



IDS Awards Event Celebrates 25 Years

Last week over 500 people gathered to honor the winners of the [25th annual My City, My Place Brighter Futures Awards](#) which honors community members who go out of their way to enable citizens with disabilities to take their rightful place in the community. This year's event featured a resource fair, keynote speakers Andrey Coccia and Maureen DeVaney of Vision for Equality, and local talent. A packed house enjoyed Lisa Sonneborn's production of "A Fierce Kind of Love," told the story of the disability rights movement in Pennsylvania, particularly around efforts to close Pennhurst State Hospital following a series of news reports exposing inhumane treatment of its patients.



Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee

Block Captain Rally

Each year, The Philadelphia Streets Department kicks off another season of keeping our neighborhoods clean with the annual Block Captain Rally. This year's event is a great opportunity to acknowledge our Block Captains for the hard work they do all year long. As always, their commitment and dedication are recognized by the Mayor, City Council, and the Streets Commissioner. More than just a celebration, the Rally also features workshops that keep Block Captains up to date about the City's plans for a cleaner Philadelphia.



Mural Arts Storefront Grand Opening

On Saturday, March 25, Deputy Commissioner Roland Lamb cut the ribbon on a new Porch Light hub space in Kensington, which will serve as a workshop for artists, a site for learning, and a safe space for neighbors seeking refuge and recovery. [WHYY's article highlights Mural Arts storefront](#) his and other hubs have paved the way for better connections with local populations in areas such as Southeast Philly, Tacony, and Mantua. Partners are NKCDC, Impact Services, and Prevention Point.



Depression: Let's Talk

In honor of [World Health Day](#), DBHIDS' Immigrant Affairs and Language Access Unit, in collaboration with the Mayor's Commission on African and Caribbean Immigrant Affairs, will lead the first in a new series of conversations on depression and women in communities of color, April 12, at City Hall in the City Council Caucus Room 401, fourth floor, beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact [Carol Bangura](#).



Engaging Males of Color Updates

DBHIDS is a Bronze Level sponsor of the [10th Annual Black Male Development Symposium](#). Created as a life-changing experience for attendees as they strive to examine, explore, dissect, articulate, and, most importantly, develop strategies that will irradiate the inter-generational challenges experienced by young and older Black males. The day will be filled with Workshops, Author's Pavilion, E's BarberShop Talk, The Sister's Circle, Reaching Out for the Brothers Dialogue Session, and entertainment.

DBHIDS is a Support Level sponsor of the [Philly Black Pride](#), April 27 - May 1. Providing an opportunity for Black LGBTQ+ communities & allies to celebrate, network & build awareness. With a diverse array of events implemented collaboratively, the largest mobilization of LGBTQ people of color in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is a celebration that brings together an average of 3,500-5,000 Black LGBTQ+ people & counting!



Training Opportunity

Do you know someone who has a lived mental health experience who would be an excellent candidate for the [Certified Peer Specialist](#) profession? Learn more about this competitive, no cost professional training for residents of Philadelphia. As a prerequisite, applicants must attend a Story-Telling training in order to apply for the CPS training. Applications must be submitted by April 21, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. Contact [Sean Brinda](#) for more info.



Jump Right In-All Staff Double Dutch Contest

It's that time of year again, the DBHIDS All-Staff annual Double Dutch Contest is right around the corner, so get your team together now. Plan to come with your creativity, team spirit, or just to have fun! The event will be held at Thomas Paine Plaza located at 1401 JFK Blvd. on Wednesday, May 3, starting at noon. This event, organized by the Quality of Work Life Committee, has been a HUGE success in the past and the committee is extremely excited to host it once again this year. [Register](#) today! We look forward to seeing you all there and making great memories together. Rain dates: 5/9 & 5/11



In The News

Loraine Ballard Morrill speaks with Dana Careless, LPC Director of Health Promotion Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services about [Healthy Minds Philly](#), a campaign that offers resources for making sure we get a “Check up from the Neck Up.” Helping listeners on WDAS, WJJZ, Power99, Radio 1045, Q102, and MLX Phila understand the need to take care of our physical health while acknowledging the importance of mental health.



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