

A FEW SELECT WEB LINKS:

Resources in Information Technology, Fundraising, and Other Favorite Sites

The number and variety of websites devoted to both Information Technology and Fundraising are growing rapidly, and most provide links to yet many others. We've provided a few here to whet your appetite, and will add to them from time to time. We've also included favorite Search Engines and a small section on internationally-related websites.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

<http://www.techsoup.org>

TechSoup, "the technology place for non-profits," provides a rich array of information and links to technical support services for nonprofit organizations. It's almost a one-stop-shop for information on technology planning, hardware and software, using the internet, obtaining reasonably-priced software, Application Service Providers, web-building, computer networks, databases, funding and training. It also provides a "Community Center" where people can share information, job-hunt, or learn about others' stories.

<http://www.unites.org/Html/Resource/knowledge/index.htm>

Originally produced for the international volunteer community, this website provides excellent information on a variety of Information Technology subjects, including:

- Software, Hardware, Web Design, and Other Related Tools and Resources
- Resources Relating to Community Technology Centers and Working with Communities
- Non-Tech Research and Other Reference/Information Sources
- Resources to Help ICT Volunteer-Related Projects
- Miscellaneous Volunteer Resources

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FUNDRAISING

www.charitychannel.com

CharityChannel.com bills itself as "The world's largest on-line community of nonprofit-sector professionals™." It includes over 50 free "discussion communities," where the fundraising professional, nonprofit administrator, board member or volunteer can share information with others. CharityChannel provides links to e-newsletters covering a number of development topics, resources, book reviews, archives of "discussion threads," and a Career Search Online feature to help with job searches in the broad nonprofit sector. See our link to [CharityChannel](#) for daily updates.

<http://www.fdncenter.org>

Established in 1956, The Foundation Center now offers an on-line Philanthropy News Digest, workshops on fundraising held in the New York City headquarters and throughout the country, and a wide variety of publications, subscription plans and on-line services related to helping grantseekers identify foundations by various search features. The subscription plan also provides Adobe versions of foundation 990s (tax return forms). (I would use GuideStar for 990s -- it's much faster and can be used free of charge.) The Center also offers a set of "grantseeker tools," including the common grant application, a prospect worksheet and a short course in proposal writing. \$\$, but monthly subscriptions to the grantseeker feature are possible.

<http://www.justgive.org>

JustGive.org provides an opportunity for donors to give on-line to the more than 850,000 charities registered with <http://www.guidestar.org> (see annotation below). Sponsors pay the administrative costs, enable 100% of a gift to go directly to the charity.

<http://www.networkforgood.org>

Network for Good is a nonprofit collaboration to help other nonprofit organizations to increase their capacity, reach new audiences, and build Internet strategies. As stated on its website, Network for Good is an independent, 501(c)(3) organization that "combines the resources of AOL Time Warner Foundation and AOL, Inc.; the Cisco Foundation and Cisco Systems, Inc.; and Yahoo! Inc., in partnership with over 20 nonprofit foundations and associations who share the desire to foster the informed use of the Internet for civic participation and philanthropy. The Website aggregates content and resources from these leaders, organizes them and makes them available in one comprehensive, easy-to-use destination, which also helps to expand the reach, effectiveness and pervasiveness of all of Network for Good's nonprofit partners." "This new ePhilanthropy portal also incorporates many of the tools and resources of Helping.org, which pioneered online giving and volunteering."

<http://www.fedbizopps.gov/>

Fedbizopps.gov now provides information on all U.S. Government procurement, including for both profit- and non-profit agencies. [Procurement includes Requests for Proposals, Requests for Applications, and other kinds of procurement instruments.] It has replaced the Commerce Business Daily as of December 31, 2001. An organization may register to obtain Acquisition Notifications through the Acquisition Notification Subscription Service. More user-friendly, and generally more relevant for non-profits, is the site below:

<http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html>

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance site is an "Internet grants management portal serving the grantee organization community." The topics are listed as follows: agriculture; business and commerce; community development; consumer protection; cultural affairs; disaster prevention and relief; education; employment, labor and training; energy; environmental quality; food and nutrition; health; housing; information and statistics; law, justice and legal services; regional development; science and technology; social services and income security; and transportation. Under these topics one can link to various agencies providing grant funds for specific areas. Each agency's web site is set up differently, so it may take some persistence to become familiar with the grant information.

SITES ABOUT NON-PROFITS

<http://www.nonprofits.org>

A program of the Evergreen State Society, from Washington State, this site provides a wide variety of information for and about nonprofits, including on "FAQs," or Frequently Asked Questions. We're not crazy about the fine print (perhaps 8 point) in which much of the site is written, but otherwise it has some very helpful information and is worth reading. A recent Bulletin posts information on the IRS technicalities surrounding car donations to charities.

<http://www.guidestar.org>

The GuideStar website provides information on more than 850,000 non-profit organizations recognized by the IRS, including information on mission, programs, leaders, and financial information including images of organizations' 990 tax filings. Its main purpose is to serve potential donors by providing information in a readily compared format. It also provides resource information for non-profits.

<http://www.give.org> and <http://www.charitynavigator.org> both analyze and provide reports on the practices and financial health of selected charities. <http://www.give.org>, whose slogan is "investigate before you donate" derives from the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, which focuses on several hundred national charities. Report describe purposes and financials, and the extent to which a charity meets the Council for Better Business Bureau standards. <http://www.charitynavigator.org> reports on the financial health of about 1,700 of the larger charities, with a 0 to 5-star rating.

<http://www.idealists.org>

A project of Action without Borders, www.idealists.org may be best known for its job listings in the non-profit field. The organization has begun however to arrange for meetings globally to discuss development issues. (The U.S. has the greatest number planned.) The first sessions are taking place on February 5, 2002, and reports will be forthcoming.

<http://www.wfnet.org>

Women's Funding Network is a partnership of some 90 "women and girls' foundations, donors and allies that works to strengthen funds and is committed to social justice." The site presents a rationale for investing in social change, and lists its 90-some members across the country. WFN's goal is to increase funds available to \$250 million by 2004 and \$450 million by 2008.

<http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm/bay/content.view/cpid/50.htm>

Website provides information on top 1700 charities, to give potential donors insight and information.

<http://www.raise-funds.com/exhibitlist.html>

Fundraising by Tony Poderis "It's a Great Day to Fundraise" – excellent site with plenty of "primer"-type information on various fundraising topics.

<http://www.innonet.org/about/mission.cfm>

Innonet (Innovation Network) Provides planning tools, Learning Circles (Washington, D.C.) and other guidance for nonprofits.

<http://www.ccp.ca/display.asp?id=6>

Canadian Centre for Philanthropy, a membership site, provides advocacy, research information and publications about philanthropy in Canada.

<http://www.mediatransparency.org/movement.htm>

Media Transparency: The Money behind the Media; The Strategic Philanthropy of Conservative Organizations

<http://www.managementhelp.org/>

Management tools for non-profits.

PROSPECT RESEARCH AND OTHER USEFUL RESEARCH SITES

<http://www.lambresearch.com/> - From a Pro in Prospect Research.

http://www.forbes.com/membership/signup.jhtml?gotoURL=/peopletracker/protected/exec_tracker.jhtml&gotoDescription=Go+to+People+Tracker&gotoURL2=/peopletracker&gotoDescription2=About%20People%20Tracker&comingFrom=peopletracker&requestid=12616

Forbes executive tracker (free service)

<http://www.library.upenn.edu/resources/reference/general/addresses/addresses.html> A cornucopia of address sites. At present you get bounced to another address (more complicated than worth repeating here....we'll use when it becomes necessary.)

<http://www.bizjournals.com/> -- Self-explanatory.

<http://www.martindale.com/xp/Martindale/home.xml> -- Lawyers and law firms.

<http://www.executivelibrary.com/prospect.asp> Links to an enormous panoply of research resources.

<http://www.wls.lib.ny.us/databases/> The Westchester Public Library system gives members ready access to ProQuest, Facts on File, Grolier, Ebsco, Dialog with Carl and other online data banks.

<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/usalpha/usalpn.htm>

Thousands of newspapers

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/> (lexis.com and nexis.com) Lexis-Nexis and

http://www.dnb.com/local_home/local_home_US/ (Dun and Bradstreet) cost \$\$\$, but are worth the money if you are engaging in a sizeable campaign.

<http://www.opensecrets.org/indivs/index.asp> "Open Secrets" provides information on donations of at least \$250 by individuals to politicians and political parties. (Some people make donations to many individuals and groups.) You can research by providing a name or address or even just a zip code. Additional information available on contributions by industry and by political recipient.

<http://greenburgh.u-data.com/> The Town of Greenburgh, NY (Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Elmsford, Hastings, Irvington, Tarrytown and unincorporated Greenburgh) is a pioneer in making available property information using the geographical information service (GIS). To use this site, enter the least information possible, for example, the name of a street but not "Street," "Avenue," etc., e.g. "Main". This will yield greatest results. Cull for specifics, such as a house address. Information may include a property card, photograph, current and last year's tax data, and sales data for this property and others on the same pages of the tax assessor's book.

SEARCH ENGINES AND RELATED SITES

The following search engines are commonly used for general research on both websites and their content, and can be used for a wide variety of development research.

<http://www.google.com>

<http://www.alltheweb.com>

<http://www.altavista.com>

<http://www.askjeeves.com>

<http://www.yahoo.com> Yahoo has a readily accessible yellow pages and people search feature.

Many websites including www.msnbc.com, www.aol.com and others either have their own search engines or link to one of those above.

<http://www.mapquest.com> provides maps, driving directions, and other information.

<http://babelfish.altavista.com> can be used to translate material into and out of various languages.

INTERNATIONAL SITES

<http://comminit.com>

The Communications Initiative is a partnership of development organizations "seeking to support advances in the effectiveness and scale of communication interventions for positive international development." Partners include foundations, several government international development agencies, development projects, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) and others. The site provides extensive information on development efforts. The Initiative also produces a newsletter devoted to communications and change, **The Drum Beat**. To subscribe, contact wfeek@comminit.com. For information on the United Nations and the UN system, see www.un.org

NATIONAL, NEW YORK STATE, REGIONAL AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY DATA SITES

<http://www.fedstats.gov/>

The gateway to statistics from over 100 Federal agencies

<http://www.census.gov/>

The U.S. Census Bureau; census data for all levels of government; American FactFinder

<http://www.act.org/research/awards/index.html>

The Acts Awards Program [for "at-risk" youth]

<http://www.awesomelibrary.org/Classroom/Technology/Business/Business.html>

22,000 websites reviewed, with top 5% in education

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/phone.html>

Phone list for NY Police Department [useful for crime data, etc.]

<http://www.jrn.columbia.edu/studentwork/children/2002/>

Journalism course in which students cover youth-related topics (national perspective)

<http://www.fpwa.org/>

Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (New York City) – Welfare / poverty news in addition to agency news, funding opportunities

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/>

Juvenile justice facts and figures

http://www.fiscalpolicy.org/research_02.stm

Social and economic conditions. Based in Albany, NY

<http://www.cuny.cuny.edu/library/statistics.html>

Various statistical links

<http://www.oag.state.ny.us/links/links.html#crime>

General
A variety of consumer, charity, New York and US links, e.g., child care, crime, environment, from the Office of the Attorney of New York State.

<http://aep-arts.org/PDF%20Files/CriticalLinks.pdf>

Critical links: Learning in the Arts and Academic and Social Development. Research data.

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2002/2002113.pdf>

U.S. Departments of Education and Labor, School Crime and Safety

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/dhap.htm>

U.S. Centers for Disease Control Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention

<http://www.westchestergov.com/planning/research/default.htm>

Westchester County research data

<http://www.westchestergov.com/planning/research/DataBookPDF01/COMPLETE20023.pdf>

Westchester County Data book – 304 pages © 2001

<http://www.urban.org/family/invmale.html>

Involving males in family planning