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Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoy this week's edition of the Newsflash!

Sincerely,

The Firelight Team

*(Resource) Understanding Child Development and Developmental Milestones*  
*(Resource) Fundraising Guide for Women's Community-Based Organizations*  
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(Resource) Understanding Child Development and Developmental Milestones

Excerpt: Development is defined as the process of change in which the child comes to master more and more complex levels of moving, thinking, feeling, and interacting with people and objects in their environment. Development occurs continuously and in patterned but unique (for particular cultures and individuals) as the changing child interacts actively, with a changing environment. Child development is therefore a process of the physical, mental and emotional growth that takes place from birth up to 18 years. It is a life cycle which occurs in stages.

To download this resource, visit: <http://bit.ly/1asCsI0>

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(Resource) Fundraising Guide for Women's Community-Based Organizations

The guide introduces some of the basic concepts of professional fundraising and shows a variety of ways that organizations can raise money beyond grants. It contains practical advice based on years of experience in professional fundraising in the United States about the best places to look for money to support your work, how to develop your message, secure funds and build and maintain successful relationships with your supporters. It also provides tips and detailed instructions on how to write grant proposals, budgets and reports. The guide includes a bibliography of other

resources available on the internet to help you research funding opportunities and build your support networks. Finally, the guide contains a list of funders who give small grants to community-based groups in the developing world; most are in the United States and Europe, but the list also includes a few funds based in developing countries. While the information in this guide is based on our experiences in the United States, the principles and methods we introduce are applicable globally and can be tailored to your local environment.

To access this resource, visit: <http://bit.ly/16CSKdI>

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#### (Open for Applications) 2014 World Habitat Awards

Housing projects & approaches are sought that

- demonstrate practical, innovative and sustainable solutions to current housing issues faced by countries all around the world
- can be transferred or adapted for use as appropriate
- are already being implemented or are completed ie not at design, planning or early stages of development
- view the term habitat from a broad perspective and bring other benefits as well, such as energy or water saving, income generation, social inclusion, community and individual empowerment, health benefits, capacity building or education.

All entries are assessed and ten to twelve projects are shortlisted by an assessment committee. These shortlisted projects are then evaluated by an independent advisory group.

Evaluation visits are made to some of the shortlisted projects before recommendations are put forward to a panel of external judges, including the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT).

Submissions for the 2014 competition must be received by 1st November 2013.

For more information or to apply, visit: <http://bit.ly/16tPaZO>

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#### (Open for Applications) Allen Foundation Inc.

The Allen Foundation, named in honor of William Webster Allen, operates under the laws of the State of Michigan. Grants are limited under the terms of the foundation's charter to projects that primarily benefit programs for human nutrition in the areas of health, education, training, and research.

The policies and priorities of the Allen Foundation:

- To make grants to fund relevant nutritional research.
- To support programs for the education and training of mothers during pregnancy and after the birth of their children, so that good nutritional habits can be formed at an early age.
- To assist in the training of persons to work as educators and demonstrators of good nutritional practices.
- To encourage the dissemination of information regarding healthful nutritional practices and habits.
- In limited situations to make grants to help solve immediate emergency hunger and malnutrition problems.

In order to be considered for an Allen Foundation grant, you must be a non-profit organization and be able to provide us with a copy of your Internal Revenue Service certification of 501(c) 3 tax-exempt status. If applying from outside the United States, you must inform us how we can document or confirm that you have your country's counterpart or equivalent of the 501(c)(3) form. Only online submissions of grant proposals will be considered for possible funding.

The next "deadline" for submission of proposals is midnight (Eastern Standard Time) on December 31st. Proposals received after this date will be considered for review the following year. The decisions of the board of trustees will be announced by posting the list of organizations winning grants on this website in June of each year. Because of the number of proposals received and the limited resources of the foundation, applicants should never view possible declinations to fund their proposals or delays in reviewing their proposals as judgments on the actual merits of their proposals. The foundation would like to be in a financial position to assist all the hundreds of grant requests that it receives each year, but its resources are unfortunately limited and in many cases have already been committed.

For more information, or to apply, please visit: <http://bit.ly/18s11bf>

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### **Welcome to our new subscribers this week!**

Heshima Kenya  
Eye of the Child, Malawi  
Zimbabwe Women's Resource Centre & Network (ZWRCN), Zimbabwe  
Rural Women Center for Education and Development (RuWCED), Cameroon

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As part of the Firelight Foundation's Capacity Building Program, Firelight provides "Newsflashes" to share relevant resources and information with our active grantee-

partners via weekly emails and via post on a monthly basis. We hope that by facilitating access to information for grassroots, community-focused organizations, programming for children and families, as well as organizational development, is enhanced. Past editions of the Firelight Newsflash can be found on our website:

<http://www.firelightfoundation.org/resources/newsflash/>.

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at [newsletter@firelightfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org).

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