

**Kessler Foundation
2009 Complete Grant Listing**

SIGNATURE EMPLOYMENT GRANTS

National Disability Institute, (Washington, D.C.) – To pilot and test a two-year employment and career advancement model in credit unions that expand employment opportunities for New Jersey residents with physical and other significant disabilities: \$497,897.

National Organization on Disability, (New York NY) – To fund two Harris Interactive polls updating information on quality of life for Americans with Disabilities and Employment of People with Disabilities: \$500,000.

Northwest New Jersey Community Action, Inc., (Phillipsburg, NJ) – To replicate “Arthur & Friends” hydroponic farming pilot project for people with disabilities at two new sites in New Jersey: \$500,000.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT GRANTS

Artistic Realization Technologies, Inc., (Belle Meade, NJ) - To provide emergency operating funds to maintain New Jersey programs: \$50,000.

Arts Unbound, (Orange, NJ) – To provide emergency funds for general operating support: \$45,804.

Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County, (Edison, NJ) – To fund the AmeriCorps Enhancement Project enabling people with disabilities to participate in the AmeriCorps volunteer program as members: \$50,000.

Cheshire Home, (Florham Park, NJ) – To provide specialized vocational and educational training to residents and community students with physical disabilities using computers and adaptive technology: \$34,000.

DAWN Center for Independent Living, Inc. (Denville, NJ) – To create a new program manager staff position: \$48,000.

Employment Horizons, Inc. (Cedar Knolls, NJ) – To implement and assess a work-based learning model for transitioning education students to employment: \$36,765.

The Family Resource Network, (Trenton, NJ) – To fund “Getting to Work” a program placing people with physical and mobility disabilities into jobs and provide 90 day follow-up services: \$48,440.

Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County, (Milltown, NJ) – To provide supported employment services for students and adults with traumatic brain injuries, including pre-placement activities, job coaching, and long-term follow along services: \$45,000.

New Jersey Theatre Alliance, (West Orange, NJ) – To present three free regional workshops for artists with disabilities who are interested in careers as arts administrators and technicians: \$30,000.

New York Service for the Handicapped, (New York, NY) – To provide project support and scholarships for a new program integrating vocational goals and verbal and written literacy skills during a 6-week residential summer program for youth with physical disabilities to develop pre-employment skills, confidence and greater independence: \$50,000.

Occupational Center of Union County, Inc., (Roselle, NJ) – To provide emergency funds to retain staff for cashier training program and on-going jobsite assistance: \$32,500.

Opportunity Project, Inc. (Millburn, NJ) – To assist adults with brain injury to secure and retain gainful employment or volunteer positions based on their skills and abilities: \$50,000.

Partnerships for People, Inc. (Short Hills, NJ) – To provide a planning grant to develop a worker cooperative in developing and directing multi-media productions for individuals with disabilities: \$50,000.

Pathways for Exceptional Children, (Montville, NJ) – To provide emergency funding to support Project Win-Win: \$25,000.

SPECIAL INITIATIVE GRANTS

Achilles International, (New York, NY) – To fund handcycles for recently disabled veterans on “The Freedom Team”: \$15,000.

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, (Short Hills, NJ) – To convene thought leaders from various fields specializing in aging and spinal cord injury to assess the field, identify resource and knowledge gaps and formulate a series of next-step recommendations: \$25,000.

Disability Funders Network, (Midlothian, VA) – To provide emergency operating support: \$5,000.

Lime Connect, Inc. (New York, NY) – To provide matching grant funds for program to recruit talented students with disabilities at New Jersey universities for employment within global corporations: \$15,000.

Matheny Medical and Education Center, (Peapack, NJ) – To support the 3-e project which provides meaningful and interactive activities via electronic media for patients with disabilities: \$15,173.

National Council on Disability, (Washington, DC) – To sponsor their Summit in 2010 commemorating the 20th anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act: \$10,000.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society – NJ Metro Chapter, (Paramus, NJ) – To develop a Wellness Center in collaboration with Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation: \$20,000.

The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation, (Trenton, NJ) – To sponsor the “Disabilities At Work” radio show: \$5,000.

North Jersey Navigators, (Bayonne, NJ) – To assist with costs associated with the support of existing adaptive sports programs and new special programs: \$20,000.

The Perlman Music Program/Suncoast, Inc., (Sarasota, FL) – To build an ADA accessible walkway from the parking lot to the performance tent: \$15,000.