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Even MORE News!

This issue is *loaded* with resources and activities -- even more than usual, because we've expanded to 28 pages from 24! We're having some growing pains with the layout, however; hopefully, everything will be more organized by the Spring edition.

Postal delivery of the magazine varies across the city. If yours comes late, you can always download a .pdf from our website to see early events: www.hopenetworkinc.org/news_magazine.php

If you're one of the many fans of this publication, please donate so we may continue this important project! As agencies, clinics, and other organizations come across a copy, they call to request more for their staff and clients. The distribution to these sites has grown by 1,630 in the past year alone! Total circulation to the distribution sites and to postal and email subscribers is 17,500 every quarter.



Thought-provoking movies, game night, black-eyed pea cook-off Dec. 27-29

Fun, educational activities are being planned by Venice Williams at the Body & Soul Healing Arts Center to celebrate three of the seven days of Kwanzaa. 3617 N 48. Info: text 414-687-0122

Dec 27: Cultural Cinema 10am-9pm with commentary by hosts

- 10am *Zootopia* hosted by Venice Williams
- 11am *42* (Jackie Robinson story) host: Demetrius Brown, Jr.
- 1pm *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* host: Josiah Williams
- 3pm *A Ballerina's Tale*
- 3pm *Can You Dig This* host: Venice Williams
- 5pm *Banished*, host: Venice Williams
- 5pm *Pride*, hosts: Josiah Williams & Demetrius Brown, Jr.
- 7pm *13Th* (2016 documentary titled after 13th Amendment to the Constitution which outlawed slavery), host: Demetrius Brown, Sr.

Dec. 28: Family Game Night & Potluck, 4-8pm

Dec. 29: Black-Eye Pea Cook-Off, 6-8pm hosted by Monique Liston. Categories: Traditional, Vegan & Creative ("Your Way")

Judging by Lawarrell Cain, Alice's Garden; Martha Davis Kipcak, Martha's Pimento Cheese; TrueMan McGee, Funky Fresh Spring Rolls; Erika Allen, Growing Power; Reggie Moore, City of Milwaukee; and Jarvis Williams, Hōm Wood Fired Grill. There will also be a People's Choice Award.

Entry forms available soon: *Kwanzaa at Body & Soul* Facebook



This tyke explores creative fun with paper at the new Paper Work exhibit and children's activity area at the Milwaukee Art Museum. HOPE Network families visited the museum free this summer -- sometimes multiple times! -- thanks to the 325 family passes we received from MAM. See more about our year's successes on p. 4. *Photo: Front Room Photography*

Cool Fool Kite Festival Veterans Park: 11-5pm Jan. 1. Bring your kites or buy one at Gift of Wings store at the park. See giant kites and kites flown by professionals. Free kite-flying lessons. Watch ice sculpting and get an ice carving lesson. Free hot chocolate, coffee, & snacks while they last. 1300 N Lincoln Memorial Dr Sponsor: Gift of Wings/others. Free; free parking. 305-3145

Let's Chill: Teen Winter Art & Music Fest Dec. 16 4:30-8pm. Milwaukee Art Museum. Headliner: New Age Narcissism. Includes city-wide art exhibit with work from 18 schools, Teen Tours (for teens by teens) hip-hop performance by Phat Nerdz, performances by the MHSA Paganini Quartet, Reagan IB Chamber Choir, Rufus King Gospel Choir, and poetry by the Teen Advisory Council. Free registration/coat check starts 4:30 pm.

Christmas Family Feast

Annual dinner at Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin
11am-2:30pm Dec. 25. Ham, turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, yams, rolls, and desserts. Entertainment: guests will receive free gifts while supplies last. Open to all. Bus # 23. For info or to volunteer call Salvation Army, 302-4300 x2248.

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Single mothers comprise 45% of HOPE's board.

HOPE Network is a volunteer-based grass-roots support system providing emotional, educational, and material support to single pregnant women and single mothers and their children in the greater Milwaukee area.

HOPE's supportive services give single mothers a sense of community, help them enhance their parenting skills and develop self-reliance, and aid them in planning a future for themselves and their children. The nonprofit, charitable organization was founded in 1982 by Gail Grenier Sweet.

Legal help, walk-in clinics

Centro Legal: attorneys provide low-cost representation for family law, criminal misdemeanor cases. 1pm walk-in hrs. on Wed. for divorce, paternity, child placement, or child support issues (1st 20 people are served). 384-7900. 614 W. National

Legal Aid Society free legal assistance for bankruptcy, civil rights, consumer problems, SS/SSI disability claims, healthcare power of attorney, wills, eviction, foreclosure, Municipal Court matters, IRS problems. Walk-in Intake 1:30-3:30pm Mon. & Wed. at 728 N. James Lovell St. Call for other locations: 727-5300

Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics: Attorneys assisted by Marquette law students provide free, brief legal advice & referrals for non-criminal matters on a walk-in basis. Closed in Dec.

House of Peace 3-7pm Tues. Child support: 5-7pm 1st/3rd Tues
Hmong speakers: 3-5pm 3rd Tues. 1702 W Walnut, 933-1300

United Comm Center 5-7pm Wed. Spanish/English. Child support: 5-7pm 2nd, 4th, 5th Wed. 730 W Washington. 384-3100

Milw Justice Center: 901 N. 9. Rm G-9. Thurs. & Fri. Sign in starts at 1:30 and list fills up fast. For Milw. Co. residents. Get help with landlord tenant matters 2-3pm Th. 278-2910

Need assistance with the Health Insurance Marketplace?

Whether you're uninsured, or just want to explore your choices, the Health Insurance Marketplace may have coverage that's right for you, fits your budget, and meets your needs. For a location offering free, in-person enrollment, dial 2-1-1. Libraries and the 3 city health centers also offer this help. For the libraries below, call 414-270-4677 for an appointment. Walk-ins will also be accepted if the navigator does not have an appointment.

Center Street, 4-7pm: Dec. 19 ; Jan. 9, 23;

Forest Home, 4-7pm Dec. 20 Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24;

King Library,, 10:30-1:30pm: Dec.17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28;

Zablocki, 1-5pm: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27.

Also, Hillside Family Health Center, UCC, Ignace Indian Health Center, Wis. Jobs Now on Fond du Lac, Milw. Health Services.

Deadlines for news items for upcoming issues:

Dec. 4, Mar. 4, June 4, Sept. 4, e-mail to: pbeck@sbcglobal.net

Keep our list updated

Even though you notified the post office with your address change, please call us with your new address! It's very important, and will allow us to continue sending this publication to you for free! Thanks! Call us at 262-251-7333 (or email - see left).

See this newspaper on our web site

Have it at your fingertips, in your computer, for reference! A pdf of the paper is on our site: www.hopenetworkinc.org

Go green! We can e-mail this paper

Contact us 262-251-7333 info@hopenetworkinc.org

Problems with public benefits?

Legal Action of Wis: free legal assistance for W-2, food stamps, medical assistance, childcare, or other public benefit problems. Also: family law, landlord/tenant, school problems. Call 278-7722, 888-278-0633 for times/location. Other help: Repairers of the Breach, 934-9305; Welfare Warriors Helpline: 342-6662

Mobile legal clinic

One-time consultation with an attorney offering Free, brief legal advice on most civil matters. Includes family law, landlord-tenant issues, small claims, large claims, and credit-consumer issues. Cannot do criminal cases or provide ongoing help. Cannot provide ongoing representation, but can offer info on how to retain an attorney if needed. Clinic stops taking walk-ins when sign-up list is full. Run by Marquette & Milw. Bar Assn.

Google "Mobile Legal Clinic" for 2017 schedule (not available at press time).

Smoke Alarm Hotline: 286-8980

If you need a smoke alarm and cannot afford one, contact the Milwaukee Fire Department to have one installed for free.

Do this today, to keep your children safe!

Grief Support Group For those affected by homicide. 1-3pm every 3rd Sat., Salvation Army, 4129 W. Villard. 463-3300

Car seats: purchase, help to install, safety

Ongoing Children's Hospital program: \$25 for car seats or booster seats; appointments required: 607-5280
-- 1647 N 4th St, Mon, 4-6pm, Wed 9-11am, 40 minute instruction if you have a vehicle.
-- 620 S. 76, 3rd Wed of month, 1-2:30pm without a vehicle.

Energy assistance Schedule an appointment to complete your application www.energyassistancemke.org or call 270-4653. Sites are at Community Advocates or UMOS offices.

Diversity Dialogues 10am-noon 2nd Saturday of the month through May at Washington High School Cafeteria, 2525 N. Sherman Blvd. Use north entrance. Free workshop series, with MATC faculty leading discussion about diversity and effects on our neighborhoods, state, and nation. Inspired by efforts to rebuild relationships in the Sherman Park community after last summer, the public forums gather the community to share ideas about race, ethnicity, gender, ability, sexual orientation, age, and religion. An intro is followed by small group discussion, and then gathering to share insights. Info: 456-5325.

Jan. 14: Immigrant Cultures of the U.S.
Feb. 11: Privilege and Implicit Racial Bias
March 11: Institutional Racism and its Effects

Free Driver Education for all MPS students



MPS high school students now have the opportunity to take driver education for FREE. Students who are 15 1/2 by the 1st day of class & younger than 17 1/2 by the last day of class are eligible. Classes at currently at 8 high school sites. Registration includes classroom instruction; in-car observation; and behind-the-wheel training. \$35 class reservation fee, to be applied to obtaining a temporary driving permit at the DMV. Register ASAP; some classes start Jan. 18 www.MilwaukeeRecreation.net

There's also a *Restorative Track* for students under age 18 who have suspended driving privileges. At no cost, students will get help from an attorney to navigate the court process. Once restored, students can enroll in the education shown above. Info Jodie, 647-6044

Financial coaching to understand your credit score, budgets, saving for the future and increasing household income. One-on-one appointments at SDC: 1730 W. North. 906-4613

Where to call for food, help

See p. 22-24 for food pantries, clothing banks

24-hour helpline: IMPACT 2-1-1 To find food pantries, shelter, meal sites, family resources, health & social services:

Dial 2-1-1 (at pay phone, dial free: 1-866-211-3380)

or Text your ZIP code to 898-211 (available 9am-9pm)

or Search the online resource directory at impactinc.org

Live Chat option available online (9am-9pm)

at www.impactinc.org/211/211.htm

Domestic violence 24-hr. hotline: 933-2722

(Sojourner Family Peace Center, which also has a shelter)

Listing of resources in multi-lingual "You Are Not Alone" brochure: <http://tinyurl.com/l4ab2t9>

Also, Milw. Women's Center Emergency Shelter: 671-6140

Waukesha: Women's Center 24-hr. Crisis Line 262-542-3828

Other shelters for mothers & children:

-- Hope House, 24 hrs., 209 W. Orchard, 645-2122

-- Casa Maria, 1131 N. 21, 344-5745

-- Joy House, 830 N. 19, 344-3774

-- Salvation Army, 1730 N. 7, 265-6360

-- Cathedral Center, 845 N. Van Buren, 831-0394

-- Walker's Point Youth & Family Center, shelter for mothers under age 18 with their child, 732 S. 21 St., 647-8200.

Also has transitional housing for homeless mothers ages 18-21 and their children, 672-5531.

Shelter for families (fathers, mothers, children):

-- Family Support Center, 3025 W. Mitchell (call 1st, may be full: 385-0854, choose Option #2)

Parent Helpline, 671-0566

Support groups & classes and confidential phone counseling about

any parenting issue. Referrals to parent education, support programs, home visiting, and community resources

Legal information & referral services -- also see page 2:

Legal Action of WI 278-7722. For MATC students 297-6630

Nonprofit Legal Services of SE WI/Milw & Wauk: 839-8899

Community Advocates: May help with rent, housing, prescriptions, security deposits, utility bills. 449-4777.

Bureau of Milw. Child Welfare, 24-hr. emergency no. to report child abuse for Milw County: 220-SAFE (7233)

WIC supplies food vouchers for pregnant women, mothers with babies under 6 mos., and breastfeeding women of babies up to one year and their children up to age 5. Must meet income guidelines to qualify. 1-800-722-2295

Central City Churches Outreach, 9:30-3 M-Th. Resource referrals. See: "Emergency Food" listing on page 22. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3022 W. Wisconsin. 342-1522

Cudahy and St. Francis, zip codes 53110/53235 744-0645

South Milwaukee, zip code 53172 only: 764-5340

Waukesha Co. only: Hope Center, 502 N. East Ave.; furniture, nurse, clothes (casual & career), household items, 5:30pm meal M-W-F 262-549-8726 Hebron House of Hospitality: families/single women shelter, 812 N East Ave, 262-549-8722. Hebron, Siena & Jeremy Houses, no-interest loans, housing specialist, transitional living apts., expedite SSI/SSDI disability 262-549-8720.

Waukesha Co. Food Pantry: 1301 Sentry Dr. 1-3pm M-F, 6-8pm Th, 9:30-11:30am Sat for Waukesha County only 262-542-5300. 1st Call for Help crisis line: 262-547-3388

HOPE Network 2016 Program Successes

A summary of HOPE Network's programs from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Single Mothers Helped

4,458 were mailed our resource news magazine each quarter, plus many more received at agencies.

272 paid members officially joined HOPE Network. The families received bi-monthly mailings and emails on outings and special community events.

\$7,000 in scholarship grants awarded for the 2016-2017 school year. **7** mothers received \$1,000 each.

More than **1,000** phone calls between HOPE's staff and single mothers, giving them information, counseling, and referrals.

School Supplies/ Holiday Help

113 backpacks loaded with school supplies were distributed to children in need.

247 HOPE Network members received **\$3,875** worth of holiday gift cards from churches, businesses, and HOPE Network.

Social Gatherings for Children

815 free Milwaukee Brewers and **363** free Milwaukee Bucks tickets were distributed, plus **68** magic show tickets. Mothers and children enjoyed **2** canoeing outings.

325 family passes were given out for free summer admission to the Milwaukee Art Museum, and **56** family passes to the Milwaukee Public Museum.

9 Second Saturday gatherings hosted by Christ Child Society. **1,300** children's books were distributed.

News Magazine & Social Media

Every quarter, **17,500** copies of HOPE's resource news magazine were distributed to local single mothers and those who help them - social service agencies, schools, hospitals, churches, clinics, food pantries and other community organizations.

418 Facebook friends read our postings about family resources and events at www.facebook.com/hopenetworkinc and more followed us on Twitter: @HOPE_Network

Help HOPE Network continue its networking tradition

Please consider making a year-end donation today, so that we can continue the important programs described above in 2017.

We are proud that this small organization founded by Gail Grenier Sweet 34 years ago is still helping families in need, and with your continued support, will thrive in the years to come. Through the mothers we serve, we reach the children who become the parents of tomorrow. No other agency does what we do!

Clothing Distribution

339 family visits for children's clothing at our southside Mother's Trading Post, open **23** Thursdays.

942 family visits were made to the Northwest Trading Post for clothing, baby equipment, toys, housewares run by Holy Cross Lutheran Church, open once a month.

Both sites distributed diapers, as well as layettes from HOPE Network and the Christ Child Society.

Cribs

60 portable cribs were distributed to single mothers who did not have a safe place for their babies to sleep. Each mother attended a Safe Sleep class and received a layette.

Cribs were distributed from the HOPE Network office in Menomonee Falls and sites in Milwaukee, West Allis, and Waukesha.

In-Kind Donations for Families

\$48,000 in infant supplies, diapers, free tickets, gift cards, cookbooks, and other new items.

Thousands of dollars worth of gently used clothing, baby equipment, toys, and household items taken directly to the Northwest Trading, plus books and other items collected for the Second Saturday gatherings.

Annual Fundraiser

Profits from this huge volunteer effort Oct. 9, 2015 funded 30% of our program budget. Items worth **\$20,000+** were donated to the auctions.

Volunteer Work

2 part-time staff were supported by more than **65** volunteers for office work, mailings, board meetings, social media administration, fundraiser, the news magazine, and scholarships.

--- Here's my donation to HOPE ---

Scholarships Cribs News magazine
Check enclosed or Charge \$ _____ donation to credit card:
 VISA Mastercard Discover (Or use Paypal on our www.)
Name as it appears on card _____
Credit card number _____
Expiration _____ 3-digits on back _____
Address, and MUST include Zip code _____

Signature _____
HOPE Network, P.O. Box 531, Menomonee Falls, WI 53052

Looking In, Looking Out

A column by
HOPE Network
founder
Gail Grenier Sweet



HOPE FUNdraiser leads to Packer fun for a U.S. sailor and his brother

I recently heard this cool story from Pauline Beck and I think it is a perfect tale to celebrate the giving spirit of the holiday season....

Joe and Nick are the great-nephews of Pauline Beck, HOPE's executive director and news magazine editor. The young men are in their mid 20s.

This past October, their mother, Linda, won the HOPE Network raffle for two tickets for the Houston- Packer game, in the north end zone, Row 3. We were promoting them as "Lambeau Leap" seats.

The Dec. 4 Packer package also included a tail-gate party at Brett Favre's Steakhouse and a \$100 gas card, all generously donated by Trackside Services. Linda was part of Pauline's table of 12 at HOPE's annual fall FUNdraiser at Davians.

Linda gave the Packer prize to the boys as a Christmas present. But! Nick had to fly home from Guam first!

He's serving his sixth year in the Navy and had leave, but it's never certain when he can get a flight. The family was on pins and needles until he arrived Thursday, after flying for almost 24 hours.

The two brothers made a weekend of it in Green Bay – drove up --- and came back -----

And they got to celebrate a much-needed Packer WIN!
And thank you for your service, Nick!

The brothers enjoy a Bloody Mary toast in Green Bay, while Mom watches the game at home.



Woman Up! Milw. Women's Festival Feb. 11 10am-4pm. State Fair Park. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, www.shepherdexpress.com/womanup. Experience a day of health & wellness, fitness & finance, food & drink samples. Fashion show featuring local designers, models, and stylists. Over 250 vendors.

Founder's book sales benefit HOPE

Gail's books are available from Amazon.com, or at the HOPE Network office in Meno. Falls (call for hrs.: 262-251-7333): *Calling All Horses* (\$9), *Dessert First* (\$13), *Dog Woman* (\$10), *Don't Worry Baby* (\$13). For more info or to have her speak at your book club, church or civic group, contact her at gsweet@wctc.edu



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New
program
for youth!

MPS C.A.R.E.S. is a newly launched community outreach program led by Milwaukee Public Schools. The goal of MPS C.A.R.E.S. is to improve conditions for Milwaukee's children, young adults and families by providing a greater number of safe gathering places and better community access to wellness resources.

The program will teach students how to effectively mobilize around community issues and to use social media as tools for civic engagement and activism. Free recreation activities will be provided through Twilight Centers, Wellness Days, and a Midnight Sports League.

For more information, including schedules and registration, visit mpsmke.com/cares Video of the MPS C.A.R.E.S. launch and activities: <http://bit.ly/2gD55LP>

Twilight Centers Free drop-in teen and family activities.

6-9pm Mon. and Wed. for ages 12-18

6-10pm Sat. Families welcome (ages 11 and younger must be accompanied by parent or guardian)

- North Division High School, 1011 W. Center St.

- South Division High School, 1515 W. Lapham Blvd.

- Washington High School, 2525 N. Sherman Blvd.

Activities: Game rooms, open gym, roller skating, movie nights, snack bar, and youth enrichment.

Wellness Days for ages 6+

Free drop-in programs and resources at different city sites for everyone ages 6 and older. Children ages 6-11 must be accompanied by an adult. Info: Bob Gavronski: 475-8935. Register onsite that night.

6-7:30pm **Jan. 25** at South Division: family Tae Kwon Do, water safety, penalty kicks challenge, salsa dance

6-7:30pm **Feb. 22** at North Division: family dodge ball, water safety, hip hop dance, family Tae Kwon Do

Also: health screenings and resources, as well as healthy snacks.

Midnight Sports Leagues will begin in 2017; open to adults ages 17-24. Visit mpsmke.com/cares in 2017 for information.

Resources in Waukesha County

Below are resources and activities in Waukesha County.

More information on JanBoree is on page 14.



Parents Place - Waukesha

1570 E Moreland, Waukesha. Register for classes, free childcare, 262-549-5575. Fees may be reduced or waived.

Parenting classes

Triple P: Positive Parenting Program, for parents who have behavioral concerns about their children. Call for an appointment.

Love and Logic, effective techniques for parenting, 5:30-7:30pm Jan 9, 16, 23. Have less stress and more fun.

Parenting thru Recovery, 5:30-7pm Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1 or Feb 15, 22, Mar 1

Strong-Willed Child: 5:30-7:30pm Jan 17, 24

Discussion Groups, gain confidence to manage family issues and develop effective skills. 5:30-7pm Feb 20 & 27

Mindful Parent/Happy Child: parent/child class 5:30-7pm Feb 21, 28

Prevention in the Adolescent Years, Parent/teen boy class. 5:30-7pm Mar 7, 14, 21, 28

Fun workshop & other programs

Having Fun with Kids in the Kitchen, Parent/child class. Children must be 5 or older. 5:30-7pm Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar 7.

Adult Anger, 5:30-7pm Feb. 6, 13

Kids Managing Anger, Parents meet with facilitator while children are in their session, 5:30-7pm March 6, 13, 20

Everyday Language Series: Play, Learn why play is so important and how to engage your child in play. 5:30-6:30pm Feb 22

Ongoing groups

Parenting thru Life's Challenges support group, 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 5:30-7pm

Playgrop 9:30-11am Wed.

Reachability/Teachability, Parenting children with and through challenges. 1st & 3rd Wed. 6-7:30pm

Booster and car seat fitting stations

Call these sites for an appointment, to have your car seat checked for fit and safety. (They do not sell or give away car seats.)

Aurora Medical Center Summit, Birthing Center (262) 434-4700

Fields Jaguar Land Rover Volvo Waukesha, Contact: Michael McGinnis 262-970-5900

ProHealth Care in Mukwonago, Waukesha, Oconomowoc, contact: ProHealth Class Registration (262) 928-2745

City of Pewaukee Fire Department, contact: Div. Chief Peter Rohde (262) 522-2500

The Women's Center - Waukesha

505 N. East Ave, Waukesha. 262-547-4600

24-Hour Hotline: 262-542-3828 or 888-542-3828

Family Support Project provides free counseling for stress/anger management, child development, positive parenting & life skills. Open to all, adult, child, & teen survivors of domestic & sexual violence. Free workshops monthly; call for topics. Free childcare available. - See **Employment Success for Women** on p. 21.

Waukesha food, clothing, resources

Waukesha Hope Center Clothes Closet, 502 N. East Ave. 8am-4:30pm Mon-Fri. 262-549-8726

Waukesha St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, S30 W24836 Sunset Dr., 9am-8pm Mon.-Sat.; 11am-6pm Sun. 262-547-3281

Waukesha/Clothes for Kids: 406 Travis Lane Ste 45. Infant to size 16; Jr sizes. Need proof of residency in Waukesha Co bring kids to try on items. Tues 2-6pm Call 1st 262-513-2691

Sussex-Area Outreach Services (SOS), N63 W23669 Silver Spring. 5:30-7pm M 1-2:30pm W 10-noon Sat. Clothing bank household & small appliances. Must live in Hamilton school district. Food pantry/emergency services. 262-246-9860

Lake Country Caring: for Waukesha & Washington Co. residents only. Free clothing, household, and some furniture. 9-noon Tues/Thurs/Sat; also 6-7pm on 1st Thurs. Call 1st. Must have proof of residency & need. 603 Progress Dr., Hartland. 262-367-6670

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Low-cost dental care for Waukesha Co.

The Waukesha Co. Community Dental Clinic provides dental care to low-income, uninsured and under-insured children and adult residents of Waukesha County. For appointments for children, call 262-522-7645 ext. 221. Appointments for adults are scheduled by referral only.

It is not a free clinic. Patients with no insurance will be required to make a co-payment based on a sliding scale. Patients will pay no more than \$30 for initial exam. Patients with Badger Care or the Forward Card are welcome. There may be a co-pay for certain services.

The clinic staff has experience with patients who have special needs. For more info, call 262-522-7645, ext. 227. Several staff members speak Spanish.

Clinic hours: 8am-4:30pm M-Th; 8am-2pm Fri.

210 NW Barstow St., Suite 305, Waukesha, 53188

Stop smoking program Waukesha Co, Quit smoking with help from this total-health approach program. 6-7pm. 8 Tues. starts Jan. 3. Oconomowoc Memorial Hosp. Register: 262-928-2745. Free

Eat smart + keep active = a healthy family

Cooking with Kids

Interested in cooking? Find out firsthand what cooking is all about at the Villard Square Branch Library, 5190 N. 35 St., 4-5 p.m. Dec. 21. Discover kid-friendly recipes, learn about nutrition and try out a bunch of new foods.

Kosciuszko Community Center Open House

8am-7:30pm Feb. 7. See the Center in action! The weight rooms, boxing rooms, and basketball court will be open all day for the public to tour, and additional areas will be open from 4-7pm. Stop in any time that day to save on 12-month Center memberships. This discount is only offered once a year. 2201 S. 7th St.

Green Home Series

Time to Veg, Winter Edition: Judy Mayer, certified dietetic technician, presents a vegetarian food demonstration on making satisfying, hearty and well-balanced meatless meals. Registration is required; register online at mpl.org or call 414.286.3011.

-- Monday, Jan 9, 6-7 pm, Tippecanoe Library, 3912 S. Howell Ave.

Get Fit! Get Healthy!

Snap Fitness Bay View trainers will present different aspects of nutrition, yoga and the vegan diet, balancing nutrition and exercise, and resistance and weight training. Wednesday, Jan 11, 6-7 pm Tippecanoe Library, 3912 S. Howell Ave.

Mental Health Help 1-2:30pm Dec. 17. Are you or a loved one feeling hopeless or overwhelmed? ASK: Access, Support and Knowledge. Center Street Library, 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.,

Familia Dental: dentistry for kids and adults, walk-ins welcome; payment plans are available; exam & X-Ray, \$19 (offer applies to uninsured patients). Walk-ins welcome; emergencies accepted same day. Open evenings and Saturdays. Medicaid welcomes. Se habla español. 821 S. Layton Blvd. 216-8060

Free medical clinic for uninsured/underinsured: 9-noon 3rd Sat. Quality of Life Center, Christ King, 7798 N. 60. 371-5000

Free Saturday Clinic for the Uninsured provides free health care by physicians & medical students at Columbia St. Mary's Family Health Center, 1121 E. North Ave. 8-11am every Sat. 1st come/1st served; many register by 7am. Pharmacy, mammograms, Xrays, free lab services, well-women visits, & referrals to specialists. Call 588-2865 for pediatric appts. for under age 18

Have a healthy, alcohol-free pregnancy

Pregnant women who participate in "My Baby & Me" receive: 1) Education about their health, baby's health, and alcohol; 2) Personalized counseling sessions and support over the phone from a Pregnancy Educator; and 3) Gift cards for participating. Interested in joining Baby & Me? Ask your doctor or nurse, or call the Wis. Women's Health Foundation, 1-800-448-5148.

Healthcare providers interested in offering My Baby & Me to the women they serve, contact Chelsea Tibbetts at ctibbetts@wwhf.org or 608-251-1675 ext: 118

Urban Line Dancing

So you think you can dance? Sure you can! Mind, Body & Soul Dancers provide step-by-step instructions to urban line dances like the Wobble, the Cha Cha slide and the Cupid shuffle. Bring the family, get fit, and have fun. 5:30-6:15pm Mar. 7, Villard Square Library, 5190 N. 35 St. 286-3011



Girls on the Run

Girls 3rd-8th grade develop skills and learn about the importance of fitness. 10-week program ends with a 5k run.

Registration begins Feb. 1. Various sites in Milwaukee, call for site nearest you. 367-8171

First Breath helps pregnant women quit smoking

They receive support from their First Breath coaches, educational materials, and small gifts. The coaches are local prenatal care providers who have been trained to counsel women struggling with tobacco use during their pregnancy. Interested in joining First Breath? Ask your doctor or nurse, or call the Wis. Women's Health Foundation, 1-800-448-5148.

Healthcare providers interested in offering First Breath to the women they serve may contact Chelsea Tibbetts at ctibbetts@wwhf.org or 608-251-1675 ext: 118

Stop smoking programs - Milwaukee Co.

- *Free educational class* to establish a plan to stop smoking: noon-1pm one Wed. per month, Wheaton Franciscan Family Care Center, 2400 W. Villard. Call for dates: 527-8237.

- *Smoking Cessation 7-week class.* \$50 cost for educational materials, held at the Karen Yontz Women's Cardiac Awareness Center in Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center. Jan 3, 10, 17, 19, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14 from 5-6:30 p.m. Register online at www.aurorahealthcare.org 'classes & events' or by calling 649-5767

Flu immunizations

Recommended for all over 6 months, especially those at greatest risk including adults 65+ older, children younger than 5, and pregnant women. The vaccine can not only help to prevent you from getting sick, but can make your illness milder if you do get sick and help prevent you from spreading the flu to others.

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Grant winner: Estefani Villafuentes

Every issue we feature profiles of our seven scholarship winners.



My name is Estefani Villafuentes, and I am 22 years old. I became pregnant at a young age and have been judged by many family members, friends, and peers.

However, I have not let negativity stop me from succeeding in school; actually, it motivated me to do better for myself and my child. I graduated high school with honors, and I always received a 4.0 throughout my high school years.

My immediate family has been key to inspiring me to do better in life, especially my sister, Elsy, who has struggled with managing school, work, and her family. I am proud to say that soon she will graduate with her master's degree in social work.

My sister attended Mount Mary as well, and I witnessed how her professors and advisors helped her throughout her school journey.

I am a senior at Mount Mary University working toward obtaining my degree in business administration with a minor in Spanish. I am honored to have the opportunity to succeed in my academic journey. I am also fortunate to attend a Catholic university which empowers women to achieve their careers and dreams.

Being a first generation college student, I proudly take my school journey seriously and focus as much as possible on my classes. This means sleepless nights and even tears in order to get good grades.

One of my goals is to graduate from Mount Mary University with honors and continue living by the Mount Mary mission. I have hopes of working in a company where I can put my management skills

to use, perhaps in finance, health care, or at a nonprofit organization.

As a business woman, I will incorporate my past knowledge in starting my own business one day. I also want to help pregnant teen moms and empower them to continue with their education. I want to become a mentor to young women, especially in my community -- there is a high need for Hispanic women mentors.

My son, Christopher, is my motivation every day. Christopher is 7 years old, and he is one of the funniest boys and the best dancer. Christopher enjoys playing soccer, karate, and playing the drums. We like to take mini-vacations to spend quality time with our family. When I'm not in school, I like to go for a run and enjoy time with my family.

The advice I give to mothers is not to give up. Single mothers need to first identify their biggest fans, which in many cases are their children; they're the ones who cheer for them throughout their journey.

It's never too late to go back to school. Ask for advice from school advisors or organizations like HOPE when you feel higher education is out of reach, due to financial aid or whatever the reason. You need to reach out and find help. Anything is possible if you believe in yourself.

Time management in college is very important; set a schedule for school and work that best works for you. Do not overload yourself with work and class, so you can spend quality time with your children.

Follow your dreams!



Indoor Makers Market Noon-3pm Saturdays thru Mar. 25 (closed Dec. 31). Weekly vendors will be: That Salsa Lady, Funky Fresh Spring Rolls, Dawn's Yummy Delights, Alice's Garden, Indigo Body, and Walnut Way Conservation Corps. Rotating vendors and community groups will also be there every Sat. Sponsored by Outpost Natural Foods at the Wellness Commons at 1617 W. North Ave. 431-3377

Get healthy food, gifts at winter farmer's markets

Winter Farmer's Market: in Greenhouse Annex at The Domes, 524 S Layton Blvd. 9am-1pm Sat. thru April 8 (closed Dec. 24 & 31). Fresh local food. QUEST accepted. Run by Fondy Food Center. Free parking, free admission to the market (but not the Domes).

St. Ann Center Indoor Market: Every Sat. through April 29. Closed Dec 24. 9am-1pm. Shopping, live music, family fun, free coffee. St. Ann Center, 2801 E. Morgan, 977-5000.

Body and Soul Indoor Market: 10am-2pm Sat. Dec. 17, Feb. 11, Mar. 11. Body & Soul Healing Arts Center, 3617 N 48.

Tricklebee Café: Holiday Gift Market 4:30-7:30pm Dec. 20. Purchase new items for holiday gifts at very discounted prices (be-

tween \$1 to \$5 per item). Free gift-wrapping. 4424 W. North Ave. 488-2477

Tricklebee Café

A pay-what-you-can nonprofit community café, Tricklebee emphasizes vegetarian and vegan fare but serves meat dishes as well. The grand opening celebration for the café will be Dec. 14-17 with live music, Creativity Night/Dec. 14, popcorn, baked goods, quilt raffles, and activities for children. 488-2477

The café is a member of One World Everybody Eats (OWEE), a network of donation-based cafés centered on sustainable/healthy eating. Patrons choose portion size, may share a meal at the community table, and volunteer in exchange for a meal. 4424 W. North Ave.

Affordable classical music

Symphony Sundays by the Festival City Symphony

Going for Baroque, music from Baroque Era including Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor" and Handel's "Music for the Royal Fireworks."

3pm Jan. 29. 2:45pm children's program notes; conductor also comments in concert.

\$14 adults/\$8 kids & seniors. Best deal: Season ticket family pack admits entire family to all concerts, \$85. Other concert dates: Mar 26, May 7. Pabst Theater, 144 E Wells. 365-8861

Milwaukee Festival Brass: *Top Brass*, pieces prepared for North American Brass Band Championships, 7pm Feb. 11. \$12 adults/\$9 seniors & students. Pius XI High School, 135 N. 76th St.

Free performances by Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra musicians at Colectivo Cafés, 1st Mon. of month at 7pm. Jan. 2, 4500 N Oakland; Feb. 6, 11205 Cedarburg Rd, Mequon; Mar. 6, 2301 S. Kinnickinnic.

Milw Symphony Orchestra: student rush tickets \$12; buy 2 hrs. before all reg. classics & pops concerts w/student ID, 1 per ID. Marcus Ctr., 929 N. Water. 291-7605



The Wilson Family enjoyed the Festival City Symphony concert Oct. 2, thanks to a free family pass from the Symphony.

We offered tickets in a Facebook contest. HOPE member Angela was one of the winners, and said:

"We had a wonderful time at the concert! Thank you!"

Milwaukee Gospel Jubilee

Generations of Milwaukee's best gospel performers come together for a night of sound, celebration and soul. Enjoy live music from the city's finest gospel groups in a cabaret atmosphere fit for mingling, dancing and jubilation. Proceeds benefit Progressive Community Health Centers. 7:30pm Feb.3 at Turner Hall Ballroom, 1040 N. 4th. Tickets \$20.



11am-1pm
January 29
FREE

Live music from rotating lineup of Milwaukee's top gospel groups. Coffee, pastries, & brunch available for purchase. Colectivo Coffee 2211 N Prospect. 273-3753

HOPE receives \$4,500 + 50 Kohl's volunteer hrs.

Thanks to Kohl's Associates in Action program, HOPE Network received three grants of \$1,500 each, plus 50 hrs. of volunteer work! Kohl's encourages their employees to volunteer. If a five-person team volunteers together for three hours for a nonprofit that benefits youth -- that nonprofit receives a \$500 check from Kohl's. In October, Kohl's offered a special bonus, tripling the grant money.

We thank the Sussex store AiA team for volunteering at the silent auction at our fundraiser, and the two teams from Kohl's corporate who came to our office.. The team below made up "JOY" holiday craft kits, which mothers at the Second Saturday gathering assembled Dec. 10. The other team sorted a mountain of children's clothing for our Mother's Trading Posts. *Thanks, Kohl's & the AiA teams!*

Jazz Heritage Festival - Free Event!

Celebrate the roots of jazz in Milwaukee and the Bronzeville neighborhood with the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra. This free event features performances by some of the area's top young jazz musicians along with guest artists. Sat., Jan. 21, 1-7pm. Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 325 W. Walnut. 267-2950



Take in a play or concert this winter

First Stage Children's Theatre: *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical*, based on beloved TV classic, thru Dec. 31.

Welcome to Bronzeville, humorous & touching tale of growing up in Milwaukee's Bronzeville in 1957, Jan. 13–Feb. 5. Ages 8+.



Pay-What-You-Choose special afternoon performance of *Welcome to Bronzeville* on the King holiday: Mon. Jan. 16, 3:30pm.

Robin Hood, fresh, humorous take on legend as Marian and Merry Men-in-training must rescue hero, Feb. 17–Mar. 12. Ages 7+. **Pay-What-You-Choose** Feb. 21, 7pm.

Mockingbird, girl on autism spectrum begins to understand & embrace the messiness of emotions, Mar. 24–Apr. 9. Ages 10+.

Pay-What-You-Choose Mar. 28, 7pm.

Sensory-friendly performance Apr. 8, see lower right.

Pay-What-You-Choose program: minimum is \$5 for adult or child; purchase in advance by phone: 267-2961 (must mention "Pay-What-You-Choose") or at door (arrive early).

For other performances, regular balcony seats are \$12 for all. Above at Marcus Center, enter on State St. side. 273-7206

TEXT U L8R, do mysterious texts mean phones are trying to connect with other phones via their people? Mar. 10–19. Ages 12+. By First Stage, at Milw. Youth Arts Center, 325 W. Walnut. 267-2961.

First Steps Series: *Lovabye Dragon*, musical about a lonely girl & a lonelier dragon who go on a grand adventure, interactive, lively show for ages 3–7. Jan. 21–Feb. 19, Sat 11am, 1pm & 3:30pm; Sun 11am & 1pm. \$12, best purchased in advance (some shows already sold out), Milw. Youth Arts Center, 325 W. Walnut. 267-2961.

Sensory-friendly performance Feb. 11, see right.

Children's Theatre of Wauwatosa: *Let Your Hair Down, Rapunzel*, Jan. 14; *Goodnight Lulu*, Feb. 4; *Willie Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, Mar. 4; *Nightingale*, Mar. 18. 2pm, box office opens at 1:30pm. Ages 2–12. Admission: \$5. Longfellow Middle School, 7600 North Ave. Groups welcome, including birthday parties, but call in advance. 527-0198

Milwaukee Youth Theatre: *Harriet the Spy*, adaptation of beloved book about a girl who observes friends, neighbors & classmates and writes about them in her notebook, 7pm Feb. 10. \$11 adult/\$9 ages 13–17/\$7 age 12 & under. 820 E Knapp. 390-3900.

Sunset Playhouse: *Goodnight Lulu*, original musical, help Momma Hen get little Lulu get tucked in and go to sleep. 10:30am Feb. 8–11; 2pm Feb. 11. Ages 2–8, audience participation encouraged, family craft half hr before show. \$10 adult/\$5 ages 3+. 800 Elm Grove Rd, Elm Grove. 262-782-4430

UWM Peck School of the Arts: *MKE Unplugged*, free all-ages concerts featuring local artists. D'Amato w/Cree Myles, intimate soul performance, 8pm Mar. 9. Opening act 7:30, Rm 250, Zelazo Ctr., 2419 E. Kenilwood. 229-4308.

Sensory friendly performances

3:30pm Feb. 11 *Loveabye Dragon* at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center by First Steps

1pm April 8 *Mockingbird* at the Marcus Center by First Stage

Welcoming environment with lower sound, lights up, and quiet areas staffed by educators experienced with the care of students with autism and other developmen-



tal disabilities. More info about each on left.

Inexpensive plays for adults, teens

Pay-what-you-can nights: pay at the door; 1st come, 1st served. Be there early!

Milw. Rep: *Man of La Mancha*, Tony-winning musical tale of love & adventure based on *Don Quixote*, with score inc. "The Impossible Dream," Sept. 20–21; *The Foreigner*, hilarious farce for whole family about man pretending not to speak English who learns everyone's secrets, Nov. 15–16. 108 E. Wells. Box office opens 5:30pm; shows at 7:30pm. 224-9490

In Tandem Theatre: *Dracula vs. The Nazis*, wacky tale of Dracula called out of retirement to stop Hitler w/2 actors playing more than 20 characters, Oct. 6; *Holiday Hell: The Curse of Perry Williams*, twisted irreverent comedy about TV star preparing for annual holiday special after firing the guy who secretly does the singing for him, Dec. 3. Tickets on sale 6:30; shows at 7:30. 10th St. between Michigan/Wisconsin. 271-1371

Milw. Chamber Theatre: *A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur*, rarely produced Tennessee Williams play about a teacher who dreams of marriage, Sept. 21; *Lobby Hero*, comedy/romance about a young NYC security guard who's drawn into a murder investigation [mature language], Nov. 23. Shows at 7:30pm. Starting 5pm on day of show, visit box office to get a number; return by 6:30 to buy tickets when your number is called; max. 2 tickets per number, must be in lobby when no. called. Studio Theatre, 158 N Broadway 276-8842

Next Act Theatre: *The Taming*, hilarious all-female comedy about Miss Georgia and her team who try to get government working for everyone again, Oct. 17; *unSilent Night*, independent radio station on Christmas Eve, 1953 receives mysterious visitor, suspense trimmed with seasonal music and stories, Dec. 5. At 7:30pm; box office opens 6:30pm. 255 S Water. 278-0765

Renaissance Theaterworks: *The Drowning Girls*, chilling true-crime drama based on 1915 trial of "Brides in the Bath" serial killer. Pay-What-You-Can 7:30pm Oct. 31, on sale 6:30 but arrive early. Oct. 21–Nov. 13 rush tickets ½ hr before show, \$11.50/\$6.50 students. 158 N Broadway. 291-7800



Rhythm for Unity Open Drum Circle

Drums available or bring drum, guitar, or harmonica. 3rd Thurs 7–9pm. 72nd & State, enter under Unity Enterprises sign. Free. 774-8848; rhythmforunity.com

Fun things to do

Milw. Co. Parks Information: 257-7275

Free or reduced admission days for Milwaukee County residents with proof of residency:

- Zoo: see Zoo article on p. 14 for reduced rates

Free to anyone; need not be Milw Co. resident:

- Milw. Public Museum: Free 1st Thursday of month

- Art Museum: Free 1st Friday of the month

Harley-Davidson Museum: Visit for free as part of Gallery Night 5-9pm Fri. Jan 20. Reduced rate of \$10 on Tues. thru April. Reg. cost: \$20 adults/\$10 kids 5-17/under 5 Free. 400 W. Canal. 287-2789

Winter Pow Wow Mar. 11-12 State Fair Wis. Products Pavilion Traditional food, family fun, large Native marketplace, social dance, dance specials; Price from last year, adults \$8, 60+ \$5; 12 & under free. \$6 to park (or park free on street)

Science Bag free series of interactive performances; ages 8+ that connect science to everyday life. Room 137 UWM Physics Bldg., Kenwood & Cramer St 229-4561. Microbes in Motion, Jan 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 8pm; Jan 15 at 2pm. All About Vitamin D, Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 8pm; Feb 12 at 2pm. Physics of Flying & Sailing, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 8pm; Mar 12 at 2pm. Symmetry & the Alhambra Mosaics, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 8pm, April 23 at 2pm.

Milwaukee continues long tradition of Dr. King Day celebrations

Milwaukee & Atlanta are the only cities to have honored Dr. King's birthday every year since 1984.



20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Breakfast

Jan. 16 7:30-9am Italian Community Center 631 E Chicago. \$40 per seat. Register by calling Josh Wright 274-0703 or online at www.ycamke.org/mlk-celebration-breakfast/

The Body and Soul Healing Arts Center

17th Annual King Day Celebration. Pancake breakfast, lunch, workshops and activities. Free. 8am-2pm Jan 18. 3617 N. 48 St. Info: text 687-0122

King Day celebration at Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

Sunday Jan 15, 1-3pm. Art, speech, and writing student winners. Performers: The Milwaukee Flyers Tumbling Team; Indian Hill Singers & Dancers; Riverside University H.S. Swing Choir; Malik Johnson, the Hip Hop Cellist from the Boys & Girls Club, and more. The 33rd annual celebration concludes with a free reception, 3-4pm, in Bradley Pavilion. The theme for this year is "We Shall Overcome." Arrive early: first come, first served. 929 N. Water

V100.7 Family Affair Expo: Sat. Mar. 11, 9am-3pm. Wisconsin Center District, corner of Wisconsin Ave. & 4th St. Free. Last year's event featured free haircuts, tote bags, glitter tattoos, animal balloons, food samples, music & comedy stage, the Easter Bunny, other mascots. Check later for details.

Great Lakes Pet Expo 10am-6pm Feb. 4, Expo center State Fair Park adults \$7 10am-3pm, \$5 3-6pm/kids 12 & under free, vets free w/military ID. Pets available for adoption; entertainment; vendors; educational reptile display. \$6 park/or park free on street. 915-4156

Make Your Own Gingerbread House

Listen to the story of the gingerbread man and create your own miniature gingerbread house. Registration required; register online at www.mpl.org or call 414.286.3011. Both sessions: 10:30-11:30am Sat. Dec. 17 Central Library & Washington Park Library

FREE admission to Milwaukee Art Museum

in January, if you are a Betty Brinn Children's Museum member. BBCM members can receive FREE admission for up to two people (12+) at MAM in January! Just show your membership card at the MAM admissions desk. Children 12 and younger are always free. Admission promotion valid January 2017 only and not valid for MAM special events or MAM After Dark.

Museum Swap Day on Jan 29 If you have an annual membership to Betty Brinn Children's Museum, you can visit other museums free on Swap Day, Jan 29! Go to the Milw. Public Museum, Art Museum, Grohmann Museum, Charles Allis Art Museum, Villa Terrace or Pabst Mansion. (Discovery World is not included).

Martin Luther King Day: Celebrate at the library

Jan. 16, 9am-5pm Martin Luther King Library, 310 W. Locust. 286-3011

9am-noon Teens can create a collage for library wall; adults can write down and share experiences looking at a timeline of Dr. King and civil rights in Milw.; and all ages can make a King Day pin.

10:30am-noon Children can write about their dreams for peace, and create tiny books to take home.

12:15-12:30pm Afro-Brazilian Percussion

1-1:45pm Kevin Hayden Band (jazz, pop, R&B and hip hop).

2-2:45pm True, personal stories told by community members (Ex Fabula Fellows); explore how everyone can work together for equality and justice.

3-3:30pm Signature Dance Company

3:30-4:30pm Enjoy cookie decorating

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center

Jan 16 celebration to include **free Bucks tickets** (limited supply)

New program time: 10:30am Music, dance, community leaders and guest speaker Tyra McFarland, community relations coordinator for the Milwaukee Bucks.

The Center will be giving away free tickets for the Bucks game until they are gone. The game is 2pm the same day, but they must attend the morning King program. There will be bus transportation from the King Center to the game after the program, Families are encourage to attend. Purchase annual memberships at a discount that day. Also being planned for 6-10pm Jan. 16: an all Black Party for ages 15 - 20. Call the center for info: 344-5600. 1531 W. Vliet.

ART workshops ART jamborees ART camps

Walker's Point Center for the Arts

839 S. 5 St. www.wpca-milwaukee.org

FREE After School Art Classes

Drop-off at 3pm; classes 3:30-5:30pm Tues.-Thurs. Open to students of all abilities, ages 6-12. Must register in advance before 1st drop-off. Explore a variety of mediums & approaches: painting, drawing, clay, printmaking, and fiber arts.

Family Art Days Every Friday from 3:30-5:30pm families are welcome to make and take art. Free, but register ahead. Promotes parents making art with their children, and engaging the community with what the Center has to offer.

Afternoons with Art 1-5pm on days MPS is closed for ages 6-12 \$10 per child/per day (3 sessions for \$25). \$5/day residents of zip code 53204. MUST register. Call Maikue Vang 672-2787 ext12 maikue@wpca-milwaukee.org

2017 Summer Art Camp for Ages 6-12 June 20 - August 11; Tues.-Fri. 1-5pm. Summer art camp workshops for students explore art making in different forms, mediums, and environments. Subjects range from environmental art, mixed medium, sculpture, photography and more! \$40 a week per child/per day for 53204 residents; \$80 a week for WPCA Members; \$125 Non-Members. MUST register. Call Maikue Vang 672-2787 x12 maikue@wpca-milwaukee.org,

Free arts classes Check out the schedule of free 2017 classes by Above the Clouds at their website: abovethecloudsmilwaukee.com

Held at various community sites, Above the Clouds offers Christian-based arts education programming for ages 5-17. Classes may include martial arts, ballet, drama, dance, music (vocal), and spoken word. 344-3019

Milwaukee Art Museum Free to everyone 1st *Friday* of month Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3 Open until 8pm Fridays. Kohl's Art Generation Studio, Gallery, and Lab are open late with hands-on activities just for families. 700 N. Art Museum Dr. 224-3200

Family Sundays: About Face Sunday, March 12, 10am-4pm

Discover the many faces of portraiture. Gather inspiration for creating your own artworks from the portraits of people and animals in the Museum's Collection. Learn to draw facial features, make an expressionist portrait, sculpt a head, and more! Free for Boys and Girls Club members & their families with membership card or invite sheet. Also free to all ages 12 & under, but must be accompanied by adult paying \$17 admission (unless using the Family Access below)

Paper Play: Families explore the innovative use of paper by contemporary artists, who use this humble material in simple ways to make extraordinary works of art. Families can create a mysterious scene, a sculpture, and a colorful weaving!

New! Annual family pass only \$20

Allows families that qualify to visit the Art Museum all year long, with free admission for two adults & children age 17 and under. The Family Access Membership Program offers a family membership for only \$20 (normally \$85) to those who qualify for FoodShare, BadgerCare, or WIC. Sign up at the Museum's admissions desk or by mail. Proof of public assistance required. Info: 224-3284

Free Family Art Workshops

Fun and affordable visual art classes for families, toddlers, children, teens, and adults at Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, 18905 W. Capitol, Brookfield, 53045.

PLUS - Free Family Art Workshops on the 2nd Saturday of every month 10am-noon Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11. Each workshop features a different instructor and a different hands-on art project that the whole family can create together. All ages and skill levels are welcome, and all supplies are included. Registration is required and workshops fill up quickly. Call 262-373-5023 or register online www.wilson-center.com/classes

Betty Brinn Children's Museum

Neighborhood Nights: Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16 with free admission from 5-8pm.

Big League Fun: a new traveling exhibit that immerses visitors in the exciting world of baseball. The 2,000 square-foot hands-on experience features fun activities, simulated game experiences, and trivia challenges that promote important educational concepts for children and engage fans of all ages. Exhibit activities will emphasize the science and math behind the sport.

929 E Wisconsin, 390-5437. Regular admission: \$8 per person; \$7 for seniors (ages 55+); children age 1 and younger are free.

Free annual family membership to Betty Brinn

The membership provides free admission for 2 adults & all the children living in the household, plus free bus tickets or parking passes. One adult per family must attend an orientation in order to receive the free membership. If you have a free family membership, you must visit at least 4X a year to renew for free.

For info or next orientation, call: 390-5437 x5

Winter activities at The Domes

All three Domes are now open! 524 S. Layton. 257-5611

FREE on Mondays 9am-noon to all Milwaukee Co. residents with ID. Exception: must pay admission on holidays (Mon. Jan. 16).

Reg. admission: Adult \$7, ages 6-17 \$5, 5 & under free. Hrs: 9am-5pm M-Fri., 9am-4pm weekends, Dec. 25, Jan.1 **Not a Creature was Stirring** Floral Show thru Jan 1. Winter forest filled w/trees, flowers, woodland critters celebrating the holidays

New Year's Eve Family Celebration: 6-9pm Dec. 31. Adults: \$15; ages 3-17: \$5. 2 & under FREE. Tickets for sale at Gift Shop, and at the door. Buy tickets online at <http://bit.ly/2hhU2eZ>

Live music, balloon twisters, magic, fire eaters, face painters, crafts, drum circle, light shows and more. Balloon drop at 9! Food and beverages for purchase. No baby strollers.

The Great Train Robbery Train Show: The Wild West comes to life with four train tracks running through towns, canyons & rock formations, featuring western-themed plants, including one with flowers that look like sticks of dynamite and ferns that look like tumbleweeds. Watch the trains avoid bandits! Jan. 14-Apr. 2.

All-Scale Train Exhibit: See collectible layouts from the tiniest trains to ones big enough for adults to ride. Explore detail-oriented train layouts from hobbyists from all over Wis.; talk to collectors about their experience and personal collections. 9-4pm Feb. 11-12

Storyhour for preschoolers, 10am Mondays (except holidays)

Family nature fun

Havenwoods Environmental Awareness Center

6141 N Hopkins/1 block west of Sherman on Douglas/527-0232
All events are free. Hiking: come for a walk in the park anytime

Drop-Ins: nature activities, crafts, games for families and youth groups, 9am-2pm. Dec. 17: Nature Gifts; Jan. 14 & 21: Winter Birds; Feb. 11 & 18: Nature on Winter Nights; Mar. 12: to be announced

Family Hikes: 10:30-11:30am Jan. 7: Winter Birds; also Mar. 4

Family Night Hike: 6-7pm Feb. 4: Nature at Night

Preschooler Storytime for ages 3-5 w/adult: 9:30-10:30am Dec. 20: Animals in Winter; Jan. 3: Animals Get Hungry, Too; Jan. 17: Keep Looking; Jan. 31: Owls: Nighttime Hunters; Feb. 14: Star Stories; Feb. 28: Fox Tales; Mar. 14: to be announced

Hiking: Come for your own walk in the park anytime. Borrow snowshoes to use in the park. Staff can show you how to use them.

Urban Ecology Centers

All programs free unless noted. Registration required for most.

UEC - Riverside Park 1500 E. Park Place (2800 block of Oakland, east bank of river south of Locust). 964-8505.

Candlelight Walk: Dec. 17 7-9pm, guided candlelit walk with poetry, readings of the season. Cider, snacks, music inside. \$10 adults & teens. Preregister. **Candlelight Walk for Kids**, Dec. 17, 4:30-6:40pm. 40-min walks with stories for kids. Games & treats inside. Kids must be w/adult. \$7 adult; \$5 kids. Preregister.

Nature Rangers: 4-5:30pm \$10 for 8 weeks in Jan. & Feb. (either Mon. or Tues. series starting Jan. 9 or 10). Ages 5 & up. Investigate animals & plants, learn about science thru different activities

Family Nature Clubs Orientation & Walk: 11am-12:30pm Jan. 7. Start a Family Nature Club with others – you'll decide together on kid-friendly outdoor activities. Receive a start-up kit from the Children & Nature Network, followed by a short walk after the presentation (dress warmly). For adults and accompanied children. Free.

Animal Feeding, Every Sat. 1pm. All ages.

Getting Started with Cross Country Skiing: Covers equipment needed (if you're a UEC member, can borrow from the Center) & basic skiing info. Not a ski lesson (see lessons below). 6:30-8pm Jan. 2, 10, 16, 24 or 1:20-2:30pm Jan. 8. \$5.

Small Group Cross Country Ski Lessons for Beginners: 1-2:30pm Jan. 15, 29, Feb. 5, 19. 6-7:30pm Jan. 9, 19, 23, 25, 31, Feb. 8, 22, 27 For ages 7 and up. \$15.

Owl Prowl: hear about their habits, then head to the woods to hear their calls. 6:30-8pm Feb. 21, Feb. 28, or Mar. 7. For adults & families. \$7 per person

From Sap to Syrup: Maple Sugar Harvesting: Also enjoy pancakes w/ maple syrup. Mar 18, 10am-noon, adults \$15, kids \$7

UEC - Menomonee Valley 3700 W Pierce 431-2940

Young Scientists Club, 4-6pm Tues & Th. 1-4pm Sat, ages 5-12, \$10 annual membership.

EcoArt 4-5:30pm Weds Families w/children 12 & under; free

Sledding, 4-6pm Jan 17, followed by hot chocolate. If no snow, hiking in Three Bridges Park. Ages 5-12, \$5

Cross-Country Skiing for Beginners, 10-11:30am Jan 21, Feb 4, 18. Includes gear and instruction. Children must be accompanied by adult. \$9 adults, \$7 children.

Cross Country Skiing for Kids: 4-6:30pm Jan 24, Feb 16, Ages 7-12. \$5 per child, equipment provided

Snowshoeing for Kids, 4-6pm, Jan 31, Feb 23, Equipment provided. Dress in layers and wear waterproof boots. Ages 7-12, \$5.

Urban Candlelight Snowshoe and Hike in Three Bridges Park, 5:30-8:30 Feb. 25, for everyone, Free.

Three Bridges Park Self-Guided Scavenger Hunt, 9:30am-12pm, Jan 26, Feb 25, Adults and children 5 and older. Free.

Little Explorers Morning Playgroup, 11am-12pm, 2nd Fri of month, ages 4 and under. Free.

Night Hike in Menomonee Valley, 4-6pm, Jan 19, Feb 14, conclude with story and hot cocoa by fire. Families with kids ages 5-12. \$5 per child.

Animal Feeding every Sat., 1-1:30pm. Free

UEC - Washington Park 1859 N. 40, 344-5460

Cross-Country Skiing for Beginners, 10-11:30am Feb 11, 25. Includes gear and instruction. Kids must be accompanied by adult. \$9 adults, \$7 kids.

Snowshoeing for Beginners, 10-11:30am Jan 21, Feb 4, 18. \$9 adults, \$7 kids, equipment provided.

Moonlight Ski, 6-8pm, Feb 1, 15, \$9 adults, \$7 kids, equipment provided

Young Scientists Club, 4-6pm Tues -Fri. (not Dec 20-31), 1-4pm Sat, ages 7-12, \$10 annual membership.

Animal Feeding every Sat., 1-1:30pm. Free

Community Pie, Learn pie making and prepare pies for Winterfest. Crust making, 1-3pm, Jan 21. Pie filling, 4-6pm Jan 27. Free.

Winterfest, noon-4pm, Jan 28. Music, food, crafts, homemade pies, hot cocoa. Try cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating for free.

Winterfest for Afternoon Nappers, 10:30am-noon Jan 28, Ages 5 w/ adult. Craft, hike and puppet show. Pre-register.

Waukesha Janboree Jan. 20-22. City-wide winter fest with free outdoor & indoor fun. Many events for the whole family. Info: www.janboree.org **Fri, Jan. 20 events**, 3-9pm, Lowell Park, 2201 Michigan Ave. Slide downhill on zip fly sled, snowshoe the glow trail (4:30-7:30 pm), toboggan the hill or 350 ft lighted toboggan run, 4-8pm. Ice & snow sculpting demos (3:30-6:30pm) weather permitting. Warm up by the fire & dance the DJ (5-7:30 pm).

Sunday: Alaskan Malamute Dog Pull, Jan. 22, 11am-3:30pm (Depending on participation, the pull may finish sooner.) at Minooka Park. Park to have free entrance for the day. open competition with dogs pulling up to 3,000 pounds on a wheeled cart! Snow is not needed for this event.

Indoor Ice Skating, Jan. 22, 3-5pm, Naga-Waukee Park Ice Arena, 2699 Golf Rd, Delafield. FREE admission with friends & family. Skate rental is \$2.50/pair. Sizes are limited. Please bring your own if you can. Naga-Waukee Park Ice Arena at (262) 646-7072

Zoo discounts & special events

Family Free Days Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4; must pay parking.

Free to Milw. Co. residents with ID Dec. 25, Jan. 1

Reduced admission on Weds for Milw Co. residents with ID is \$8 for adults; \$5.50 ages 3-12. On other days, Milw. Co. residents with ID save \$1.75 off reg admission. No parking discount.

Fantastic Forest 2016: Indoor forest of festive trees with youth-made animal ornaments. Thru Dec. 29. Free with admission.

Free Zoo phone app available for download at iTunes and Google Play stores.

Hours: Thru Feb. 28, 9:30-2:30pm Mon-Fri, 9:30-4:30pm Sat-Sun; then 9-4:30pm daily.

Admission: Thru Mar. 31, adult \$11.75; 3-12 \$8.75; 2 & under free; 60+ \$10.25. Parking \$12. 256-5412

Retzer Nature Center - Waukesha

S14 W28167 Madison St, Waukesha. 262-896-8007.

Family Adventure Hike: Dec 17; 10-11:30am \$4; kids under 5 free. Enjoy themed adventures, exploring with a naturalist.

JanBoree Jan 15 10am-4pm, tentative programs: free snowshoe use 10am-4pm, family nature activities 10am-4pm, bird feeding programs 11am & 1:15pm, winter tracking programs noon & 2:30pm. Free refreshments. Planetarium shows every 45 mins. 9am-3pm. Free tickets in lobby; 1st come/1st served. www.JanBoree.org

Wild Winter Night: Feb 11; 6-9pm \$2/person. Guided hikes, free snowshoe use (while supplies last), informal sing-along, campfire, S'mores and hot cocoa. Dress for weather. Explore winter sky thru outdoor observation with telescopes and indoor planetarium programs. Planetarium ticket distribution begins at 6:20 pm.

The Wonderful World of Water Day: 8:30-11:30am, Feb. 25. Free. Topics mainly appeal to adults. Special exhibits, hands-on activities, speakers.

Wee Wonders ages 2-4 with an adult. 9:30-10:30am \$4. Dress for the weather. Register: 262- 970-6680. Jan 10, Feb 14

Retzer Rangers ages 5-7 with an adult. 4:30-5:30pm \$4 Dress for the weather. Register: 262-970-6680. Jan 9 & Feb 13

Winter Wildlife on Snowshoes: 9-11am & 1-3pm. \$5. Register Fri. before. Jan 7, 21, 28 and Feb 4, 18, 25

Winter Wildlife Tracking: 9-11am, Jan 7, \$5, Register Fri. before

Free annual pass to Riveredge Nature Center

to ALL fourth graders. Includes access to all trails, programs and festivals, free snowshoe use, discounts on camps & rentals, day passes for 6 friends/family and admission to over 140 nature centers throughout country, PLUS: free admission to any national park, forest and water for family. Located outside Saukville, a 30-minute drive from Milwaukee. 262-375-2715

Auto loan access program

The YWCA Southeast Wisconsin has launched the Auto Loan Access Program. This financial wellness program combines education and financial coaching with access to a small, low-interest auto loan for working adults with challenged credit. Loans range from \$6,000-\$10,000 at a 6% interest rate. The process takes roughly six weeks and includes one-on-one financial coaching before completing the loan application. There are eligibility requirements. Interested inquiries call 414-267-3240.

UWM Planetarium: Shows for adults & ages 5 & up. See www.planetarium.uwm.edu for parking. Physics Bldg, 1900 E. Kenwood

Life of a Star 7-8pm Fri. Jan. 13-Feb. 24 \$4.

A Celebration of African Culture 7-8pm Feb. 1. Groove to the beat of African drums as African culture is explored. This lively event will combine music, song, dance as well as indoor stargazing.

Exploring Islam: Under the Stars 6-8pm Mar. 9. A celebration of Muslim identity and Muslim culture around the world. Also, significant astronomical topics pertaining to Islam illustrated through music, stargazing, and multimedia. Snacks provided.

Stars Under African Skies: brief shows 12:15-12:45pm Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22.

Stargazing with telescopes on Physics Bldg. Observing Deck - 9pm Jan. 25, Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 1, 8, 15. Check Twitter @UWMPlanetarium for latest updates. If cloudy, indoor Planetarium show.

MPS planetarium shows, Hamilton High School, 6215 W Warnimont. For ages 6 & up. *Visit Milwaukee's Stars:* 6:30-7:45pm Feb. 14. *Pi in the Sky:* 6:30-7:45pm Mar. 14. \$3 for city residents. Parent must register, pay and attend with a child. Fee is per person (child or adult) Register now: Milw Rec Dept 647-6050.

Wauwatosa West HS Planetarium, 7pm, register: 773-3390. Jan. 5 & 11: Cosmic Castaways for Grades 7 & up. Feb. 2 & 5: The First Stargazers. Mar. 6 & 8: Did an Asteroid Really Kill the Dinosaurs? All include current night sky tour. 11400 W. Center St. Free.

Waukesha planetarium: see article on Retzer Nature Center.

Urban Stargazers: fun and lively discussion on astronomy, and if the skies are clear, stargazing. 7-8:30pm Jan. 12 & Feb. 9. For adults. Urban Ecology Center - Riverside Park 1500 E. Park Place. 964-8505.

Wehr Nature Center

Whitnall Park 9701 W College. 425-8550. **\$3 per day to park** Naturenauts, other children's programs are all \$7 per session (if Milw Co. resident); check dates on Center's calendar.

Each of these 3 events is: \$7 Milw. Co. residents + \$3 parking. Register by Wed. before program. Dress warmly; bring flashlights for eve. walks.

- **Winter Walk,** 12:30-2pm Dec. 31. Discover how plants and wildlife thrive in our northern climate. Afterwards, warm up by roaring fireplace with a mug of hot chocolate.

- **Owl Prowl for Families,** Dec 17, Jan 20 & 21, 6:30-8:30pm. Twilight Dec 17 & 21, 3:30-5:30pm. Suggested for ages 6 & up.

- **Owl Prowl for Adults,** Dec 16, Jan 6 & 7, 7-9pm. Twilight Jan 7, 4-6pm.

Milwaukee Public Museum Free admission to all on **1st Thursday of the month.** Milw. County residents with ID get \$2 discount every day. Daily 9-5pm, Thurs 9-8pm (butterfly wing closes at 4:45pm). 800 W Wells. 278-2728.

Special exhibit *Hidden Wisconsin: Unseen. Unknown. Uncovered* thru Jan. 8. Told thru the narrative of objects not normally on display, visitors will uncover the rich fascinating secrets about our state, hidden all around us. \$5 additional cost for adults, \$4 youth/senior. If you go on Jan. 5 when museum admission is free, pay only the cost of this exhibit.

Parenting groups, fun activities at family centers

The Parenting Network

Call Parent Helpline **671-0566** for counseling about any parenting issue or concern or to register for all programs. Ask about new additional programs.

Welcome, Baby! offers weekly support, education to expectant moms & dads and to parents of infants. A happy blend of information, discussion, play, and parent coaching.

Parent Cafe's for parents & caregivers. Contact Eyleen at 671-5575 ext. 28.

Positive Parenting groups all offer limited free childcare to participants. \$30 fee includes attendance verification, materials, handouts, certificate of participation.

- St. Josaphat Basilica, 6:30-8pm Thurs., 2322 S. 7 St. Ongoing

- The Parenting Network, 6-7:30pm Wed. and 10-11:30am Tues., 7516 W. Burleigh. Ongoing.

Dads Matter 24/7 ongoing, 10-session series 10-11:45am Sat 7516 W Burleigh. \$30-see Pos. Parent above for what fee covers

Stewards of Children: free 2.5 hr. workshop provides the tools to help prevent sexual abuse of children.

START: Workshop for parents to increase awareness of sexual issues with their children. FREE.

Triple P: classes, workshops for parents to manage family issues.

Fireworks: learn to manage your anger, gain a better understanding of the emotion, & reach agreements with others. Starts mid-Jan.

Lifeskills for parents & teens to prepare teens for the transition from adolescence into adulthood. FREE

Strengthening Families: for parents and kids (10-14 years old) 7 weeks of education & skill building. Take the time to reconnect. Family meal provided. FREE



Need help with FoodShare? Were your benefits cut? Do you need to apply, do a renewal, submit verification, report changes, or do a six-month report? Did you get a letter about FoodShare that you don't understand? Hunger Task Force is here to help! Visit us today at the Robles Center (723 W. Mitchell St.) or the Coggs Center (1220 W. Vliet St.) from 8:00AM to 4:30PM, Monday-Friday.

Seniors, 60 or older, can contact our Senior Benefits Specialist, Elizabeth Bethke, at (414) 588-7132 for personalized assistance with food and healthcare benefits. The Senior Benefits Specialist travels to senior centers and apartment buildings, and provides assistance over the phone, in order to ease the burden of requesting and maintaining benefits for seniors with limited mobility.



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COA Youth & Family Centers

- **Samson Family Resource Center;** Riverwest Center, 909 E. Garfield. 263-8383 x129. Closed Dec. 23-Jan. 2. **Family Drop-In** 9:30-11:30, Monday thru Friday. **Lunch Bunch**, 11:30-1pm Mon, thru Th; bring your own lunch, eat w/other families, play afterwards

- **Gill Family Resource Center,** Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh. Contact Alicia Morgan, 265-7689.

Contact Alicia Morgan, 265-7689, with any questions about:

Family Programming: Mon.-Thurs. parents socialize with other parents and positively interact with their children through art, story time, song circles, and more. Parents are able to receive various resources, including clothing, diapers, food and referrals for employment and housing.

Monthly Meet & Greet: open house to introduce new staff, offer tours of their space, and make the community aware of the resources. Free food, games, resources and more. Call Alicia for next date.

Professional Development assistance on Fridays, by appointment. Help with resumes, cover letters, finding employment, and other community needs.

Golden Girls: group for elders 55+ will include field trips, senior lunches, as well as arts and crafts. Call Alicia for Jan. start date.

Family Life Center - Oak Creek

St Stephen 1441 W Oakwood Rd 762-0552

Hop into Spring Party: 6-7:30pm Thurs. Mar. 23. Children (age 12 & under) and adults are invited for games, crafts and a light meal. All children receive small prizes. Must register before Mar. 9 by calling 762-0552 or emailing FLCenter@saintstephenmil.org. Sign up early, as fills up quickly. Registration/ticket are needed to attend.

Celebrate Imani Jan. 1 Imani will be celebrated at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center on Jan. 1, noon-6pm. Imani is the Swahili word that means faith and the 7th principle of Kwanzaa. Activities include: candle lighting ceremony, singing, dancing, drumming, poetry, food, vendors. Vendor info: 933-1652.



Mom and baby at a gathering of the African American Breastfeeding Network

Gatherings are held twice a month, and pregnant women, breastfeeding moms, and their families attend for support, education, networking, and encouragement.

Bay View Community Center

1320 E. Oklahoma, 482-1000. Also tutoring for ages 7-12.

Drop-in play groups for infants thru age 6: 9:30am-noon Tues, Thurs. or Fri. series or 1:30-3:30pm Wed. For infants thru age 3: 9:30-noon Mon. **Sat. 9-5'ers** playgroup: 10-noon Sat. \$1 per day or \$8 for the series. **Playgroup Explorers:** 30 mins. of guided play with themes; add \$1 to Tues. or Thurs. cost.

Love & Logic parenting class for young families (parents of infants to 6 yrs.) 6-8pm Tues. Feb. 14-Mar. 14. \$30. Childcare available for 18mos-10 yrs./\$5 per child for series; must ask when registering

Celebrate New Year's at Noon: 10:30am-12:15pm Dec. 30, Games, food, countdown at noon w/ surprise. \$10/family (age 2+)

Family Chef's Sat. Cooking Club, 10-11:30am Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 20, age 2 & up with family. \$28/family (up to 4 members; plus \$2 for each additional member)

Family Fun Nights \$10/family ages 2-10 (ea. Thurs) 6-7:30pm. Feb.9: Camp Out Night, hotdogs, s'mores, tents, art, fishing, stories. Mar 9: Around the World, food from 3-4 countries "visited", art, etc.

Mini Creators: Family Art Class, 7 mos.-4 yrs.with parent or caregiver. 11-11:45am Mondays Jan. 30-Mar. 6. \$28. Register.

Family Yoga Class ages 3-9 w/parent, 10:15-10:45am Sat. Feb. 4-Mar. 11, \$32 per family. Register ahead. Next series Mar. 18-May 6

Pre-School Playhouse: teaching school readiness skills to ages 3-5, Tues. 10-11:30am. Feb. 7-Mar. 14. \$36. Register.

Girls in Action Club ages 9-12. Tues 6:30-7:30p \$2 or \$12 for 8

Winterfest: 10am-2pm Jan. 22, Boerner Botanical Garden & Visitor Center Conquer your cabin fever with special nature walks, indoor and outdoor games and activities, hot drinks and family fun. Featuring Miss Sparkle the Clown! Free. Hales Corners. 525-5661.

Breastfeeding resources

African American Breastfeeding Network Breastfeeding Community Gatherings for pregnant or breastfeeding mothers & families. Dads encouraged to attend, discussion led by male leader. Transportation available; call ahead. 617-3441

-- Program and dinner every second Thursday of the month at Northside YMCA 1350 W. North: 5:30pm.

-- Program every 3rd Sat. at Parklawn YMCA: 11:30am + lunch

- **Columbia St. Mary: Breastfeeding Getting Ready** 6-8:30pm Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8 \$20 (scholarships available). Attend while pregnant. *Working Women & Breastfeeding* 1:30-3pm Jan. 25, Feb. 22. \$15. 2323 N. Lake Dr. Register: **963-9355**. If not sure baby is getting enough milk or if mom is in pain call 291-1440 ASAP; don't wait for class.

- **St. Joseph Hospital Breastfeeding with Confidence** 6-8:30pm Jan. 16, Feb. 13. Best if attend at 7th/8th mo. \$25 fee waived for WIC moms. 888-994-3286

- **Mothering the Mother, Inc.:** Free drop-in breastfeeding assistance every Wed. 9-11am on a first come, first served basis. Breastfeeding class: \$60; scholarship available. 1586 S. 81st St., West Allis Info: 446-7107 www.motheringthemothertinc.org

- **16th St. Community Health Center** breastfeeding class: free if a patient, \$5 if not. In Spanish, 11am-noon Thurs., 1032 Cesar Chavez Dr. 897-5289

- **Breastfeeding groups** Waukesha Hosp. 1-3pm Wed; 1-3pm Thurs Oconomowoc Hospital. Breastfeeding helpline: 262-928-7650

Our Daily Bread Community Outreach Center

6040 W Lisbon #203, 301-3732. **Prenatal/new moms p. 18-19**

Mommy & Baby Pamper Me Pretty Spa Day 2-5pm Dec. 17. For expectant mothers & new moms with babies 6 mos. or younger. Light facials & manicures, door prizes, snacks, Christmas gifts for babies & children to age 8. Free. 755-0535

Youth Empowerment Project: noon-4pm Feb. 4 orientation. Classes are 2nd & 4th Saturdays: Feb. 11, Feb. 25, Mar. 11, Mar. 25, Apr. 8. Free program for students in middle school and high school. Students compose resumes, cover letters, engage in employment workshops, and receive personal portfolios.

DivorceCare for Kids: helps ages 5-12 heal from the hurt caused by divorce or separation of their parents. T

-- Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 6:30-8pm Weds. Feb. 1-Apr. 26. Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 Janesville Rd, Rm B33; Hales Corners. Must pre-register to 529-6700, ext. 106 or DivorceCareForKids@hcl.org

-- First Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedarburg. Thursdays: 2:45-4:30pm or 5:30-7pm Jan 5-Mar 30. W67 N622 Evergreen Blvd. Register: 262-377-6610. Free.



Babies are safest when they sleep alone, on their backs, and in a crib free of blankets, pillows, or toys. Home should be smokefree. Exposure to smoke raises risk of sleep-related deaths.

If you are in need of a safe place for your baby to sleep, contact the Milwaukee Health Department, 286-8620, or HOPE Network.

Fresh Picks Mobile Market

**Regular grocery store on wheels:
not a food pantry or donation center.**

Fresh Picks Mobile Market: a grocery store on wheels that travels to customers living in “food deserts” – neighborhood where there are no traditional grocery stores. Ideal for low income seniors and people with disabilities who live in public housing distant from stores. Provides healthier food choices than convenience stores. Along with other staples, the Fresh Picks Mobile Market offers seasonal fruits, vegetables and high demand meat and dairy items. The market does not sell canned items or processed foods. Upcoming stops include:

- Silver Spring Neighborhood Center 5460 N 64 St., Dec 14 & 28, Jan 11 & 25, 3-4:30pm
- Lapham Park 1901 N 6 St., Dec 16 & Jan 13, 12:30-2pm
- Heritage International 1036 W Atkinson, Dec 20 & Jan 17, 2-3:30pm
- Industries for the Blind 445 S Curtis, West Allis, Dec 28 & Jan 25, 11:30am-1pm
- Washington Park Senior Center 4420 W Vliet, Jan 3, 9:30-11am
- Clinton Rose Senior Center 3045 N MLK Dr, Jan 5, 11am-12:30pm
- Agape Community Center 6100 N 42 St., Jan 5, 3-4:30pm
- House of Peace 1702 W Walnut, Jan 6, 10-11:30am, Jan 18, 10:30am-12:30p

See complete schedule of Milwaukee Co. sites at:
www.picknsave.com/mobilemarket or call 2-1-1. Accepts debit cards, credit cards and Quest EBT (not cash). Program of Pick 'n Save, Hunger Task Force, and Milwaukee County.

Neighborhood House

2819 W. Richardson Place, off 27th St., one block south of W. State
Head Start on p. 20; **Family Adventures** right. 933-6161

Sweetheart Dance: Feb. 10, 4:30-6pm. Dance, make crafts and play during this fun night. Learn the latest line dances. Light snacks will be served. Contact Tasha to register. 933-6161 x156

African-American History Program: Feb. 28, 5:30-7pm NH students will describe the African-American experience thru music, movement and words. Potluck dinner 5:30-6:15 pm. Bring a favorite Southern dishes to share. Register: Tasha to register. 933-6161 x156

March Madness: March 15, 5-7pm. Games and tournaments throughout the evening. Light dinner. Fun for the whole family.

Neighborhood Skate Night, 6-8pm Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17. Rollerskate rental is free with donation of two nonperishable food items. Must sign waiver form.

Teen Program, 3-8pm M-F & 8:30-5:30pm on MPS Off-Days, sports, rollerskating, art, field trips, leadership training, community service, driver ed. Info: Mary, 933-6161, x 137. Free. Year-round.

Note: To participate in the programs below (Afterschool, Off-Day, and Winter Break), children must be registered and enrolled; not a drop-in childcare center. All families must complete an enrollment process and attend an orientation before their child can attend.

Afterschool and Off-Day Programs: for ages 6-12, scholarships available, WI Shares accepted. Homework help, rollerskating, basketball, computers, snacks, interest clubs. 933-6161 ext 139

Winter Break Program: fee is \$35.80 per day for children 6-12 years. Open Dec. 23 (closed Dec. 26) & open Dec. 27-30



Strong Baby Sanctuary

Are you pregnant or have you recently given birth? Contact a Strong Baby Sanctuary to learn about community resources to support you and your family. The Strong Baby Sanctuaries embrace pregnant women and their families and offer information and resources, mentorship and spiritual support to create stronger babies in the Milwaukee community.

For information or to schedule an appointment, please call:

- Ascension Fellowship Church, 4925 N. 24 Place, 378-4031

- Bethel Temple Church of God in Christ, 2576 N. 5 St., 397-5833
- Bradford Memorial AME Church, 4260 N. Teutonia, 445-2189
- Calvary Baptist Church, 2959 N. Teutonia, 372-1450
- Canaan Baptist Church, 2964 N. 11, 264-2070
- Capuchin Community Services/House of Peace, 1702 W. Walnut, 933-1300 ext. 11
- Christ Mission CME Church, 1601 W. Clarke St., 264-3515
- Catholic churches/eastside/St Hedwig 1716 N Humboldt 271-6577
- Ebenezer Church of God in Christ, 3132 N. King Dr., 793-0328
- For Him International Ministries, 2544 N. 27 St., 263-8960
- God's Hands Outreach Ministry, 6151 N. Sherman, 687-1888
- Greater Bethlehem Temple World Ministries, 222 E. Center St., 264-5350
- Hephatha Lutheran Church, 1720 W. Locust, 264-0238
- Holy Cathedral Church of God in Christ, 2677 N. 40, 447-1965
- Lamb of God Missionary Baptist Church 8415 W Bradley 355-0931
- Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2207 N. 2, 372-7811
- Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, 5460 N. 64, 463-7950 ext. 70
- St. Matthew CME Church, 2944 N. 9 St., 213-5091
- True Love Missionary Baptist Church, 210 W. Keefe, 264-6869
- Unity Gospel House of Prayer Apostolic Church, 1747 N. 12 St. 574-1245
- Unity Lutheran Church, 1025 E. Oklahoma Ave., 744-6311
- Village Ministries Inc., 2614 W. Center, 535-8227

NH Family Adventures

Neighborhood House, 2819 W. Richardson Place.

Free Family Adventures: Discover Wisconsin!

Transportation from Neighborhood House to event is included, but space is limited! Contact Tasha for info or to register. 933-6161 ext. 142. Pack a lunch. Free admission to attractions.

- **Jan. 7: Cave of the Mounds,** 8:45am-4pm. Guided tour underground thru beautiful natural limestone cave. Activity level: Light.

- **Jan. 21: Milwaukee Art Museum,** 10:45am-2pm. Discover Wisconsin history with a guided tour through the galleries. Register

- **Mar. 18: Maple Sugaring,** 9:30am-1:45pm. Taste and see where real maple syrup comes from! Drill, tap, and collect sap at our Nature Center in Neosho, WI. Activity Level: Light to Moderate. Register.

Mark your calendars for other Family Adventures: Apr. 22, May 13, June 3, and if eligible, June 24 (Mystery Trip). To be eligible for the June 24 event, families must attend at least Two Adventures

Local resources help you be a better parent

PREGNANCY –

Counseling and prenatal care

City of Milw. Health Dept. home visits: offers several nurse home visit programs for parents-to-be who are City of Milwaukee residents. Call 286-8620 to speak with a nurse.

Silver Spring UWM Community Nursing Center prenatal care coordination & family planning only services Call 535-0432 for appt. M-Thurs: 9-4; Friday: 9-noon or about health services for uninsured and underinsured. 5460 N. 64.

House of Peace UWM Community Nursing Center Free prenatal care coordination to help Medicaid-eligible pregnant moms find resources, support & info to have a healthy pregnancy & child. *The Village* free parenting group series. Call 933-1590 x1144 M-Th: 9-4; Friday: 9-noon 1702 W. Walnut.

Next Door Early Head Start home visitation provides weekly home visits for pregnant moms & families with children up to 5 yrs. Services available for special needs children. 2545 N 29 Street & 5310 W Capitol 562-2929 ext. 290

16th St. Community Health Center At 1032 Cesar Chavez Dr: Every Tues. car seat class English/Spanish 10-11am **At 2906 S. 20 St:** Labor/Delivery & Infant Care Spanish 1-3pm; English 3-5pm. 897-5296

Welcome, Baby! for expectant and parents of infants. Through The Parenting Network (see p. 15).

Mommy & Baby-Live Well Be Well supports expectant mothers & mothers with newborns (30 days or less) Parenting classes, nutrition education, community activities, breastfeeding training, clothing incentives, and \$25 client's referral program.. 301-3732. Our Daily Bread Comm. Outreach Center, 6040 W Lisbon, #203

Life Enhancement Supportive Services: prenatal care coordination for eligible women. Continues to help mothers with access to medical, social, and educational resources until the child's 7th birthday. 6001 W. Center St. Ste. 100, 444-2380

Encompass Solutions: client-centered PNCC/CCC services for pregnancy and up to 7 yrs. after delivery. Free to Medicaid-eligible pregnant women & their families to assist in preventing adverse pregnancy outcomes and to help the family become self-sufficient. Services: parenting & nutrition education, employment training, housing resources, C.A.R.E Bundles, SBIRT/perinatal addiction counseling, 1st Breath, Mommy & Me Services. 722-3274

Sister to Sister Family Services: Prenatal Care Coordination/ Family Care Coordination helps moms and families reach their goals. Uses resources in community to help families become more successful. Assists with accessing medical, employment training, housing, baby items/building healthy relationships. 509-5393

Children 1st PNCC/CC: services to all Medicaid-eligible pregnant women who are a high risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes. Also: screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment to identify, reduce, and prevent substance abuse. 388-8293

Mothering the Mother Birth professionals Meet & Greet 1st Thurs. of month. PNCC services to those who qualify; childbirth & breastfeeding education & support groups. www.motheringthemootherinc.info. 1588 S. 81 St, West Allis. 446-7107

Childbirth education at Aurora Sinai: see Teen Services p. 17

Prepared Childbirth classes at Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital 4 session Tues. series starts Jan. 17 6-9pm; 4 Thurs. series starts Jan. 19 6-9pm. \$80, but partial or full scholarships are available. Weekend series also. Must register. 2323 N Lake Dr. 963-9355

Prepared Childbirth classes St Joseph Hosp, 6:30-9pm 4 weeks starts Wed. Jan. 4. \$80 fee waived for WIC moms. 5000 W Chambers. Register: 888-994-3286

Well-Rounded Maternity Center: Babywearing 1-2:30pm 4th Sat; Cloth Diapering 2:30-4pm 2nd/4th Sat. \$10 each. Resale of maternity clothes & cloth diapers. Birth Options Seminar 1st Tues. 7-9pm \$10. New Parenting Circle/support group 11:30am-1:30pm Fri. \$5 donation. 2455 S Howell, Bay View. 744-7001

Prenatal care coordination from health insurance companies includes help to find baby supplies, local resources, childcare, and provide info on nutrition, breastfeeding, parenting:

Managed Health Services Start Smart: 1-800-496-5803. Includes free home visits from nurse or social worker.

If *Dean Health Plan Southeast* is your HMO & you have a T19 (Forward Card), call 1-800-482-8010 for more information.

UnitedHealthcare 1-800-599-5985 free to anyone with Medicaid. Provides ongoing prenatal support over the phone.

Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby Prenatal care coordination program free to *Children's Community Health Plan* members (HMO for families w/Badger Care Plus). Get support & services needed to have a healthy pregnancy, healthy baby. Incentive program to earn baby items & gift cards, welcome mom kit, breastfeeding kit, home visits. 266-3751

iCare for Mom and Baby: free prenatal program for pregnant *iCare* BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid SSI members. Help to find a health care provider and obtain baby supplies. Independent Care Health Plan (*iCare*): 1-800-777-4376.

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Milwaukee 10am-4 pm Mon-Fri Pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, free prenatal vitamins, maternity clothing, limited baby clothing, diapers & items. Post abortion support & options counseling. Call for an appointment. Free, confidential. 2917 N Oakland. 962-2212

Pregnancy counseling & resources & Family Resource Center: Children's Hospital. 453-1400.

Coalition for Children Youth & Families provides information to those thinking about adoption for their child and to prospective adoptive parents, professionals & others interested in adoption information. www.wiadoptioninfocenter.org 1-800-762-8063

Lutheran Counseling & Family Services adoption, birth parent counseling, resources, and education services. 3800 N Mayfair Rd. 536-8333

Milwaukee Birthright, free pregnancy tests, physician referral, call before coming. Layettes given 2-3 wks before due date; bring SS card, photo ID, and pregnancy statement. 2025 W. Oklahoma Suite 125 672-5433 (24 hr. line)

New Beginnings long-term program w/ housing that guides new, single mothers towards self-sufficiency with opportunities to continue education, grow spiritually, learn parenting skills. 376-0595

Women's Support Center: 100% free services. Pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, breastfeeding & childcare classes, fertility care,

material assistance for mothers with babies & small children, and natural family planning. 2051 W. Wisconsin Ave. 934-8888

Women's Care Center, free pregnancy test, free ultrasound, medical & social service referrals, childbirth & parenting classes, material assistance when enrolled in Center services. 634 W Historic Mitchell St 645-4050, bilingual. 1441 N Farwell. 223-2610

Associated Pregnancy Services unintended pregnancy consultation, free pregnancy tests, Loving Moms Incentive Program, newborn gift pack, diapers, post-abortion support. 8501 W Lincoln, 9550 W. Brown Deer Rd., 1214 S. 8th St., 4521 N. 42. Call helpline for walk-in hrs or for appointment: 727-8177.

Adoption Choice, Inc: Confidential, supportive and caring private agency offering free pregnancy counseling, emotional support & adoption support services. Education, resources, home visits. 500 W. Silver Spring, Ste. K235. 24 hr hotline: (800) 255-6305

Pregnancy/Parenting Hot Line confidential line for Waukesha & Milw. Co. Pregnancy & parenting info, referrals for insurance, doctors, WIC, housing, etc. 8am-4pm M-F 262-548-4000

A Place of Refuge: 476-6333, a network of volunteers that are committed to assisting pregnant women with needs. Can provide temporary housing for pregnant women and children.

Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support Program assists expectant mothers and new mothers with emotional support, community resources, education for pregnancy and parenting. Also works with parent wanting to make an adoption plan. Home visits available. Free. 2021 N. 60. 771-2881

Pregnancy Support Services of ECFA pregnancy counseling support & goal setting, Safe Sleep boxes available for clients, parenting support, adoption services, short-term newborn respite care, home visits. Free, confidential. Evangelical Child & Family Agency, 1617 S. 124. 262-789-1881 24-hr. emergency line

Bethany Christian Services free pregnancy counseling, information on all options, confidential support, adoption & voluntary foster care services, parenting resources. N14W23755 Stone Ridge Dr Waukesha. In-home visit if have no car/Wendy: 262-547-6557

Waukesha/ Tomorrow's Choice Family Resource Center Mon 4-7pm, Wed & Sat. 9-noon Free, confidential counseling re: pregnancy & post-abortion stress related issues. Baby supplies are also distributed (diapers: size NB-5, wipes, clothing up to 24 mos.) Not a medical facility. 912 N Barstow, Waukesha, 262-513-9590

Easter Seals, Safe Babies Healthy Families pregnancy & parenting home visits for Waukesha Co (+ some areas of Milw. & Walworth Co.) Education, support, resources, adoption information. English/Spanish mom's groups. Baby Buddies, 2nd & 4th Wed. Childbirth education class in Milw Co. 262-548-4000

BREASTFEEDING resources moved to p. 16

BABIES and CHILDREN

Welcome, Baby! for expectant and parents of infants. Through The Parenting Network (see p. 15).

The Village free parenting group by UWM College of Nursing at House of Peace. 8-week Mon. class starts Jan. 9 or Mar. 6, 10-11:30am. Free, but must register ahead: call 933-1590. CCS-House of Peace UWM Community Nursing Center 1702

W. Walnut. Also see listing under "Pregnancy" at left.

Mommy & Baby Live Well Be Well Care coordination for mothers with newborns (30 days or less). Our Daily Bread Community Outreach Cntr, 6040 W Lisbon #203. 301-3732. See p. 19

Learning How to Feed my Newborn Baby: new class at Sixteenth Street WIC Project, 1-2pm first Tues. of every month: Jan. 3, etc. Learn breastfeeding basics, what to expect when it comes to feeding your new baby, talk with other new & experienced moms in a safe place. 1337 S. Cesar Chavez Dr.

Also *in Spanish* on 3rd Tues. of every month. 643-7554

Parenting Support Group for mothers and their babies under age 1, St. Martin de Porres Church, 128 W. Burleigh, 1-2:30pm last Monday of the month. Register: 771-2881, ext 4165

My Morning with Mom 10-11:30am Thurs mothers & babies, discussion with health care professional. Aurora Women's Pavilion 8901 W. Lincoln. Info: 888-863-5502

New Parents Network Newborns & infants 11am-1pm Wed. Crawlers & infants 9-11am Wed. Columbia St. Mary's Hospital.

Moms Chat 10-11:30am Tues. Wheaton Franciscan Brown Deer Campus (inside Y) 9252 N. Green Bay Rd. 888-994-3286

Infant Massage 1:30-3:30pm Jan 18, Mar. 22, bring baby 4 wks-6 mos. \$15, but can ask for scholarship. ALSO: **Happiest**

Baby on the Block, 6-8pm Tues. Dec. 27, Jan. 3, Feb. 21. \$40, inc. DVD. All at Columbia St Mary, 2323 N. Lake Dr. 963-9355

Mothering the Mother: Baby Wearing & Cloth Diapering on a Budget, both \$10, www.motheringthemotherrinc.info 446-7107

Women's Care Center Crib Club coupon incentives if enrolled in class for crib, car seat, stroller, formula, clothing, diapers. Classes: one-on-one birth preparation, baby care basics, breastfeeding, & goals 634 W Mitchell St, 645-4050/1441 N Farwell 223-2610

New Concepts 8-wk parent series Wed 10-noon or Th 5-7 pm Register 1st day; only 30 in class. 1531 W Vliet 344-5788 x30

Children's Hospital adoption services, child & family counseling, foster care, parenting programs 620 S 76, Ste 120. 453-1400

Teen parent services

Childbirth education classes (**Easter Seals** Safe Babies Healthy Families) **Aurora Sinai**, 960 N. 12, 4:30-6:30pm 4 Thurs starting Jan. 5 Free classes, bus passes. Earn baby items by attending all 4 classes register: 262-548-4000.

Are you pregnant, just had a baby or have children under 5?

WIC provides food, as well as nutrition information, to help keep families healthy. At Northwest Health Center, 7630 W Mill Road; Keenan Health Center, 3200 N 36th St; Southside Health Center, 1639 S 23rd St. Call 286-8820 to make an appointment.

Infant CPR classes at Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital 7-8:30pm Wed. Dec. 23, Jan. 27, Feb. 24; 9-10:30am Sat. Jan. 9, Feb. 20, Mar. 19; \$30. Must register 2323 N. Lake Dr. 963-9355

Classes for budgeting & business; homebuyer resources

Ready to Read with Books2Go

Free childcare provider classes by Milw. Public Library. 2017 schedule, check in January: www.mpl.org/childcareworkshops

3-credit class: caring for special needs children

An intensive Saturday course offers 3 college credits to early care and education professionals. CE: 45 hrs/counts towards Inclusion credential & YoungStar. Special Health Care Needs 8am-3pm Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11. 1-888-385-6982. Held at Milw. Center for Independence, 2020 W. Wells St. \$425

Free Head Start for infants & toddlers

-- **Milwaukee Public Schools** Head Start for ages 3 & 4. Families supported with services in education, health, dental care, mental health, and disabilities. Children with special needs are an enrollment priority; those in foster/kinship care are automatically accepted. 23 sites with half-day K3 or full-day K4. Info: 777-7850

- **Neighborhood House** has full day, full year Early Head Start program. Ages 6 weeks to 3 years. Special needs children welcome. Dia-grams provided in class. 2819 W Richardson Place. 933-6161 ext 139

- **Acelero Learning Wisconsin** is still enrolling children ages 3-5 for the 2016-2017 school year. See their 7 locations in Milwaukee County at www.acelero.net. Acelero has more Five Star centers in SE Wis. than any other program. To enroll, call 616-5000

- **Next Door Head Start** for ages 3-5. Nutritious meals, field trips, family resources/referrals, results-based curriculum. Must meet income guidelines. Sites throughout Milw.; main campus, 2545 N. 29. Info: 562-2929 ext. 197. **Early Head Start** home visitation & PNCC/CCC programs provide weekly home visits for pregnant moms & families with children up to 3 yrs. Services for special needs children. 2545 N 29 & 5310 W Capitol 562-2929 x 290

Wis. Women's Business Initiative classes

463-5450 (call for details for online classes) Classes marked WW-BIC are at their office: 1533 N Rivercenter Dr. 53212

Budgeting, credit, personal finances

Get the Degree, Not the Debt!- Jan 26 6-7:30PM WWBIC

Road to Credit Repair-Feb 15 12-1 PM ONLINE

How to Stretch Your Tax Refund Feb 22 6-7:30 Oak Creek Library

Borrow Smart!- Feb 27th 6-7:30PM Washington Park Library

Spending Plans: Make Every Penny Count- March 2 6-7:30

Barack Obama High School

Business education classes

- **Creating an Effective Business Website** Feb 23 6-8 PM Associated Bank 10701 W National Ave \$15

- **What can WWBIC Do for You?** Jan 27 9-10AM ONLINE, March 3 6-7PM WWBIC

- **Strong Women, Strong Coffee**, Feb 22, March 22 7:30-9am

Encourages business professionals and entrepreneurs to build meaningful connections. WWBIC. \$10.

- **Selling Online** Feb 1 6-7:30PM Riverworks Lofts \$15

- **Master Customer Service** March 9 6-8PM Ellenbecker \$15

- **Thinking of Starting a Business?** Feb 16 6pm Greenfield Library

- **AARP Work for Yourself @ 50+** Jan 25 10am Wauwatosa Library

Home buying resources

Homebuyer Seminars United Community Center: Learn the process of buying, get pre-qualified for a mortgage loan, learn about grants. Must take Parts 1 & 2 to get Homebuyer Certificate. 6-10pm English Part 1: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2 Part 2: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9 Spanish Part 1: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 23 Part 2: Jan. 26, Feb. 23

Info: 384-3100 or e-mail fcampus@unitedcc.org

Helping low-income home owners with repairs

Community First is a nonprofit organization that helps low-income and elderly Milwaukee residents afford the repairs needed to maintain and remain in their homes. It has worked on more than 260 homes since starting in 2015, and last year provided repairs worth an average of \$35,000. The group also provides support services, following up after a repair project is done: teaching financial literacy, teaming up with Victory Gardens to help them grow their own food, and teaching them how to use new appliances and items in their homes. 3940 W. Lisbon Ave. Info: 377-4481, cfmke.org

Habitat for Humanity New Homeowner Info/Orientation: 5:30-6:30pm Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16; noon-1pm Jan. 18, Mar. 1. Register: 316-5618



Homeownership Fair by Take Root Milwaukee

8am-1pm March 18, Italian Conference Center, 631 E Chicago

Those who are ready to buy, as well as just starting to think about owning a home, can connect with lenders, realtors, housing counselors, and neighborhood organizations to learn about the home-buying process. Talk one-on-one with more than 25 local organizations that will help you explore if and when home buying is right for you. 9am & 11am home buying workshops; 10am home rehab workshop. Free parking. TakeRootMilwaukee.com

Take Root Milwaukee: Homebuying, Repair, and Foreclosure Resource

If you are interested in learning about the home buying process, need help to keep your current home, or are looking for home repair resources, visit www.TakeRootMilwaukee.com for a list of member services and a calendar of upcoming workshops. Or, you can call their hotline at 921-4149 to be connected with an organization that can help you.

Take Root Milwaukee connects people with reliable and trustworthy resources to help individuals purchase a new home and keep their current home. Members of Take Root Milwaukee include realtors, neighborhood organizations, community groups, lenders, and housing counseling agencies. Free or low-cost professional and confidential housing counseling aids in buying, keeping, or fixing a home. View www.TakeRootMilwaukee.com or check Facebook for updates and educational opportunities.

Computer classes for youth, adults



Milw. Public Libraries: free 2-hr. hands-on computer training; register at www.mpl.org or 286-3011. Walk-ins welcome if space is available. Computer basics, Internet, e-mail, beginner & intermediate Word, PowerPoint, Excel

Journey House computer class: 12:30-2 pm M & W for 1 semester; starts in Jan; register: 647-0548. \$10 registration fee. Free onsite childcare, ages 1-6. 2110 W. Scott

Free adult education

Offered by Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services thru MPS. GED prep, GED in Spanish (at South Division only), HSED alternative (at North Division only), reading, writing, math, English language learning (ELL), citizenship, basic computer skills, resume preparation, skills for helping children with homework and more are offered one-on-one, in small groups, classes or workshops at North Division HS, 1011W. Center, Rm 158, 267-5171 & South Division HS, 1515 W. Lapham, Rm 111, 902-8509

Scholarships for GED or HSED grads

The Wis. Literacy SE Regional Scholarship offers awards to GED/HSED graduates who plan to attend college or technical school. Scholarships of \$1,000 may be awarded. Applicants must have received a Wisconsin GED or HSED within the last 5 years. Apply by any of these deadlines: Nov. 1, Mar. 1, or July 1. Must enroll in a college program, 6 credits or more, in the upcoming spring or fall semester. Check www.wisconsinliteracy.org under "NEWS" for the application form, which is being accepted now.

School Resource Fair: 10am-1pm Jan. 21 at Bay View Community Center. 16 schools have been invited: (12) K-8 schools and (4) high schools. All are close to the Center (no more than 10 minutes away) or are a school with a special focus (eg. language immersion). 1320 E. Oklahoma, 482-1000. Free.

Want a GED? New skills can mean a better job

Beware of scams: GED tests are never offered online; they can only be taken in person at official testing centers, such as these:

Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services offers one-on-one and small group tutoring for adults in math & reading, English language learning, GED/HSED preparation, basic computer skills, and citizenship at 5566 N. 69 (463-7389) and at 1501 S. Layton Blvd. (643-5108).

Adult Learning Center, 1916 N. 4. Classes for students of all learning levels, from 3rd grade reading level thru high school. Call 263-5874 to sign up for a test for new students. Test fee: \$1

YWCA Community Adult Learning Lab, HSED/GED preparation & testing 8am-4pm Mon-Fri. 1915 N MLK Dr, 267-3146

The Next Door GED Fast Track and Skill-Building Adult Education Program has orientations for new students every Thurs. Adult education/GED 9-noon Mon-Wed or 1-4pm Mon-Wed. Individualized

Job help

Journey House at 2110 W. Scott: help with job searches, resume writing, interview prep, open lab Tues/Th noon-2 pm; 1-on-1 appts. financial coaching: credit review, debt, budget. 647-0548

Professional Development at COA, 2320 W. Burleigh: Job leads, resume building, cover letters, help with community needs Fridays by appointment. 449-1757 ext. 3120, or call Alicia Morgan, 265-7689

Goodwill Workforce Center: Free services to help you find a job. No appt. needed. 3903 N. Richards, 962-4148, 8-5pm M-F; 1pm Tues resume class; 6055 N. 91, 847-4960, 9am-6pm MF 1pm Tues resume class; & 1400 Nike Dr, Waukesha, 832-3216

YWCA Career Opportunity Center: resume & job search help, interview practice, on-the-job training. Walk-in, need to fill out intake form. 8am-7pm Mon. & Wed.; 8am-5pm Tues., Thurs. Fri.; 9am-1pm Sat. 1915 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. 374-1800.

Employment Success for Women 505 N. East Ave. Waukesha. Open to the community. Call for free workshop topic. Additional 1:1 help with resumes, cover letters, interviewing. Free computer use for job search, by appointment. Free childcare by appt. 262-547-4600

Workforce Development Center career planning, job search, training, call-ahead free childcare 262-695-7800 Pewaukee.

For ages 18-24: employMENT NOW offers GED, career planning, funds for school or childcare, job placement services. "Earn while you learn" options inc. paid work experience, apprenticeship and on-the-job training. Workforce Development Waukesha 262-695-8042; Ozaukee/Washington Co. 262-335-5309

Building Futures 6-month program helps ages 18-24 earn GED while getting hands-on training/work experience in construction trades. Must have reliable transportation, and be ready to earn while they learn! Registration ends Dec. 31. At Workforce Development Center, Pewaukee. Open to residents in any county. 262-695-7884

Professional Development Bootcamp Jan 30-Feb 3, workshops on leadership, management, career growth. Some free; others \$10 for nonmembers. <http://www.fuelmilwaukee.org/>

instruction, transition services to higher education. 2545 N 29. Call 562-2929 x123

SDC: HSED (PI 5.09/Competency-Based Diploma) spring classes begin Jan. 17. Referrals due by Dec. 31. Apply online at cr-sdc.org by visiting the Programs/Education Services section. Classes at SDC office: 1730 W. North Ave. 906-2750.

Journey House Family Learning Center: Adult Basic Skills, GED in English & Spanish, English Language Learning (ELL) classes, & Citizenship. Call 647-0548 to sign up for Jan. classes. Free onsite childcare for morn/eve classes for ages 1-6. Computer class above

New Concept Self-Development Center: adult education/GED prep. free 9am-noon Tues/Wed/Thurs. Individualized instruction, transition to higher education at MATC. May receive scholarship for \$135 exam fee if comply with requirements and attend class regularly. Visit class to register. 1531 W. Vliet. 344-5788.

Free clothing at Trading Posts

Milwaukee site

If you need infant or children’s clothing, visit our Mother’s Trading Post, Ascension Lutheran Church, 1300 S. Layton Blvd.

- Used clothing. Now has a limited supply of older children’s sizes. You can bring clothing your children have outgrown.
- Each mother may take 1 bag of clothes once every 2 mos., and wipes and disposable diapers for each child in diapers.

The used clothing is free, but mothers are asked to bring 1 or 2 cans of food for the local food pantry in exchange for clothing. Co-sponsors: HOPE Network & Ascension Lutheran Church

When: 9:30-11:30am (**MUST arrive by 11:15**)

1st & 3rd Thurs: Dec 15, Jan 5 & 19, Feb 2 & 16, Mar 2 & 16

Ascension Lutheran Church

1300 S. Layton Blvd.
(S. 27th St.),

On east side of Layton, one block south of Scott St. Bus # 27

Located in south wing of church; enter southernmost entrance marked by a brown canopy and number “1300.”



Northwest site

The Northwest Trading Post in Menomonee Falls is larger than the Milwaukee site and stocks all sizes of children’s clothing. The Trading Post is sponsored by Holy Cross Lutheran Church, with HOPE Network as a community partner.

- Used clothing, from infant to adult.
- Limited supply of maternity clothing.
- Toys, high chairs, baby seats, strollers, play pens, car seats, diapers, housewares, bedding, books -- as available
- One bag of clothing per family, please.
- The used clothing is free, but participants are asked to bring one or two cans of food for the local food pantry in exchange for the clothing. Open to anyone in need.

When: 1-2:30pm and 6-7:30pm

3rd Mon. of month: Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20

Where:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

W156 N8131
Pilgrim Rd.
Menomonee Falls, 53051

(just south of Appleton Ave., on Pilgrim Rd.)



Back of building



Milwaukee Home Visiting Program

Every new parent can use some support. Home visiting programs are here for you.

Home visitors are friendly, live and work in the community, and can’t wait to support you through pregnancy and the beginning of your child’s life.

They’ll come to you – working around your schedule to find the most convenient time and place for you.

And they have just one goal in mind: helping you raise a strong baby. And build an even stronger family.

To learn more: HomeVisitMKE.com
or call (414) 286-8620.

Home visiting programs are available to Milwaukee residents, offered by City of Milwaukee Health Department, Lifecourse Initiative for Health Families.

Sources for free or low-cost clothing

Reformation Lutheran Church **Neighborhood Store** 2201 N 35, enter 35th St., high quality/low-cost clothes, furniture, household, baby items 10am-2pm Wed & Sat 444-0440

Atonement Lutheran Church, 4521 N. 42, clothes for children, youth, women, & men, 9am-noon Sat. (or appointments: 431-2086)

United Methodist Children's Services 3910 W. Lisbon, noon-4pm Wed. Children's & adult clothing. Photo ID for adults (report card, etc for kids); proof of address. Serves all Milw. County. 344-1818

JLH Women's Mentoring Services, 3846 W. Wisconsin Ave, Ste. 109. For single mothers ages 18+. Limited infant clothing, emergency diapers available. Need Wis. ID & ID or med cards for babies needing diapers. 11am-2pm 3rd & 4th Sat by appointment. 934-0216

Father Gene's HELP Center, 5919 W National. For clothes (all sizes) call 10:30am-noon M, W, or F 258-4357. May use every 6 mos.

Casa Maria, 344-5745, 1131 N 21 St. garage in back. No appt. needed for adult clothes, 11am-2pm Mon. & Wed. For infant clothing, must call first.

Bethany-Calvary Clothes Closet, 7265 W. Center, has men, women, children's clothing. Free. Call 258-2868 for the times when the closet will be open.

House of Peace Clothing Bank 1702 W. Walnut. Bring photo ID, bags. Need appointment. 1-4pm Mon-Fri. 933-1300

Northcott Neighborhood House, adult & children's clothing 10am-2pm M-F. 2460 N. 6 St., 372-3770

Children's Clothing Bank, newborn to size 12; sometimes diapers, wipes, toys: 10am-noon Tues & Thurs; or by appt. 762-0552 Family Life Center, St Stephen, 1441 W. Oakwood Rd, Oak Creek

Scott Christian Youth Center, 263-3177, 2741 N Teutonia. Clothing/limited supply/unsorted. Mon.-Fri. Call for hours.

Adullam Outreach, 3025 N. 30. Free clothing, shoes, household items, mattresses, furniture. By appointment only: 216-3025.

Charity's Closet at Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, thrift store with low prices. Mon-Fri. 6-8:30pm, 5460 N. 64 St. 463-7950

Good Samaritan Outreach 5924 W Burnham & other locations, 10-2pm T, W, Th. Need photo ID, proof of current address (dated piece of mail), & ID or med cards for kids. Food & clothes pantry. Call 211 for info re: your area.

Bargain Center North, 8401 W Lisbon, 9:30-3:30pm Tues.- Sat 463-2595; **Bargain Center South** 5005 W Howard, 9:30-3:30pm Tues-Sat 327-2529. Both have clothing, household goods; cash only. South location also has furniture.

Kids Kloset of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 3200 S. Herman, infant & children clothing, some maternity, toys, books. Mon: noon-3pm, Tues: 10am-1pm, Wed: 12:30-3pm Photo ID. Enter Euclid Ave door

Pregnancy Help Center: 1225 W Mitchell, Ste 217, free maternity & baby clothes up to size 4T, free diapers to size 5, free formula (as available), layettes, Mon-Fri 9-4. Call if not used before. 645-4050

Milwaukee Birthright 2025 W. Oklahoma Ste. 125, newborn clothing, blankets; must call 2-3 wks (for appt.) before due date. For layettes, need photo ID, SS no., & note from doctor (pregnancy statement). Mon, Wed., Fri. noon-4pm 672-5433

Blessed Again Resale, 7624 W. Hampton, 10am-4pm Mon-Sat, low-cost children's, maternity, adult clothing, shoes, furniture, electronics, housewares, etc. 464-9099

Well-Rounded Maternity Center 2455 S. Howell Ave, Bay View Maternity clothing resale. 11-7pm Tues/11am-5pm W-Sat 744-7001

Economy Center 7814 W Burleigh 9:30-4pm T-F; 'til 3 Sat. Clothes, household, books, toys, some small furniture for sale. 442-2272

Resale Shop run by Christ Child Society, located on Our Lady of Good Hope Church campus, 40th & Good Hope. Clothes for women, men, and children. Use front parking lot. 9:30-3:30pm Tues/Thurs., 9:30-12:30pm 1st & 3rd Sat. 540-0489

Red Door Clothes, St. James Episcopal Church, 833 W. Wisconsin. 1st & 3rd Sat, 8:30-10:30am. 271-1340

Wellington Park Lutheran Church 10-11:30am 1st Sat. of mo, 7017 W Medford (1 blk. north of Hampton), free clothing; \$1 donation or bring 1 non-perishable food item. 461-4061.

RePurpose, 8211 W. Brown Deer Rd., is stocked with donations that have been repurposed for sale: household furnishings, office furniture, clothing, gift items. T-F noon-7pm and Sat 10am-5pm, 977-4250 Proceeds help fund the nonprofit's initiatives to train at-risk youth for the workforce. St. Charles Youth/ Family Services program

St Vincent Thrift Store 9am-9pm M-S 2320 W Lincoln 672-2040

St. Vincent de Paul Society: May have help for you if you live in area of a donating parish w/funding. In Milw call 462-7837; Waukesha: 262-547-3281; Ozaukee Co: 262-284-4637

Interview attire for women/men in need: DIVA/DIVO in Bay View & northside: Must have referral from case worker, job trainer, etc. e-mailed on letterhead with a signature to michele@diva-divo.org. See criteria at www.diva-divo.org

Bottomless Closet: interview clothes for men & women & help with communication/interviewing skills. M-F by appt. only. 270-2984



Subsidized window replacement for eligible properties. Call 286-5987 to see if your property qualifies.

Emergency Food Pantries

It's best to call 2-1-1 to find a food pantry in your area.

They will know which have adequate supplies that day to help you, and which have baby formula in stock. Also see p. 3.

53202, 53203, 53211

Interchange Food Pantry, 130 E Juneau (1 block west of Water) 2-5 pm Tues; 4-7pm Wed; 9-11am Thurs. 276-4108.

53206, 53209, 53210, 53212, 53216, 53218, 53222, 53223, 53224, 53225

Trinity Presbyterian, 3302 N Sherman Open Tues, 9-10:30 am (or until nos. are gone); visit 2X per mo. 871-9440

53205, 53206, 53208, 53210, 53212, 53213, 53233

Divine Word Lutheran Church, 5505 W Lloyd. Open Thurs, 9-10:30am (or until nos. are gone); visit 2X per mo. 476-3189

53205, 53208, 53233

Central City Churches Outreach Ministry, Our Savior's Lutheran Church 3022 W Wisconsin. 9:30-11:30 M-Th. Photo ID w/address for area residents. Also, baby formula. 342-1522

53205, 53206, 53233

House of Peace, 1702 W Walnut, M-F 8:30-noon 1-3:30pm; can use 1X every 30 days; bring photo ID, proof of residence, ID for each household member. Free legal clinic 3-7pm Tues. Clothes 1-4pm with photo ID. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. 933-1300

53206

Emmaus Lutheran Church, 2818 N 23, 9:30-10:30am Wed 1st come/ 1st served; need photo ID, proofs of address & kid's ages (e.g. report card or Medicaid card) 444-6090.

53209, 53218, 53225

Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, 5460 N 64, noon-2pm Mon; 11am-2pm Tues; 10-noon Thurs. Stock box distribution for 6 mos & 1 yr; 5-yr-old WIC grads; seniors: 1-3pm F 463-7950

53212

Northcott Neighborhood House 10am-2pm M-F Bring proof of residence, photo ID for you, other ID for household members 372-3770

53218

Peace Lutheran Church 5229 N 51. 2:30-4:30 Wed; 10-noon Sat plus emergency needs; community meal 11-1pm & 5-6p Wed. 461-2763

53222, 53225

Northwest Baptist Church 4373 N 92. 4-7pm Wed. Need photo ID, piece of mail for adults, kids' report cards etc. Has infant formula for zip codes 53222 and 53225. 463-3630

Scott Christian Youth Center: 2741 N Teutonia noon-2pm 2nd & 4th Tues. Clothing bank. Hot meals: 10-11am M-F; 3:30-4:30pm M-Th For pantry, need photo ID; age verification for kids 263-3177

United Methodist Children's Services 3910 W Lisbon, noon-4pm M, W. Photo ID adults (report card, etc for kids); proof of address for adults & kids; serves 53208, south portion of 53210. 344-1818

Christ Lutheran Church 2235 W Greenfield, 10am-noon (lines form at 9am; may close early if supply is gone) 2nd Sat of mo., food pantry, free clothes. Bring ID. 645-5138

53204

HOPE House, 209 W Orchard, 12:30-2:30pm Tues. & Thurs. 10am-noon Sat., bring ID & proof of residency. 645-2122.

53204 (south of Greenfield Ave.), 53215

St. Hyacinth, 1414 W. Becher, 12:30-2:30pm Tues; 4-6pm Wed; need ID of everyone in household & proof of address. 383-4010

St. Anthony, 1711 S. 9 St. (Mitchell & 9th) 9am-noon 1st & 3rd Sat. Homemade soups & chili every 3rd Sat. Sept. to April.

St. Peter Lutheran Church, 1204 S. 8 (Scott), 3rd Sat. 10am

53215

Milw Christian Center, 807 S. 14 St. 1-3pm M-Th, 10-noon Fri. Must be in zip code 53215 or live within service area between 13th & 43rd Sts, from Pierce to College. Need ID of all in household & proof of address. 645-5350 ext. 118

South side: live in area south of Wisconsin Ave., north of Ryan Rd between 27th & 124th Sts. Good Samaritan Outreach Center 5924 W Burnham, 10-2pm T, W, Th. Need address proof (current piece of mail), photo ID for everyone in household. 541-7668.

South side: 53207, 53221, 53235, & part of 53215 south of Becher, east of 27 St. Bay View Community Center, 1320 E Oklahoma 4-7pm Tues; 2:30-5pm Wed; 2:30-5:15pm Fri. Photo ID, address proof/current piece of mail, proof of income. Adults need SS cards. Kids: SS, report cards, or birth certificates. 482-1000

Oak Creek Family Life Center 1441 W. Oakwood Rd 53110, 53129, 53130, 53132, 53154, 53220, 53228, 53235 for adults, children. For formula, need WIC folder. Bring proof of address, photo ID. 10am-noon Tues. & Thurs. or call for appt. 762-0552

HOPE needs donated items All size clothing, baby equipment, toys, books, household items. Take to Northwest Trading Post, Holy Cross Church, W156 N8131 Pilgrim Rd. Go to back parking lot and place items in vestibule; open 9am-7pm Mon-Wed. Tax receipts available. Items given free to single mothers and other local families in need.

Some appliances, furniture at ReStore Used stoves & sometimes refrigerators, at 50-75% off retail. Furniture, cabinets, housewares, tools, paint, doors, windows, tile, lumber, lighting, hardware. Run by Habitat for Humanity. **ReStore West:** 3015 N. 114, Wauwatosa, 316-5650. **ReStore East:** 420 S. 1, 316-5682 (closed Mon.) Other sites: W188 N10707 Maple Ave., Germantown; 2120 E Moreland Blvd, Waukesha; & West Bend; weekly deals: milwaukeeerstore.org

Support group for adult children of alcoholics

6:30-8pm every Tues. A circle of support, discussion, and study for adults who grew up in homes where alcoholism and other dysfunctions were present. Body & Soul Healing Arts Center, 3617 N. 48. Info: Venice Williams (text 414-687-0122). www.facebook.com/bodyandsoulACOA/

Single Mother Want Ads

Single mothers may place an ad here or in bi-monthly Updates for \$1. Free to HOPE members. Send ad to info@hopenetworkinc.org,
NOTE: HOPE Network does not do background checks on childcare providers or clients. **MORE WANT ADS ON NEXT PAGE**

PROVIDING CHILDCARE

Portia's Loving Childcare: Now enrolling. Also care for up to 12 yrs. Looking for full time clients, although part-time accepted. 7am-7pm. Accepts all forms of payment. Offers nutritious meals, educational component, field trips, loving, caring environment. Come join our loving family! Portia, 933-0119

A Joyful Noise Childcare is currently enrolling. Our center focuses on the social/emotional, cognitive, language & physical development needed in order to be successful in life. Stop in, follow us or call to schedule a tour! 9700 W. Appleton Ave. Call Mrs. Rachel: 393-9786 M-F 5am-midnight & weekends 6am-8pm Transportation is offered (inquire about details). www.Facebook.com/Ajoyfulnoisearchildcare

Little Miracles Family Daycare: 10 weeks-12 years. Weekends only; 1st & 2nd shifts. Private pay only. Nutritious meals; clean, safe environment; free transportation. 519-2345.

Granny's Babies Day Care, ages 6 wks-13 yrs. Open every day 6am-10pm. Accepts W-2 & private pay. Safe home-like setting. Milw. north-west side. Call 263-7230 for tour and interview.

Explorers of Truth Child Development is accepting enrollment for 2 wks-8 yrs of age. 6am-6pm Mon-Fri. Accepts Wis. Shares and private pay. Warm, home-away-from home family setting. Safe and clean environment, healthy meals and snacks, weekly lesson plans. North side of Milwaukee Contact Ms. Kee-Kee 455-3156. See "hiring" ad at right

Safe-N-His Arms home-based childcare services: Where we care for the little people. Nutritious meals, snacks, educational training, field trips. Safe, clean, loving environment. 2nd & 3rd shifts available. 2-11pm M-F. Call Cheryl Johnson: 336-5930

Safe-N-His Arms Support Services. Prenatal & childcare coordination, infant massage, & screening for high blood pressure, glucose, or breast health. 2821 N. 4, Ste. 207. Cheryl 336-5930

Rose's Tiny Town Family Childcare: licensed, CDA & administrative credentials, Young Star rating: 3 stars. Educational environment, nutritious meals, nurturing provider (20+yrs. experience). 6am-10pm M-F, 6 wks-12 yrs. W-2 or private pay. Call Ms. Rose at 466-6914.

Destiny's Child Christian Academy Daycare, educational activities, quality childcare. Enrolling all ages. Group center with homelike one-on-one attention. 535-1733

FOR SALE

For Sale: Twin bed frame, \$20; cherry-look hall stand w/attached mirror for a slim space, \$15; brown square leather-look ottoman, \$15; white canopy, \$5; 2 white revolving shoe racks, both for \$20; twin quilt in pastel colors w/light green crochet bed skirt, \$15; purple desk chair, \$10; almost new stuffed animals including designer bears such as Gund, make an offer; many plastic hangers in various colors, bagful for \$15. Call Pam, 774-0945

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Lashes by Imani: Eyelash Extensions. Winter Special \$65 Classic Full Sets \$35 Fills. Call/Text Imani for Appointments & Questions: 414-803-6704 IG: @lashes_by_imani email: lashesbyimani@gmail.com

(Mention ad for 10% discount!)

Sunny View Cleaners - Hate cleaning? Want more time to spend with your family?? Are you just completely wiped out and cleaning seems too impossible - well, let Sunny View Cleaners get the job done for you! As a 1st time client, you'd receive the promotion of 20% off all wanted/needed cleaning services for the first time only. Please visit my website at <http://www.sunnyviewcleanerswi.webs.com/> or call/text Whitney at 262-720-6864.

A Dash of Art: Customized Art by Whitney - Are you looking for that one, special gift for someone that they'll never forget? Then what better way to do so than to get some customized artwork done or if you're looking to add something new to your home (which won't hurt your wallet) - then visit my website at <http://www.dash-of-art-by-whitney.webs.com/> or call/text Whitney at 262-720-6864

Looking for any stay-at-home-moms that would be interested in a work-at-home business opportunity, that not only allows you to spend more time with your family, but also to get back to your optimum health!!! Please email Whitney at whitneyomadison@yahoo.com for more information or call/text 262-720-6864.

For Hire: Why waste your life cleaning? When I can do it! Make your chores my responsibility! All quotes/rates negotiable. From kitchens to closets or errands to laundry, give me a call. Michele 554-2395

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Explorers of Truth Child Development is **hiring part-time teachers** for 1st & 2nd shifts. Center hrs: 7am-10pm M-F, 8am-6pm Sat/Sun. Must be willing to work every other weekend as needed, have certification, be enrolled/updated on registry. Inquire: 4429 N. 40 9am-noon; 455-3156

Become a **Child Care Teacher:** 8-week training program FREE to those who qualify! www.networxllc.net 362-4209

Planner & caterer for weddings and other events. (I cook for different venues.) Contact Paula Knox: 438-2484; 204-3146 paulaknox@att.net

Do you need CPR, AED or First Aid training? Would you like training in your facility? No class too big or too small, we teach them all. Continuing education, completion card & certificate at the end of training. Classes in a.m., p.m., 7 days a week. No need to take time off of work, we can come to your facility during nap time, lunch time, etc. We offer a DISCOUNT on certification classes for 10 or more participants.

FREE non-certified CPR/First Aid classes for mothers, grandmothers, or anyone who doesn't need certification but would love to learn the skills to keep their family safe.

Other training offered: SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome), Shaken Baby Syndrome, blood borne pathogens, CPR Pro, Medication Administration. Call Heart_2_Heart Basic medical training today at: 933-2323.

Face Painting Art Designs by Ms. Gabrielle Howard-Brown for birthday parties \$60 (larger events may cost more), reunions, church events, holidays. Water-soluble, non-toxic paint. For special circumstances price is negotiable. Text to 921-8609 or email gabrielleandson1@yahoo.com

Aisha Event Planning offers services for graduations, family events, birthdays, etc. Reasonable prices. Call Aisha, 519-2345.

Character Parties: Are you planning a party for your child and want to add that special touch? Call *Let's Party* and invite one of our characters to party with your child & guests! Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Frozen, Mickey & Minnie, & more. Call today for booking and prices 366-1118

Setup for party: You provide the room, equipment, & decorations, and I'll do a beautiful setup for \$30. Saves you time! Greta, 464-0757.

Sisterlock **hair retightenings** for women only. Spring special, \$75 for the first 5 hrs. Make & keep four hair appointments and the fifth is FREE, for a limited time. Appointments Only. Call 378-5601

Tammy does **hair weaves** (sew-ins) for \$30. 988-4467.

Marlita Media Photography for every stage of life, inc. maternity, newborns, families, weddings, birthdays, reunions, graduations. I love producing beautiful pieces of art for my clients that preserve their precious memories. Affordable; flexible schedule. Marlita 394-5565

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Scholarship Writing Contest - \$500 prizes

Open to students in the 12th grade, who live in the City of Milwaukee. Monetary award, will be mailed to the student after graduation and once he/she is officially enrolled (with class schedule) in the college, university or technical school of their choice by September, 23/ Writing must be neat and legible, and typed double space. The maximum length should not exceed 550 words. Essays will be disqualified, if word limitation is exceeded. Contestants for the writing competition should focus their essay on the following:

What three main problems in our society do you think Dr. King would be trying to solve if he were alive today?

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Two scholarships for \$500 will be awarded to the winners (male and female) at the Dr. King celebration, on Monday, Jan, 16 where the students will be presented with a certificate. All entries must be e-mailed by, Monday, January 8, 2017, online: janetteherrera@aol.com with **ML King Contest** in subject line. Info: Janette Herrera at: janetteherrera@aol.com or 414-828-1410.

Apply: Scholarship for high school students - Jan 13

High school students who will graduate in 2017 can apply for the MATC Promise, a program proving free tuition and fees. They must complete Promise and MATC applications, as well as (FAFSA), by January 13. Students must be on-time graduates from a high school in the MATC district and/or reside in the MATC district. The program will pay students' tuition and fees for four consecutive semesters after federal and state financial grants have been applied. Students must enroll at MATC for the fall 2017 semester, maintain full-time status, and participate in academic success and career planning workshops and service learning projects while at MATC. See matc.edu/promise 297-6668 or email matcpromise@matc.edu.

Glow Skate Returns to Wilson Ice Arena Dec. 30

Skate rental, Glow-in-the-dark necklaces, Holiday lights, Music, Prize drawings Dec. 30 7:30-9:30 p.m. Glow Skate Wilson Ice Arena, 4001 S. 20th \$5 per skater.

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They may look small of stature in this photo, but Zachary and Olivia are big of heart!

They donated 170 teddy bears and other stuffed animals Dec. 7 so that HOPE Network children could enjoy them!

Blankets needed for layettes for new babies

The blankets for layettes should be about 30 X 35 inches, made of fleece, or quilted in baby colors/prints. If they are crocheted or knit, should be tight knit, so that baby's fingers don't get caught.

They can be dropped off at the HOPE Network office, or at Holy Cross Lutheran Church office on Pilgrim, west of Appleton Ave.

HOPE Network volunteer opportunities

Volunteer for mailings & office work; sort clothes (Rm. 201 or at Holy Cross); verify events for quarterly news magazine (your home computer); serve on the board; or help with their Milw. southside clothing bank (near The Domes). 262-251-7333, info@hopenet-workinc.org

Second Saturday family gathering

Join the group Feb. 11 and March 11. ***No meeting in January.***

11am-1pm at All Saints Church cafeteria, 4050 N. 26, north of Capitol. This gathering of moms and their young children has fun activities, a tasty lunch, new friends, and free books and gifts.

Enter on south side between 25th & 26th. Bus lines 26/62.

Free bus to go to the gathering picks up at 10:35am at 16th Community Health Center, 1032 S Cesar Chavez Dr. Returns at 1:30pm. 444-5610

Donate diapers or organize a drive

Finding money to purchase diapers can be stressful and difficult for many struggling families. Food stamp programs and WIC do not cover diapers. Infants use more than 10 diapers and toddlers up to 8 diapers a day, costing more than \$100 a month.

Disposable diapers are the only option for many families without access to washers and dryers. Most Laundromats prohibit washing cloth diapers. Babies who are not changed often enough have an increased risk of infection and other health issues.

If you'd like to purchase diapers and donate to HOPE Network, all sizes are needed, but especially Sizes 4, 5, and 6, and Pull-Ups. Bring to our office at Good Shepherd Church, Rm. 201, N88 W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls, 53051. Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-12:30pm. (Afternoons by appt.) 262-251-7333. Collecting diapers would be an ideal community project; organize a diaper drive at your workplace, school, or club.

Single moms meet Saturdays in Sussex

THRiVE is a ministry for single moms that meets on Saturday mornings at Oakbrook Church in Sussex. We have breakfast and then watch and discuss various DVD series relevant to self-care and parenting." Childcare is provided. Pre-registration is required: www.oakbrookconnect.org/thrive/ or call Karen 262-389-9499. No meetings on Feb. 4. N64 W22680 State Hwy 74, Sussex.

Single & Parenting HALES Corners group Help & Hope For Single Parents: Hales Corners Lutheran Church, call for start date in 2017. (Will probably be Sat. mornings). Free childcare is available for children thru 5th grade. Pre-registration required., 12300 Janesville Rd., Rm B33; Hales Corners. Please RSVP to SingleandParenting@hcl.org, 529-6700 ext. 106

See page 16 for DivoceCare for Kids programs.