



July/August 2010

Dear Friends,

Summer is in full bloom at the Aspen Institute. We began the season with the first [Aspen Security Forum](#), featuring a [conversation with Adm. Mike Mullen](#), chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The sixth annual [Aspen Ideas Festival](#) exceeded expectations with fresh and timely topics and amazing speakers. Some highlights from the Festival include a stirring talk by *New York Times* columnist David Brooks on [engaging passion](#), Bob Schieffer's [interview with Attorney General Eric Holder](#) for broadcast on CBS News's "Face the Nation," Stuart Brown talking about the [neuroscience of play](#), and a [conversation on biodiversity](#) with NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco and renowned marine biologists Sylvia Earle and Edith Widder. With the [Aspen Environment Forum](#) coming up July 25-28, and a host of other great events still to come, we hope you will join us in person or view our video [online](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

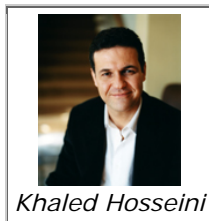
Best regards,  
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VP/Communications and Public Affairs

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## Featured Events:

### [17th Annual Summer Celebration](#)



*Khaled Hosseini*

This year's celebration will feature public service awardees Khaled Hosseini, author of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, and Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of "PBS NewsHour." Co-chairs of



*Jim Lehrer*

this year's summer benefit are Soledad and Bob Hurst. For ticket info, click [here](#) or call 970-544-7925. [August 7](#).

### [Live @ the Institute](#)



Adm. Mike Mullen kicked off the first Aspen Security Forum in a conversation about Afghanistan and Pakistan. For a full video library from the Forum, click [here](#).



CNBC's Maria Bartiromo talks with Alan Greenspan, David Rubenstein, and David Hale about views of America's economy from home and abroad at the 2010 Aspen Ideas Festival.

### [Hot Off the Presses:](#)



The [Economic Opportunities Program's](#) Fund for Innovation, Effectiveness, Learning and Dissemination ([FIELD](#)) launched a searchable [directory](#) of all microenterprise programs assisting entrepreneurs in the US.

## [McCloskey Speaker Series](#)

The 2010 summer series kicked off June 28 with Admiral Mike Mullen, in collaboration with the [Aspen Security Forum](#). The series continues with author Vartan Gregorian on [July 28](#). For a full list of speakers, dates, and ticket information call the [Wheeler Opera House](#) at 970-920-5770 or visit our [webpage](#).  
June 28 - Aug 10.

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## [FORUM ON COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIETY](#)



The 2010 FOCAS, "News Cities: The Next Generation of Healthy Informed Communities," will engage government officials, media and business executives, civic leaders, user representatives, and other thought leaders in roundtables and private working groups to arrive at specific action steps that communities can take to improve their information health. For more info, visit our [webpage](#) or contact [Erin Silliman](#).  
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