

Bank of America Charitable Foundation announces 2010 round of Neighborhood Excellence Initiative®

We wanted to let you know that the Bank of America Charitable Foundation Neighborhood Excellence Initiative is underway for 2010. The Student Leader process has closed, but we are now accepting applications for **Neighborhood Builders and Local Heroes**. In particular during these challenging economic times, we are proud to support the significant efforts of the organizations and individuals making a difference in the communities we serve by providing them with grant support and leadership development opportunities.

Since 2004, through Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, Bank of America has invested more than \$110 million in nonprofit organizations across the country and provided nearly 500 organizations with strategic leadership development training... By combining leadership development with mission based funding to organizations addressing critical needs across the country, we hope to strengthen the economic and social health of the communities we serve.

- ***Neighborhood Builders***® – Provides \$200,000 in general operating support grant funding and leadership training over two years to two neighborhood non-profit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods. Applicants must align with the three market giving areas in Pennsylvania: Community Development, Education, Arts and Culture. (2 chosen per market)
- ***Local Heroes*** - Recognizes and honors five community heroes per year; recipients are able to direct a \$5,000 contribution to an eligible non-profit of their choice. (5 chosen per market)

The deadline for Neighborhood Builder and Local Hero applications is June 1, 2010. To learn more about the program and for details on the application process, visit <http://www.bankofamerica.com/neighborhoodexcellence>. Please help spread the word to our nonprofit community!