Social Work Policy Institute Update

The Social Work Policy Institute (SWPI), housed with the Foundation, led several child welfare-focused efforts including the development of a policy brief on the use of federal Title IV-E child welfare training funding to support BSW and MSW students pursuing Child Welfare careers. It includes highlights of the findings from a Social Work Policy Institute initiated survey of the current status of such funding in social work education programs. The brief was disseminated to federal agencies, social work education programs, child welfare agencies and key policy stakeholders. A copy of the report can be found at SocialWorkPolicy.org.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Children’s Bureau, the first federal agency focused on the well-being of children, SWPI worked with colleagues to develop a commemorative poster on the longstanding collaborations between the Children’s Bureau and the social work profession. A reception celebrating the collaboration was held in conjunction with the 18th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. SWPI director Joan Levy Zlotnik also was a speaker in a Centennial series Children’s Bureau sponsored Webinar on “Formal Education or School of Life? What are the best credentials for the Child Welfare Workforce?”

In recognition of the important efforts needed to improve the health and psychosocial well-being of persons who experience health disparities and to further explicate the social work role in the context of the aims of the affordable care act, the Social Work Policy Institute convened key stakeholders to develop policy and practice recommendations including a symposium, “Children at Risk: Optimizing Health in an era of Reform,” and a critical conversation, “Social Work in Health and Behavioral Health Care: Visioning the Future.”

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Your support of the Foundation makes all of this and more possible. The donation you make to the Foundation does make a difference. Please invest in the Foundation’s continued efforts that support social workers, strengthen the profession, and provide resources to improve lives.

A donation at any level is greatly appreciated. If you have already made your tax-deductible donation this year we thank you for your ongoing support. If not, please consider using the enclosed donor card and return envelope and make your donation today.

Your support is both welcome and needed.

NASW National Conference: Restoring Hope

More than 1,000 social workers from all 50 states and 12 foreign countries gathered in Washington, DC July 22-25, 2012 for NASW’s national conference, Restoring Hope: The Power of Social Work. The conference provided an opportunity to learn, network and renew social workers’ commitment to the profession and to clients they serve. This was the first national conference sponsored by NASW in twelve years and the response was overwhelmingly positive.

Attendees at the conference heard from several keynote speakers including, Donna Brazile, veteran political strategist and CNN “ABC News” contributor; Professor of Gerontology, Graduate School of the College of New Rochelle, Dr. Kenneth Doka, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and social worker from Liberia, Leymah Gbowee, spoken word poet, Tony Krih, Roberto Pacheco, Special Projects Coordinator, AfroReggae Cultural Group, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ABC News anchor and reporter, Bob Woodruff and his wife Lee, a journalist and author. U.S. Representative and social worker, Edolphus “Ed” Towns, (D-NY) was a guest speaker at the opening day of the conference and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden was a guest speaker on the final day.

In addition to the keynote presentations and guest speakers, the conference also featured five plenary panel presentations addressing such topics as “Leadership and the Power of Social Work,” “Building Resiliency After Trauma,” “Hope for our Children,” “Building Hope with Honor for Veterans and Military Families,” and “Social Work is the Profession of Hope.”

Through the keynote presentations, plenary panels, a wide variety of breakout sessions and networking opportunities, it was clearly established that social work is the profession of hope. Conference participants recognized that hope is a prerequisite for action, and Social Workers know that hopeless people often become helpless people. Social Workers help clients regain and restore hope, and the conference explored the numerous ways that participants incorporate that concept into their work and their lives. This was underscored by Leymah Gbowee, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and social worker, when she noted in her remarks, “when you do social work from the heart, you don’t just touch lives, your print is stamped on their lives forever.”

For more information on the Hope Conference, visit SocialWorkers.org/NASW/Conferences/Hope2012

Hope Conference Opening Plenary

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