leadership Awards Reception held in December - and this time, we were to also boast about HSC's first nonprofit summit - but this year, we must pause first to commemorate the life of Christine Molnar, the wonderful CEO/ President of Safe Space NYC, Inc., a committed HSC Board and Executive Committee Member and co-Chair of our Advocacy Action Response Group, and most of all, a compassionate and generous friend and advocate to those of us who were lucky enough to know her.



As many of you know, Chris passed away suddenly on January 11. She affected so many in her too-short

life and our thoughts are with them at this time of sorrow: her agency, the sector, her friends, and most of all, her family. Please read the [New York Nonprofit Press \(NYNP\)](#) and [New York Times](#) articles about Chris and the difference she made in so many people's lives.

Yet knowing Chris, who was a scheduled panelist at our *Doubling Down: How Recommitting to the Nonprofit Sector Can Achieve Real*

Welcome to HSC

Please welcome our newest members, [American Red Cross in Greater New York](#) and [Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled, Inc.](#) Check out their websites to learn about the important work they do.

Please also welcome [Ekaterina \(Katya\) Bevinova](#) to the HSC team. As an intern, she made sure the Leadership Awards Reception was a great success and she'll bring her marketing/communications degree to work as HSC's Membership Coordinator, a new position.

Budget News

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's **FY14 Executive Budget** was delivered on 1/22. The \$135 B plan keeps growth in state spending to under 2% and closes an estimated \$1.35 B budget gap. As expected, State agencies continue to be flat funded and nonprofit organizations did not get much recognition in the proposal. And while the deferment of Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) is not good news for the human services providers who work tirelessly to respond to community needs, it is worth noting that this is an improvement over years past, when COLAs were either removed from the budget altogether or based in future years on performance outcomes. Overall, Governor Cuomo held true to many of his State of the State initiatives, such as the allocation of \$25 million for full-day pre-K programs in low-income communities, \$1 B to expand affordable housing over five years, and the creation of the social impact bond program "Pay for Success." In response to Superstorm Sandy, Governor Cuomo is looking to create a "network of individuals, non-profit organizations and corporations" for disaster relief. HSC will work to gain clarity on this proposal and will provide additional information when available. To see HSC's budget analysis, [click here](#).

Governor Cuomo delivered the **State of the State Speech** on 1/9. HSC was encouraged by his progressive tenor, but disappointed by the limited mention of the nonprofit sector in his remarks. Highlights for our sector included raising the minimum wage to \$8.75 and connecting nonprofits with the Regional Economic Development Council network to spark development in

Change in Communities summit, she would want us to continue the good fight and advocate for our clients. So with heavy hearts, we have persevered. We held our first nonprofit summit on January 14 and found a replacement panelist who could speak with passion and clarity in Chris' place (thank you, Margarita Rosa, for stepping in at the last minute). Overall, we were pleased that 170 people attended the event and 405 media outlets picked up our story, such as the [Times Union](#). You can also see the Summit [press release](#), [description](#), our [blog post](#), and [photos](#) from the event.



Gordon Campbell moderating the plenary panel at HSC's Nonprofit Summit

We would like to thank all of the panelists - from academia, media, philanthropy, government, business, and of course, the sector - for their participation in this important conversation about the future of nonprofits in New York. Special thanks go to our host, Baruch College's School of Public Affairs, and our sponsors for the event, Blue Ridge Foundation New York and New York Nonprofit Press.

HSC would also like to thank United Way of New York City (UWNYC) for their generous grant, which we received in December. We value their partnership and support, which enables us to meet our goals to benefit the sector.

communities. To read the speech in its entirety, [click here](#).

Upcoming Workshops and Events

Community Resource Exchange (CRE) and Coaches Training Institute (CTI) are offering [Coaching Skills for Nonprofit Managers](#). The intensive three day (2/11-2/13) training courses are designed to strengthen the critical skill of coaching, using real life experience rather than lecture. Executive Directors, Board members, and senior managers are encouraged to attend. [RSVP today!](#)

Register for the Nonprofit HelpDesk's series of workshops and teleclasses on [Effectively Rebooting Your Organization](#). This series is offered at no charge to community-based non-profit organizations through the generous assistance of DYCD and will enable you to start the New Year with invaluable tools to develop a strategic plan and embark on a new direction. [Space is limited, register today](#) for the 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, and 3/20 workshops.

The **Silver School of Social Work at New York University** is co-sponsoring **Global Health and Well-Being: The Social Work Response Conference**, on 6/17-6/19. The goal of the conference is to bring together colleagues worldwide and discuss the challenges that contribute to global health and well-being, trauma, and social injustice, and to identify innovative social work and multidisciplinary responses. For more information or to register for this event, [click here](#).

HSC member, **Goodwill Industries of Great New York and Northern New Jersey**, will be hosting the **Post Sandy Job Fair**. The goal of the fair is to bring together employers and employees whose search has become more difficult in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. More detailed information to come.

Member and Partner News

Good news: the deadline to apply for **Federal Emergency Management Agency** (FEMA) disaster assistance has been extended again for New York, to February 27. FEMA has also extended access to its Transitional Sheltering Assistance program to February 9. [Register online](#) or call 800-621-3362.

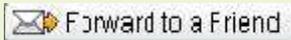
HSC congratulates and welcomes **Mark Hurwitz**, the

Finally, we'd also like to thank the supporters of our Leadership Awards Reception, which was held on 12/12/12. We raised over \$100,000, exceeding our goal. It was a lovely event; please see our [photos](#), [journal](#), and [blog](#) for details. Special thanks go to our honorees and especially Mutual of America, who graciously provided us with a beautiful space for the event.



HSC Honorees at our Leadership Awards Reception

As always, I encourage you to share this newsletter with friends who are interested in the human services sector.



Many thanks,
Michael Stoller

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newly-appointed **Palladia, Inc.** President/CEO. He succeeds retiring Executive Director **Jane Velez**, who we thank for her support and generosity to HSC.

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The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs Commissioner Fatima Shama has teamed up with the Citizens Committee for NYC CEO Peter Kostmayer to announce the **UnityNYC Grant Awards**, a grant program for groups collaborating on community projects. The award will provide grants up to \$3,000 to faith-based or neighborhood-based immigrant and non-immigrant groups that collaborate on community projects. For more information, [send them an email](#) or [visit the website](#).

The **Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF)** is conducting its fifth annual nationwide survey examining the state of the nonprofit sector. The anonymous survey takes approximately 10 minutes and helps to collect data on vital financial and management issues facing the nonprofit sector. Make your voice heard, [take the survey today](#).

Congratulations to all 2012 winners of the **Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC)**, **New York Community Trust - New York Magazine Nonprofit Excellence Awards**. One of HSC's members, **Harlem RBI**, received the Silver Prize.

The **Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs (BSPA)** at **Baruch College** focuses on public policy advocacy and analysis. It is designed for those seeking to have a positive impact on society. For more information, contact [Jennifer Harrington](#).

Job Opportunities

The Jewish Child Care Association (JCCA) is looking to fill the [Vice President of Human Resources position](#).

Technology News

[Center4](#) is a new accelerator being established in New York City that will drive technology access and innovation to help nonprofits provide more effective and cost-efficient services to the hundreds of thousands of

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Thank you again for your generous support!

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We would also like to thank our members for their continued support. The nonprofit sector is facing the toughest budgetary constraints in years and our **200 members** make difficult trade-off decisions daily about how to spend limited funds. We are pleased and grateful to have you with us!

You can help the sector by asking other not-for-profit human services agencies to join HSC. Our collective voice gets louder as we add more members. Please see our [website](#) or contact [Cynthia Tao](#) at 212-836-1623 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.

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