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**Join in the Celebration! Girl Child Network in Zimbabwe turns 10!**

Child Network as an organization turns ten years old on 21 March 2009. From 1999, the Girl Child Network (<http://www.gcn.org.zw>) has supported thousands of girls in Zimbabwe to transform themselves from perceived victims to capable and strong leaders in their schools and communities. So many now walk in the fullness of their potential! Girl Founder Betty Makoni states, "We have every reason to celebrate our achievements -- please join us." Kindly send any messages to congratulate staff and girls to: [gcncommunications@yahoo.com](mailto:gcncommunications@yahoo.com)

If your organization has any announcements, publications, newsletters, or messages to share with the community of Firelight grantee-partners, kindly email us at: [newsletter@firelightfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org).

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**Request for Proposals: The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation**

Deadline for Letters of Inquiry: 20 March 2009

International Leadership Award (ILA). The ILA is designed to invest in trained individuals in resource-poor countries who have the potential to develop programs which will have a direct impact on the pediatric HIV epidemic in their country, but lack the resources to do so. Applicants must be living in either India or Africa, and performing work in either Africa or India in order to apply. U.S. or European citizens living in these countries are not eligible to apply.

Through this RFP, EGPAF seeks to address the following issues:

- To improve the effectiveness of prevention of mother-to-child transmission by:
- Increasing the number of HIV-infected pregnant women on antiretrovirals (with a CD4 count of 350 or less)
- Transition to more complex regimens for women and babies to prevent transmission from mother-to-child
- Improving early diagnosis of HIV infection in infants

For more information, see: <http://www.pedaids.org/GrantsandAwards.aspx>

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**AfriComNet Awards for Excellence in HIV and AIDS Communication in Africa 2009**

Deadline: 20 March 2009

The African Network for Strategic Communication in Health and Development (AfriComNet) is calling for nominations for its Awards for Excellence in HIV/AIDS Communication in Africa. The awards are divided into 5 categories and AfriComNet will give one award per category for outstanding initiatives, campaigns, productions, and tools that advance the field of strategic communication and can be evaluated, adapted, and applied elsewhere. The 5 awards will recognise the best mass media campaign, intervention, or production; folk media initiative; multi-channel communication; interpersonal/community-based communication; and HIV- or AIDS-related article, series, or column.

For more information, see: <http://www.africomnet.org/events/awards/2009/nommination2009.php>

To download the nomination form, see: [http://www.africomnet.org/about/award\\_tool.pdf](http://www.africomnet.org/about/award_tool.pdf)

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**Susie Smith Memorial Writing Prize 2009**

Deadline: 31 March 2009

Oxfam Great Britain established the Susie Smith Memorial Prize in 2008 to honour the life and work of Susie Smith who died in June 2006. Susie touched the lives of many people around the world in her 30-year career with Oxfam. In her later years with the organisation, she championed the cause of HIV and AIDS and pioneered new approaches to tackling the pandemic. With this prize, Oxfam wants to acknowledge and build on Susie's deep sense of justice and commitment to sub-Saharan African and her incredible talent and determination to challenge traditional thinking - especially about HIV and AIDS - wherever she found it.

The prize of £3,000 will be awarded to a single piece of published writing on HIV and AIDS from sub-Saharan Africa. Any type of writing (for example poetry, fiction, a play, an article or a chapter of a book) of up to 10,000 words, in English, and published since January 2006, will be eligible. The judges will focus on two key elements: the quality of the piece itself (writing, analysis, insights) and evidence of impact of the writing in the media and/or with people, governments or other institutions.

For more information visit: [http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get\\_involved/susiesmith/index.html?ito=2771&itc=0](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/susiesmith/index.html?ito=2771&itc=0)  
or email [susiesmithmemorialprize@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:susiesmithmemorialprize@oxfam.org.uk)

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### **World of Children Annual Awards Program**

Nominations due: 17 April 2009

The World of Children Annual Awards Program has announced three awards for individuals who have worked to improve the lives of children across the globe and they have been implementing programs to support children in need. The Program awards these individuals by supporting them with cash grants and furthering their cause. Interestingly, all the awards under this program are offered to individuals who are running NGOs with programs addressing the needs of children. There are actually three awards in this Program:

1. The 2009 Humanitarian Award which has a maximum grant of US \$50,000 and is given individuals who have worked for children in the areas of social services, education and humanitarian services. Individuals should have made voluntary efforts in this direction for a minimum of ten years.
2. The 2009 Health Award also has a maximum grant of US \$50,000 to individuals who have supported children in the fields of health, medicine or the sciences. The individual has to be involved in voluntary work for a minimum of ten years.
3. The 2009 Founder's Youth Awards are for youths under the age of 21 years and who have made significant contributions to the lives of other children.

All individuals need to be nominated for the awards. More information about the Program is available at:

<http://www.worldofchildren.org/Awards.htm>

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### **Call for Proposals: UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women**

Deadline: 17 April 2009

The United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women has launched its global annual call for proposals to support country-level efforts to end violence against women and girls. The Call for Proposals continues the UN Trust Fund's focus on supporting the implementation of national and local laws, policies and action plans that address violence against women and girls. Civil society organizations, governments, and UN Country Teams in partnership with governments and civil society are invited to submit applications for a minimum of US\$100,000 to a maximum of US\$1 million for a duration of up to three years.

For more information, see: [http://www.unifem.org/gender\\_issues/violence\\_against\\_women/trust\\_fund\\_guidelines.php](http://www.unifem.org/gender_issues/violence_against_women/trust_fund_guidelines.php)

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## **Child Health Foundation Request for Proposals 2009**

Deadline for Letters of Intent: 30 April 2009

Child Health Foundation under its Innovative Small Grants Scheme has issued the Request for Proposals. The proposals from NGOs should demonstrate some small and innovative efforts that can improve the health of infants, children and pregnant women. Even individuals such as health workers and investigators can apply for funding support under this grant program other than NGOs.

The Scheme has identified two priority areas:

- development of sustainable biomedical and social technologies; and
- adaptation and implementation of technologies in local situations that may have widespread applications.

NGOs from developing countries can submit proposals. But proposals have to demonstrate innovativeness. The grant support will be for one year only and the total budget proposed by the applicant organization should not be more than US \$5,000.

Before submitting the proposal, applicant organizations should submit a Letter of Intent. A Letter of Intent is a one-page letter describing the project and highlighting its innovativeness. The deadline for submitting the Letter of Intent is 30 April 2009. After reviewing the Letter of Intent, the Foundation would seek the proposal from the applicant.

More information on this funding opportunity is available at: <http://www.childhealthfoundation.org/guidelines.html>

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As part of the Firelight Foundation's Monitoring, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (META) Program, Firelight provides "Newsflashes" to share relevant resources and information with our active grantee-partners via weekly emails and via post on a monthly basis. We hope that by facilitating access to information for grassroots, community-focused organizations, programming for children and families, as well as organizational development, is enhanced. We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at [newsletter@firelightfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org).