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*** KING COUNTY FOOD & FITNESS ***
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EXCITING UPDATES:

FOCUS COMMUNITIES SELECTION 2/11/08:

The KCFFI Site Selection Committee met Monday to select the TWO focus communities in which KCFFI will focus planning efforts for the next year and a half, and then implementation for the next 8 years. We thank the following groups/organizations for submitting applications on behalf of their communities and for participating in the site selection process:

*Healthy & Active Rainier Valley Coalition (HARVC)
*Odessa Brown Children's Clinic (Central Area of

Seattle)

*City of Federal Way
*City of SeaTac
*City of Tukwila

We are very pleased to announce that the two selected focus Communities are:

DELRIDGE Neighborhood (Seattle) & WHITE CENTER (King County)

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SEEKS FOCUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS (Deadline 3/15/08):

Interested residents of Delridge and White Center are encouraged to consider joining the KCFFI Leadership Council. A commitment of attending a 2-hour meeting each month is required. Stipends of \$1200 are available for service through April 2009. Please contact Erin MacDougall with questions: erin.macdougall@kingcounty.gov

View/Download Application Here:

<http://king.wsu.edu/foodandfarms/documents/KCFFILeadershipCouncilCommResReqPartic2.21.08.pdf>

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IN THE NEWS:

(1) Article:

THE POOR GET DIABETES, THE RICH GET LOCAL ORGANIC
From the War on Poverty to new farmers' markets, a food expert tackles America's dangerous dietary split.
By Mark Winne, Beacon Press.
Read More: <http://www.alternet.org/story/72417/>

(2) Article:

WEB PROJECT FOCUSES ON BRONX HEALTH
A team of blogging schoolchildren may be the South Bronx's newest weapon against diabetes and obesity.

Read More:

http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/bronx/2008/01/22/2008-01-22_web_project_focuses_on_bronx_health.html

(3) PHOTO ESSAY:

WHAT THE WORLD EATS, PART I

What's on family dinner tables in fifteen different Homes around the world?

View Photos:

<http://www.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,1626519,00.html>

(4) SAVE THE DATE:

HEALTHY SCHOOLS SUMMIT

When: Thursday, May 29th 8:00am-4:00pm

Where: University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA

More information: www.accesstohealthyfoods.org

(5) ACTION OPPORTUNITIES:

*LOCAL LEGISLATION: LOCAL FARMS, HEALTHY KIDS

More Information:

<http://environmentalpriorities.org/local-farms/local-farms-healthy-kids>

*NATIONAL LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD

Action Needed to Restore Community Food Projects

Program (on behalf of P-Patch Trust---see below)

(6) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY!:

Economic Development/Revitalization Award Application,

Deadline: 2/29/08

(application attached)

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NATIONAL LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD Action Needed to Restore Community Food Projects Program (on behalf of P-Patch Trust

www.ppatchtrust.org)

As you may have heard by now, or seen on the CSREES Community Food Projects website, this year's competition for the Community Food Projects Grants Program (CFP) has been halted by USDA because of "uncertainty" about the future funding of the program in the Farm Bill. Over 460 Letters of Intent had been submitted prior to the suspension of the program. Your advocacy is critical to restoring this decade-long enormously successful program. Millions of dollars are at stake for programs that support access to healthy food for underserved communities and benefit family farmers.

***It is critical that CFP be included in the final version of the Farm Bill (H.R. 2419)at \$10 million mandatory funding, as provided in the Senate version of the bill.

***For Representatives, ask him/her to contact Chairman Peterson (if a Democrat) or Rep. Goodlatte (if a Republican) with these wishes. For Senators, ask him/her to contact Call 202-224-3121 (Congressional switchboard).

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--->To contribute to our news update, please contact me
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