The Antonio Pizzigati Prize
for Software in the Public Interest

The Tides Foundation is proud to announce the 2008 Antonio Pizzigati Prize for Software in the Public Interest. This prize will go to a software developer who has made, in the open source spirit, an outstanding contribution to the nonprofit world and the ongoing work of social change.

The Antonio Pizzigati Prize for Software in the Public Interest annually grants a cash award for an outstanding contribution in public interest software development.

In 2008, the Pizzigati Prize will award $10,000 to one individual who has created or led the effort to create software of significant value to the nonprofit sector.

We hope, with this prize, to recognize an individual who has developed open source software that:

• is available on a no-cost basis to nonprofits and advocacy groups.

• has demonstrated its value to at least one nonprofit organization.

• can serve multiple nonprofits.

To Apply

The online application process, at www.pizzigatiprize.org, will open on June 1, 2008, with applications due by September 1.

Our Prize Advisory Panel

Three veteran national leaders in public interest computing — Allison Fine, Joseph Mouzon, and Katrin Verclas — will be selecting the 2008 Pizzigati Prize winner.

This year's Advisory Panel also includes George Hotelling, the winner of the first Pizzigati Prize in 2006, and last year's winner, Barry Warsaw, the developer of GNU Mailman, an open source application that's helping nonprofits worldwide manage email and e-newsletters.

About the Pizzigati Prize: Our Mission

Software developers who create, for free public distribution, applications and tools that help nonprofit and advocacy groups operate effectively are making an important contribution to social change. But public interest software developers are playing a broader role as well.

The ideals of public interest computing, as they have evolved, promote collaboration and sharing. Against the idea that progress demands cutthroat competition, by individuals striving to get ever richer, these developers model the notion that we all benefit when we work together.

This commitment to collaboration and sharing, in the continuing struggle for a better world, is exactly what the Pizzigati Prize seeks to honor.

For more information, please visit www.pizzigatiprize.org