

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.