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NOMINEE	Mikva Challenge: Active Citizen Project
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Mikva Challenge provides Chicago high school students with hands-on civic learning experiences through involvement in local and state elections. Through the Active Citizenship Project, high school juniors and seniors learn to become election judges in polling stations around Chicago, hold mock elections in their schools, register people to vote, and run get-out-the-vote campaigns in their communities.	
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NOMINEE	Innovation Center for Youth and Community Development: Anniversary Seminar: “A Celebration of Youth Engagement Across Time and Culture”
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
(One of a series sponsored by the Kellogg foundation to honor their 75 th anniversary.) This seminar will connect the ideas, inspiration and experiences of young adults who were engaged in social change as young people through the 20 th Century with the energy, experience and action of young leaders today. This event will gather wisdom and strengths across cultures and generations of youth and elders, and honor cultural traditions, create new knowledge and inspire action.	
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NOMINEE	Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
ACORN is a nationwide democratically-run membership organization for low and moderate-income families. The organization trains and educates its members to become community leaders who advocate and engage others in the community on issues such as affordable housing, better public schools, and economic development. "Civic engagement is the core of what they do," says one of their funders.	
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 900 college and university presidents, committed to connecting, challenging, and supporting college and university students in their community work, activism, leadership, and civic growth. The organization's Raise Your Voice initiative is increasing, celebrating, and deepening student civic engagement efforts on college campuses. Campus Compact has been a leader in creating supportive academic environments for community service, helping to pass and establish service-oriented federal programs and legislation; forming partnerships with business, community and government leaders; and providing funding and awards for outstanding service work.	
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NOMINEE	Cantigny Conference Series
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>Cantigny Conferences provide an intellectual forum for frank discussion of key topics affecting the nation's future. Conference topics range from military and international affairs to health, education, economic and social development, and the media. At the conclusion of each conference, a report that communicates the meeting's findings and recommendations is distributed to organizations and individuals in a position to affect change.</p> <p>A sample of recent and upcoming Cantigny conferences:</p> <p><i>Future Security Environment</i>, presented in partnership with Tri-Service Academy <i>Censorship & Individual Responsibility</i>, presented in partnership with University of Chicago Cultural Policy Center <i>Military – Media</i>, presented in partnership with the Center for Media and Security <i>America and the World</i>, presented in partnership with the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations <i>Intelligence Gathering & Civil Liberties</i>, presented in partnership with the American Bar Association <i>Future of Public Television</i>, presented in partnership with University of Chicago Cultural Policy Center <i>Promoting Freedom & Democracy</i> , presented in partnership with the Hoover Institution <i>Election Reform</i>, presented in partnership with the League of Women Voters <i>National Service</i>, presented in partnership with the Heritage Foundation <i>Philanthropy Summit</i> , presented in partnership with the Center on Philanthropy</p>	
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NOMINEE	Baltimore Community Fellowships Program: Community Fellowships
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The Community Fellowships Program assists individuals to use their education and professional skills to help marginalized communities become more engaged in community and social justice issues. Now in its seventh year, the program has funded individuals to successfully address a range of issues including media literacy and advocacy, juvenile justice, immigration issues, community art, and economic justice.	
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NOMINEE	Donor's Education Collaborative of NYC: Constituency-Building for Public School Reform
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The Donors' Education Collaborative (DEC), a joint grant making effort of New York-based public education funders, promotes broad public engagement in systemic public school reform in New York City by building an informed, organized, and empowered constituency of parents, educators, business and community leaders, and concerned residents. DEC supports projects that identify and work toward changes in policies and practices that will improve learning and achievement for all children; will strengthen the relationship of schools to community; will generate policy analysis to inform and encourage public dialogue; and will build and sustain public participation, new partnerships, and greater civic commitment to the improvement of public schools.	
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NOMINEE	Center for Community Change
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The Center for Community Change helps people to develop the skills and resources they need to improve their communities and change policies and institutions that adversely affect them. They work with local and national organizations to build a community's capacity for self-help, develop strong leaders, provide critical services, build homes, develop businesses, give residents a say in their community's future and give low income people a sense of hope.	
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NOMINEE	University of Maryland: Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE)
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
A core component of The Pew Charitable Trusts' efforts to increase the civic and political participation of young Americans has been the development of high-quality data and analysis designed to help policy makers, nonprofit leaders and educators implement the most effective approaches to engaging young people. CIRCLE has quickly become the field's leader, collecting and disseminating data, sponsoring new research and assessing best practices. CIRCLE fulfilled a need in the field of youth engagement for an exceptional research organization that would rigorously examine trends in youth engagement, the reasons why young people do or do not participate, and the ways in which participation can be increased.	
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NOMINEE	City Cares: Citizen Academy
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>City Cares affiliates in nine cities have included Citizen Academies as part of their program offerings. Citizen Academy provides a forum for concerned citizens to gather and have moderated discussions about critical community issues. In these discussions, citizens brainstorm possible grassroots solutions, bring their skills to the table, create action plans, and learn from one another. The program also includes one-time and multi-week courses on community issues, taught by volunteer faculty, as a way to provide community volunteers with a bridge from volunteer service to broader civic involvement.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Chautauqua Region Community Foundation: Community Conscious Youth - Kids First Mini Grants
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>This program offers grant money for youth-initiated projects that benefit the community. The program encourages youth to contribute their unique ideas for programs and projects and then see them actualized. The mini-grants fund one time events, recreation, cultural/arts leadership development, community involvement and community events.</p>	
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NOMINEE	University of Maryland School of Law: Community Law In Action
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>The program, called a community advocacy “clinic,” brings high school students to meet and work on community legal projects with law students and faculty members. The project enhances the learning of basic law-related education as well as critical thinking and problem solving skills. Out of this program have evolved two high school-focused programs to promote student leadership and activism in the community: a youth congress that works closely with the city council and a new “innovation” high school with a student activism theme.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Levine Museum of the New South: Courage: The Carolina Story Behind Brown vs. Board of Education
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>This important exhibition commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision to rule racially segregated schools unconstitutional. This exhibit was be used as a vehicle for civic dialogue and participation around race, social justice, and education.</p>	
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NOMINEE	DC Vote
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
DC Vote is an educational and advocacy organization dedicated to securing full voting representation in Congress for the representatives of the District of Columbia. Their strategies include informing Congress and the American public about this issue, working with elected officials and coalition partners to develop solutions, and promoting change based on the principal that “a government is democratic only when people have the ability, through freely elected leaders, to shape the laws under which they live.”	
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NOMINEE	The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region: DC Youth Philanthropy Initiative
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The DC Youth Philanthropy initiative believes that youth voice and participation deserve true integration into community and civic life. Their goals are to increase opportunities for youth civic engagement, increase investments in youth development, raise awareness of youth needs, and raise awareness that youth are real partners and sources of knowledge and strength in a community.	
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NOMINEE	AmericaSpeaks: Deliberative Democracy Consortium
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>The Deliberative Democracy Consortium is composed of more than 20 organizations working to renew democracy through citizen participation and deliberation. The group aims to demonstrate national public deliberations on critical policy issues using multiple methods to support participation, including integrating online and face-to-face approaches. The consortium is also working to develop a national infrastructure for democratic deliberation that is connected to local capacity; to integrate research and practice in the field; and to reduce barriers to inclusion.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Washington Campus Compact: Dialogue for Democracy
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>A large-scale, community-wide town hall discussion addressing service and democracy on college campuses and how that can best interact with broader community efforts.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation: Dunkirk Latino Television Voice (DLTV)
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>Dunkirk Latino Television Voice (DLTV) is a partnership among the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, the State University of New York at Fredonia, and the Dunkirk High School. Bi-lingual high school students are learning media production skills at the local university, including camera work, interviewing and writing skills, and news presentation. The project is providing needed bi-lingual news and informational programming to the local Latino community as well as a venue for local youth to speak out about race and race relations and explore careers in media.</p>	
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NOMINEE	University of Richmond: Election Reform Information Project (ERIP)
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>ERIP, through their Web site, electiononline.org, provides a centralized source of data and information on election reform efforts for everyone with an interest in the issue. They provide research on questions of interest to the public and the election reform community and sponsor conferences where policymakers, journalists and other interested parties can gather to share ideas, successes and failures. ERIP provides a voice to the numerous reform efforts and helps assure that proposed changes to our current system are based on solid, reliable and accessible information. Our hope and belief is that by facilitating the implementation of effective reform, this project will help restore the public's confidence in the most basic underpinnings of democracy—the right to vote and the right to have that vote count.</p>	
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NOMINEE	California Voter Foundation: Election Verification Project (a collaborative project)
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>The Election Verification Project is a nationwide coalition of technology, legal, voting rights and reform organizations working together to advance verification of computerized voting and vote-counting systems. Project partners work together on reforms to reduce electronic voting risks and to enable the public to audit the accuracy of election results. An example of the project's work is their call for a voter-verified paper record of every digital ballot cast. Coalition members include the Verified Voting Foundation, Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, Common Cause, the California Voter Foundation, the Electronic Privacy Information Center, Miami-Dade Election Reform Coalition and the Maryland Campaign for Verifiable Voting.</p>	
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NOMINEE	California Youth Connection: Foster Youth Training
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>The California Youth Connection is an advocacy/youth leadership organization for current and former foster youth. There are more than 250 active members, ages 14 to 24, organized in 22 active chapters across the state. Youth members have led efforts to develop transitional housing pilot programs, helped foster youth to obtain drivers licenses, and helped facilitate the emancipation process for foster youth.</p>	
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NOMINEE	National Voice: General Support for Democratic Participation/Get Out The Vote
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
National Voice helps non-partisan non-profit and community groups promote voting and other forms of civic participation. The organization is tracking what these non-partisan non-profits are doing to increase public participation in the democratic process, and has made the information publicly available on its website. In just a year, National Voice has stimulated over 2000 non-profit groups to make the connection between their issues, their constituencies, and voting. Using a wide variety of expertise, media, project modeling and technologies, National Voice has helped nonprofit groups communicate in neighborhoods as well as with the media. The organization is also helping non-profit groups discuss and understand the challenges and opportunities of non-partisan electoral activity.	
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NOMINEE	Goodcity
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Goodcity provides capacity-building services—including consulting, workshops, and fiscal management training—to startup community-based nonprofits in Chicago. The organization’s mission is to assist in the transformation of underserved communities by helping local residents, businesses, and civic leaders to come together to address local needs.	
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NOMINEE	Growing Power
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
A program involving youth in transforming vacant inner city lots into urban gardens.	
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NOMINEE	Decatur Community Partnership: Integrated Model of Communication for Social Change
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>The Decatur Community Partnership is a group of organizations and civic leaders in Decatur, Ill, working since 1991 to coordinate the delivery of health and human services citywide. Since 2000, the Partnership has led efforts in civic dialogue and community-based problem-solving using a “communications for social change” model. With this model, the Partnership has helped Decatur residents articulate a community agenda, identify necessary changes, and achieve positive changes in attitudes, behaviors, and opportunities. Under the Partnership’s leadership, Decatur started a Youth Engagement Strategy group to provide young people with a forum to discuss racism, gain leadership skills, engage in dialogue with business leaders and public officials, and take collective action. The Partnership has convened and facilitated public dialogues air quality and pediatric asthma, county wide access to information and referral services, and the county’s high incidence of cardiovascular disease. In each case, a community-supported action step resulted from the public dialogues.</p> <p>A summary of the change model and Decatur’s experience was reported in Talking Cure: A Case Study in Communication for Social Change, available for download from the Rockefeller Foundation’s website www.rockfound.org or by writing to Rockefeller Foundation, Job # 5134 "Talking Cure", P.O. Box 545, Mahwah, N.J. 07430</p>	
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NOMINEE	KaBOOM!
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
KaBoom! helps communities develop healthy play areas for their children by leading community-build playground projects; gathering resources from civic and business leaders, the community, and funding partners; providing events and tools to educate people on the benefits of community-build playground projects; and advocating for children's rights.	
NOMINATED BY	
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NOMINEE	United Way of Wyandotte County: Kansas City, Kansas Study Circles
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Kansas City's school superintendent started the Study Circles to address the growing disconnect between parents, communities and schools. Involving more than 1,300 residents in study circles, this program has helped create a new tenants' association, a youth sports camp, tutoring and after school programs, and a support group for Spanish-speaking Moms in the community.	
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
This program works to improve literacy skills among adults and to foster literacy and academic skills for children and young people. The program strives to strengthen the relationship between workforce development, economic development, and adult education so that people can gain access to a continuum of services that will pave the way to postsecondary education, workforce training, and upward mobility within job tracks.	
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NOMINEE	Council of Michigan Foundations: Learning to Give
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Guided by the Council of Michigan Foundations and a Steering Committee of 13 leaders in education, volunteerism and nonprofit leadership, Learning to Give develops curriculum, lessons, and materials to educate Michigan's elementary, middle, and high school students about philanthropy and to teach the importance of volunteerism. The materials and lesson plans are used in Michigan and other states.	
NOMINATED BY	
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NOMINEE	The Tides Foundation: Los Angeles Immigrant Funders Collaborative
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
This group of eight local and national funders makes grants to nonprofits working with immigrants and refugees in the areas of health, civic participation, education, and immigrant rights. The collaborative's goal is to strengthen the nonprofits' capacity and long term viability so they can best serve the needs of the diverse immigrant and refugee communities of Los Angeles.	
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NOMINEE	Los Angeles Urban Funders
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The Los Angeles Urban Funders (LAUF), a project of the Southern California Grantmakers, was formed in 1996 as a direct result of the 1992 1992 Los Angeles Civil unrest. LAUF brings together funders, corporate leaders, public policymakers, and community leaders in a comprehensive community-building initiative in three low-income communities in the Los Angeles area: Pacoima, Vermont/Manchester, and Hyde Park.	
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NOMINEE	Volunteer Services of Manatee County: Manateens
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
With more than 12,000 participants, the ManaTEEN club claims to be the largest locally based, youth-led volunteer initiative in the country. The club estimates that 74% of the local teen population is engaged in civic participation through ManaTEENS. Member teens choose from several volunteer service options including adopt-a-grandparent, beach clean up, animal shelter work, babysitting, respite care, and holiday programs.	
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NOMINEE	The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta: Metropolitan Atlanta Youth Opportunities Initiative
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
This program helps young people to transition from foster care into adulthood by bringing together the people and resources to create opportunities for these transitioning youth, specifically in the areas of education, employment, health care, and housing. The program also works to identify service gaps and advise existing agencies in how to strengthen their services.	
NOMINATED BY	
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NOMINEE	National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation
NOMINEE CONTACT	Sandy Heierbacher Brattleboro, VT 802/254-7341 sandy@thataway.org www.thataway.org
DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
This organization is often viewed as the primary organization working to unite the dialogue and deliberation community. Their efforts include reaching out to an increasing number of dialogue and deliberation practitioners and scholars, the development of fundable projects, and an annual conference.	
NOMINATED BY	
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NOMINEE	The Forum for Youth Investment: New Mexico Community Youth Initiative
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The Forum for Youth Investment (Washington, DC) serves as a key advisor/strategic planner to the Lieutenant Governor. As a result, Karen Pittman has led the Children's Cabinet retreats, and has helped in the strategic thinking that created an intermediary nonprofit New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community. The Forum for Youth Investment was instrumental in defining the New Mexico Children's Cabinet principles, including the 5th principle which states that "All of NM's youth will have an opportunity to engage in their community..."	
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NOMINEE	George Washington University—The Graduate School of Political Management: New Voters Project
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>The New Voters Project conducted a grassroots, nonpartisan get-out-the-vote effort aimed at 18- to-24 year-olds and an opinion-leader messaging campaign in six states: Colorado, Iowa, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Wisconsin. NVP registered and encouraged young people to go to the polls, with the goal of increasing youth turnout in the six states by five percentage points (from an average of 40 to 45 percent) in the 2004 presidential election. 349,000 young people were registered to vote, exceeding the original target of 265,000 by more than 30 percent. Although the data will not be verified until Census Data is released, CIRCLE research indicates that 48 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted in this election.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits & Philanthropy, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington: Nonprofit & Philanthropy Speakers Series
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>A speaker series aimed at nonprofit leaders and the funding community on issues of civic engagement. Two recent examples: Diana Aviv speaking on the challenges facing the philanthropic community, and Tom Ehrlich speaking on civic engagement on college campuses and engaging young people after the November 2004 election.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Oakland Kids First
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Kids First is a multiracial organization dedicated to improving the support of low-income communities by city and county government, public systems, and institutions. Working from the belief that young people should be centrally involved in shaping the policies that affect them, Kids First creates opportunities for youth to become leaders in their schools and communities. The organization accomplishes this through advocacy, alliance building, creative arts, and leadership training.	
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NOMINEE	Ohio Fair Schools Campaign
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Funded by the George Gund Foundation, this project works on building public awareness around school financing issues in Ohio, and the public's will to identify and act on solutions.	
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NOMINEE	One World Now!
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
This is a leadership development program that uses foreign language instruction and foreign stays as its tool for motivating high school at risk youth. Started as a pilot in one Seattle high school, it has in its second year already expanded to several schools, with plans for state, regional, national expansion. Chinese and Arabic are taught in the after-school programs, and a small number of the students get to study abroad in the summer in Morocco and Taiwan, to date.	
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NOMINEE	CollegeCorps: PeaceCorps for Undergraduate Students
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Committed to the balance of rigorous academic training and hands-on experience in volunteerism, CollegeCorps is an international internship program for undergraduate college students. It allows students to live abroad, experience personal growth, develop their leadership skills and make an impact in a developing community.	
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NOMINEE	People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>PACT is a faith- and community-based citizens group that addresses issues of drugs, crime, gangs, housing costs, and educational barriers in San Jose, CA. PACT represents 30,000 families through congregations in mostly low and middle income neighborhoods.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Progressive Maryland
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>Progressive Maryland is a grassroots organization comprised of thousands of working families. They support issues of living wages, health care, election reform, tax fairness, public transportation, and voter registration through aggressive community organizing. Their goal is a more mobilized, informed, and engaged public.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Providence College: Project 540
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
This organization was created to give high school students a greater voice in their schools and communities. Students are asked to identify their key concerns (racial tensions, teacher-student relations, school policy, etc) and then create a Civic Action Plan of specific action steps to address these concerns.	
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NOMINEE	Academy for Educational Development: Project of Philanthropy & Volunteerism Area
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The Kellogg Foundation Youth Innovation Fund supports diverse groups of young people to create lasting change in their communities. Building on the substantial body of service-learning, youth philanthropy and youth civic engagement work stimulated by the Kellogg Foundation over the past decade, the Youth Fund's primary purpose is to support young people who work in partnership with community institutions to create civic innovations that address public issues and problems using a service-learning framework. The Youth Fund provides multiple "action pathways" for young people to engage in civic inquiry and action. These pathways include youth grant-making, youth governance, youth social entrepreneurship, youth media and youth organizing.	
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NOMINEE	Project Vote
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Through non-partisan work, Project Vote has registered over 3 million low-income and minority voters nationwide, won a dozen law suits to protect their right to vote, trained organizers, and provided registrants with follow-up voter education.	
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NOMINEE	Public Allies
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Public Allies recruits, trains, and supports diverse young leaders interested in strengthening communities, nonprofits and civic participation. Through its AmeriCorps program, Public Allies identifies talented young adults from diverse backgrounds and advances their leadership through a ten month program of full-time, paid apprenticeships in nonprofit organizations, weekly leadership trainings, and team service projects. Several Wisconsin-based Public Allies serve in apprenticeships in environmental agencies, primarily for the purpose of recruiting and engaging community volunteers.	
NOMINATED BY	
Jim Marks of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation	

NOMINEE	Carlson Leadership and Public Service Center, University of Washington: S. Sterling Munro Public Service Fellowship and Munro Public Service Teaching Award
NOMINEE CONTACT	Michaelann Jundt, Director Seattle, WA 206/685-2705 mjundt@u.washington.edu
DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Scholarships are awarded annually to undergraduates who plan to do a public service project in conjunction with a class they are taking. The highly competitive nature of this process highlights the issue of public service for the university community. A new component is a series of cash awards for professors who undertake a public service-oriented project with high levels of student involvement.	
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NOMINEE	Scranton Tomorrow
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Scranton Tomorrow aims to create a sustainable vision and strong foundation for the community of Scranton, Pennsylvania. The organization is working to establish the city as “economically vibrant, modern, and active”. They encourage and support the different sectors of the community (businesses, institutions, residents, government, schools) to work together towards this goal by sharing ideas, creating action plans on community issues, and making maximum use of opportunities for growth.	
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NOMINEE	Young Professionals of Milwaukee: Service Circuit Program
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The program connects the members of Young Professionals of Milwaukee to community service and leadership opportunities with nonprofit agencies.	
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NOMINEE	University of California Los Angeles, Center for the Study of Urban Poverty: Social Change Across Borders
NOMINEE CONTACT	Saul Sarabia Los Angeles, CA 310/825-9156 ssarabia@issr.ucla.edu
DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
This project aims to promote civic participation amongst “disenfranchised” populations, with a focus on indigenous residents, immigrant households and women. The project convenes gatherings within these communities and facilitates dialogues that allow participants to identify effective techniques for civic engagement and share success stories and challenges. To support participants in these dialogues and build their leadership skills, the project connects them with more established activists and organizations.	
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NOMINEE	Arkansas School Board's Association: Statewide Study Circles Program
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
This program focuses on engaging the people of Arkansas in issues of equity and funding in Arkansas schools. In 2002, the Arkansas School Board Association organized a statewide "town meeting" that drew 6,000 participants in 91 locations and resulted in the organization of several new study circle programs.	
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NOMINEE	Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation: Straight Forward- "Don't Tell My Parents"
NOMINEE CONTACT	John Beranek Sioux Falls, SD 605-361-8757 johnspeak@sio.midco.net
DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Straight Forward is a teenage advocacy group funded by the Youth Safety Initiative of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation. The youth-organized campaign aims to increase awareness and encourage healthy communication between teens and parents about the tough topic of underage and unprotected sex. The youth have created a comprehensive website with a local directory of teen crisis services, a page of helpful links, and information about how parents can approach their teens to talk about sex.	
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NOMINEE	What Kids Can Do: Student Research for Action
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>In November 2003, through a competitive grant process, this program awarded financial support of up to \$4,750 to twelve student-teacher action research teams. Winning projects had to target an issue meaningful to their school and/or community, participate in an extended period of research, and create a final project to showcase their findings. This program allowed students to earn academic credit while taking on a leadership role in their school and community.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Advocating Change Together: Tri-State Network of Disability Rights Advocates
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
<p>Advocating Change Together (ACT) builds knowledge and creates leadership by bringing people with disabilities and their allies together to learn how to share power and work together for social change. ACT connects people to the history of the self-advocacy movement and to the broader disability rights and civil rights movements. The ACT method validates people for who they are, breaks down isolation by revealing common experiences, builds a sense of self-worth, and helps people find common ground from which to organize for change. This program provides opportunities for individuals and groups from North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Minnesota to work together, with the long-term goal of establishing a regional network of persons with disabilities that can organize on issues of disability, employment, housing, transportation and poverty.</p>	
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NOMINEE	Centro Adelante Campesino: Tutoring and Mentoring Program
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
A new tutoring and mentoring program that pairs retired citizens with Hispanic youth.	
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NOMINEE	Baltimore Urban Debate League: Urban Debate Program
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
The Urban Debate Program reintroduced debate to Baltimore's high schools in 1999 and since then has changed the lives and academic futures of more than 1,000 students. The program challenges and inspires students to learn the skills and discipline of policy and public debate, enabling them to become critical thinkers, effective researchers, and active citizens who are advocates for themselves and their communities.	
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NOMINEE	Wisconsin Council on Children and Families: Voices of Youth
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Voices of Youth is a program to train young people to identify, research and advocate on behalf of issues of importance to them.	
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NOMINEE	Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship: Wise Kid, Healthy Kid Youth Entrepreneurship Camp
NOMINEE CONTACT	Dr. Curt DeBerg Chico, CA 530/898-4824 cdeberg@csuchico.org www.wisekid.org
DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Students from the Business College at California State University, Chico operate a Youth Entrepreneurship Camp twice a year to teach basic business concepts to children in grades 5-8 and help them actually start their own micro-enterprises. This is a service-learning project for the university students, who serve as mentors and provide one-on-one consultation to the young entrepreneurs throughout the camp. The children who participate are identified through Title I programs at local public schools. Local businesses donate healthy lunches and contribute to a "tool kit" for each student, which includes a brief case and supplies. The camp takes place for five consecutive Saturdays each fall and spring on the university campus, linking the university community with local neighborhoods, schools, and businesses.	
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NOMINEE	Urban Underground: Youth Empowerment Project
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Teens identify, research and take action on a community problem—last year, they addressed the issue of teen domestic violence. They also helped the city of Milwaukee develop a youth council.	
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NOMINEE	Youth in Focus
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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SERVICES	
Youth In Focus has developed and field-tested Youth REP (Youth-led Action Research, Evaluation, and Planning), a technique for mobilizing young people's energy and information as means of social change. When youth are “in focus”, young people can play critical and informed roles in shaping their own futures, and collaborate with each other and with adults to improve the institutions and communities that affect their lives. Youth In Focus provides training and capacity-building in Youth REP for grassroots organizations, schools, and public agencies.	
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