



The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.

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The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program Announces The New 2010 Class of Nonprofit Leaders

Year-Long Leadership Program Offers Professional Development and Mentorship

BALTIMORE (March 1, 2010) -- The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program, a leadership development program for select executive directors of community-based non-profit agencies serving disadvantaged individuals, has announced the 2010 class of fellows. The group of 16 fellows from nonprofit organizations across Maryland will embark on a year-long professional development program designed to enhance leadership skills and promote collaboration among the region's nonprofits. The Weinberg Fellows program includes three retreats during 2010 culminating in a graduation in September.

Each year, applications are accepted and reviewed through a competitive selection process. The volume of applicants increased significantly this year and there were almost twice as many applicants as there were available positions. The 2010 Weinberg Fellows include executive directors from agencies that serve disadvantaged Maryland residents. Members of the 2010 class include:

- Luisa Caiazzo-Nutter, Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc.
- Beth Drummond Casey, Middle Grades Partnership
- Marshall Clarke, Access Art, Inc.
- Andre Burno Coates, Maryland Community Connection
- Jean P. Cushman, Episcopal Community Services of Maryland
- Peter D'Souza, Addiction Recovery, Inc. dba Hope House
- Tracee Renee Ford, Community Mediation Program, Inc.
- Nancy Graham, Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc
- Darryl A. Jones, Sr., Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations
- Shirley Bigley LaMotte, Baltimore Reads, Inc.
- Abigail H. Markoe, Baltimore SquashWise
- Mark Kevin Pettis, Learning Is For Tomorrow
- Johnette Adell Richardson, Belair-Edison Neighborhoods, Inc.
- William Easley Woodroof, Jr., Red Wiggler Community Farm
- Kenneth R. Wireman, Main Street Housing, Inc.
- Bonnie Sullivan, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

The program will include a series of three off-site retreats facilitated by UB faculty including **Ann Cotten**, director of the Schaefer Center and **Joseph McNeely**, a research associate with the Schaefer Center and nationally recognized expert in nonprofit leadership.

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“We are very excited to begin working with this class of Weinberg Fellows,” Cotten said. “This is a terrific opportunity to make a difference in Maryland by enhancing the skills of the fellows, supporting their professional development, and facilitating collaborative partnerships among the fellows.”

“We congratulate the participants of the 2010 class of Weinberg Fellows,” said Barry Schloss, Trustee of The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. “This program provides leadership training and mentoring for each executive director in the program so that they can cultivate their leadership skills, expand their network and continue to build community resources to sustain their organizations in the future.”

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program was created by the Weinberg Foundation in Hawaii in 1992 as a leadership development program for executive directors of community-based, nonprofit agencies serving disadvantaged individuals. Introduced in Baltimore in 2002, the program has flourished by providing hands-on interactive sessions focused on improving key management and leadership skills, exploring important issues and challenges, and providing opportunities to network with other agency leaders. Almost 150 Weinberg Fellows have completed the program in Baltimore.

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation is the 22nd largest private foundation in the United States, with approximately \$2 billion in assets. It annually distributes approximately \$100 million to a wide range of charitable organizations. The foundation is dedicated to assisting the poor through operating and capital grants to direct service organizations primarily located in Baltimore, Hawaii, Northeastern Pennsylvania, New York, Israel, and the former Soviet Union.

The Schaefer Center for Public Policy is an applied research unit within UB's [Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts](#). The center's mission is to bring the university's academic expertise to bear in solving problems faced by government and nonprofit organizations. The center offers the following services: strategic planning, performance measurement, program evaluation and analysis, opinion research, management consulting and management training. It is through the Schaefer Center that the University of Baltimore and the Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts meet a central component of the University's mission of applied research and public service to the Baltimore metropolitan area and to the state of Maryland. To learn more about the Schaefer Center, visit their Web site at <http://scpp.ubalt.edu>.

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