

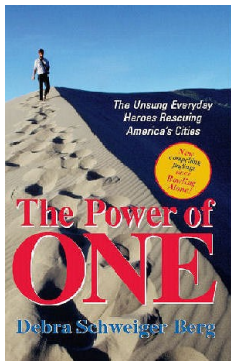


Debra J. Berg,
Founder and Author

Debra Berg's research for **The Power of One: The Unsung Everyday Heroes Rescuing America's Cities** sparked her enthusiasm for "The New Civic America". An eight-year, self-funded trek across the nation to interview more than 100 individuals in 30 cities revealed surprising successes at social innovation by everyday people. These initiatives brought self-reliance and aid to tens of thousands of individuals and families. Debra spotlighted her groundbreaking results through live speaking engagements, media interviews (the *Chicago Sun Times*, *WE TV*, *Family Circle*, eighty radio and TV interviews), social media, and book signings. And her talk show, "The Power of One: What's Your Mission?", on VoiceAmerica.com, drew thousands of listeners to the topic in 2007.

The positive feedback she received encouraged the author to pursue a unique initiative that will chronicle the "street knowledge" of citizen-inventors, "civic entrepreneurs". The goal is also to encourage more replication of their successes and create visibility to donors. Debra's vision to launch the NICENetwork.org knowledge-base and the NICE initiative has gained momentum with the support of volunteers, donors, and civic entrepreneurs anxious to bring self-reliance to more of the disadvantaged across America.

Read more at www.DebraBerg.com



"The tales of so many individuals who are taking the initiative to address difficult issues... are awe-inspiring."

Rebecca W. Rimel
The Pew Charitable Trust

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Homes that Change Lives (HCL) is the fiscal sponsor for NICE.* HCL was founded by Dawn Duncan, a Harvard-educated nonprofit administrator with credentials in public health policy and social work. She has worked in the nonprofit world for nearly twenty years. NICE is fortunate to have someone of Dawn's experience assist NICE with administrative help as well as the all-important effort of gaining donor support in our start-up phase.

"I feel strongly that the NICE Network model is a 'cutting-edge' program that will garner support from all levels – individual, local, regional, and national foundations."

—Dawn Duncan, MSW, MS Executive Director,
Homes That Change Lives | President, The Grant Connection

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National Institute for Civic Enterprise



Connecting and empowering innovative human service nonprofit initiatives that bring self-reliance to the disadvantaged and transitional.

www.NICENetwork.org



NICE is committed to bringing self-reliance to those in need through a network of innovative human service nonprofit leaders.

Our Vision: We envision a nationwide networking environment comprised of civic and social entrepreneurs, business professionals, donors, and volunteers, committed to successfully expediting solutions to the nation's most pressing human service social challenges.

Our Mission: We engage and network creative civic and social entrepreneurs across the nation for the purpose of sharing and replicating successful innovations into more communities that accelerate help to the disadvantaged. We accomplish this through a state-of-the-art web-based platform that provides an emergent knowledge base, forums, nonprofit visibility, online training, and leadership mentoring. NICE also hosts Central Florida and national leadership training events to "cross-pollinate" best practices. And, NICE spotlights to the media, business, donors, and volunteers the annual "NICE Awards" for recognition of exemplary human service nonprofits across America.



The Virtual World of NICE Network.org will pave the way for idea-sharing, new connections, and replication to speed-up help to those in need. NICE is already on **five social media sites** and offers a free monthly online newsletter, **HEROES**, to bring visibility and ideas to human service initiatives and their supporters. And, the **www.NICEIdeasBlog.com** features video and a weekly post of successful nonprofits.

OUR FOCUS

- NICE believes that the transformation of the individual transforms society. We seek out human service initiatives focused on reversing dependence and equipping the needy for self-reliant lives.
- NICE acts as a connector of human service nonprofits to open the door to greater social innovation.
- NICE provides an online knowledge-base that chronicles the most effective human service innovations.
- NICE aims to help reduce nonprofit start-up times and unnecessary duplication of effort by spotlighting successful causes and fostering their replication.
- NICE brings visibility to innovative causes so that donors and volunteers can support their work.
- NICE is committed to training both existing and new nonprofit founders and administrators who will have to fill a projected void of 600,000 leaders over the next decade.

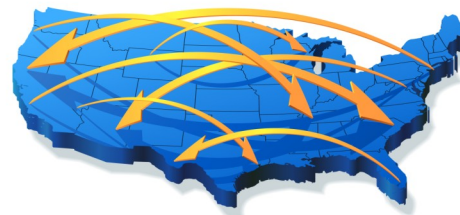


NICENETWORK.ORG—A WEBSITE WITH AN ACTIVE MISSION!



The NICE website will be an active portal site to:

- Visually engage visitors and the press with the latest successes of innovative human service nonprofits.
- Build a current knowledge base of initiatives.
- Offer a mentoring and networking platform, leadership webinars and training resources, as well as "civic franchise" options for start-up and existing nonprofits.
- Provide potential donors a place to research, ask questions, and donate to their cause of choice.



NICE Will Bring New Ideas to Central Florida!

NICE's scope is national but we're also committed to building a special outreach network of human service nonprofits in our geographic location of Central Florida. This area has been hit hard by the economic downturn both in housing and jobs and social service charities are struggling with ways to manage limited resources.

Debra Berg has presented training seminars to area nonprofits in the past. Our new goal is to hold annual training symposiums, networking opportunities, and sponsor the "NICE Awards" grant for one outstanding initiative in the region each year.

NICE

Innovation Founders Fund

Homes That Change Lives, Inc. invites you to become a key player in the launch of the National Institute for Civic Enterprise. We need your help bringing self-reliance to more people in communities across America.

The first 15 NICE Innovation Founders at the \$1,000 level will make possible national press exposure as well as grant proposal submissions to 50 selected foundations. NICE will hire *The Grant Connection*, a grant funding leader with 17 years experience and a 95% grant success rate.

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