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HOPE grants can help with tuition or day care

HOPE Network is offering its Edmund Springman Educational Grants to single mothers pursuing post-high-school education (technical school or college). The money may be used to cover tuition, day-care costs while the mother is in classes, or both. Grants will be given for the fall 2016 & spring 2017 spring semesters. Applications must be postmarked by April 30.

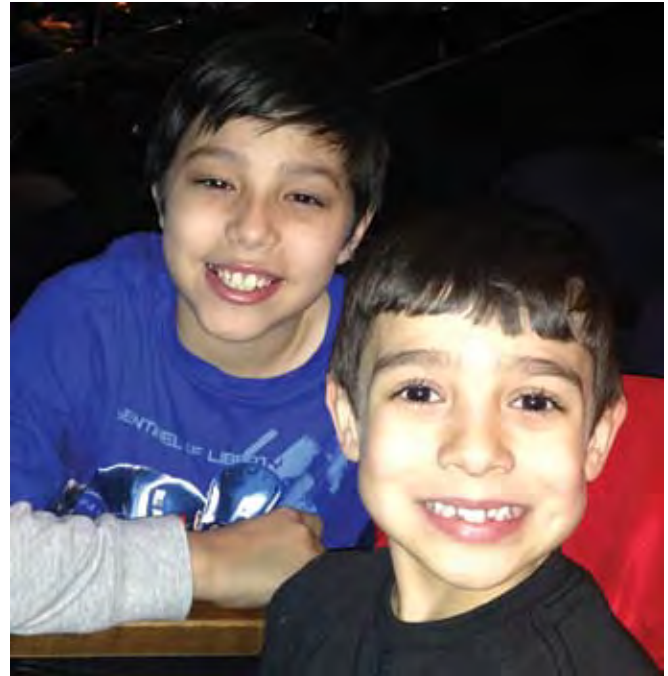
Applicants must be HOPE Network members, and can submit membership applications (see form on website) when applying for the grant. Grant winners will volunteer 10 hours to HOPE Network or a local community organization. You may print out the application form from our website. Submit to HOPE with 3 photocopies of everything, as specified on the form. Our website is: www.hopenetworkinc.org

We need your help!

Thanks to the Townsend Foundation for their \$2,500 grant for the May awards, and to these donors who are generously funding full \$1,000 scholarships: Greenfield Woman's Club (one grant) and AJ Star (two grants).

We'd like to award seven scholarships again this year, but we need your help! Please donate so we can reach our goal, and help these mothers attain a better life for their families through education. See back page to donate, and pages 5-7 for information about some of our winners.

Since 1988, \$82,000 in grants has been awarded to 83 mothers.



Giovanni, the son of a HOPE Network member, enjoys First Stage's production of *The Snow* with his cousin.

----- Join HOPE Network ----- Only \$5 for 2016!

Annual membership for single mothers is \$5, and includes these benefits: Invitations for free tickets (Bucks & Brewers games, Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee Art Museum); opportunity to apply for educational grant and cribs; and Update bulletins and emails with events not listed in the news magazine

Other programs, such as the clothing banks and this news magazine, are free to any single mother, but only paid members receive the above benefits.

Are you a member?

Even though you receive this new magazine, you may not be a "member" of HOPE Network. If you aren't receiving our Update bulletins or emails, it means you haven't paid \$5 annual dues to qualify for extra member benefits.

For a membership application, call our office, 262-251-7333, or download from www.hopenetworkinc.org

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/

HOPE needs silent auction items

Gift certificates for restaurants, stores, massages, golf or sports items, games, movies, hotels or themed gift baskets - call us if you can donate: 262-251-7333. We'd need the items by early Sept. for our fundraiser on Oct 7. Donations are tax deductible.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, October 7

HOPE NETWORK FALL FUNDraiser

at Davians in Menomonee Falls

featuring a sit-down dinner

50/50 raffle, and silent & voice auctions

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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 of Milwaukee 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 521 N. 8. 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

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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.

- St. John's Lutheran Church, 8:30-10:30am Mar. 17, May 26,
June 23. 5500 W. Greenfield Ave

- Islamic Da'Wa Center, 10am-2pm. Mar. 19. 5125 N. Teutonia

- St Benedict the Moor 3-5pm Apr. 12; 3-5pm May 10 & June
14, 924 W. State St.

- Forest Home Library, 10-2pm Apr. 30. 1432 W. Forest Home

- Dominican Center for Women 9-12pm May 7. 2470 W Locust

- Muslim Community Health Center, 10am-2pm June 11, 801
W. Layton

Wisconsin now requires photo ID to vote

Be ready for the next election on April 5! This website has answers to the questions below:

bringit.wisconsin.gov

Do I have the right photo ID? How do I get a free state ID card? Are there exceptions to the new law? Site also has upcoming election and general voting information.



Free legal clinics on April 30

Walk-in, no appointments necessary. One-on-one meetings available for legal assistance. Referrals provided, as well as info on Milwaukee County court system, and how to navigate the legal process. 10am-2pm Info: 274-6768

- Center Street Library, 2727 W. Fond du Lac
- Brown Deer Library, 5600 W. Bradley Rd.;
- Forest Home Library, 1432 W. Forest Home (bilingual).
- Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin

Free income tax preparation

For households earning less than \$56,000. E-filing of federal & state tax returns; help with Earned Income Tax Credits & Home-Steak Credit. You can receive your refund in 7-10 days with E-filing & direct deposit. Don't go to places that promise immediate refunds; you pay for that. Get all you've got coming! 963-2694.

Where to call for food, help

IMPACT 2-1-1: **24-hour helpline** 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)

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

Save the date! Gender equity seminar

Seminar topic: "The Need for Mentors and Sponsors – How to Level the Playing Field," 5pm April 19. \$20. Sponsor: Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee.

Visit womensfundmke.org closer to the date for details.

Denim Day: Support survivors of sexual assault

Wear jeans on Wednesday, April 27 to protest wrong and destructive attitudes about sexual assault. The Denim Day campaign has been working for years to educate the community about how we can all help reduce rape. To pledge to wear denim, or for information about local events, visit denimdaymke.org closer to the date.

Get involved! 53206 political forum

Join other residents of zip code 53206 as we start working together to change our situation. On Saturday, April 2 we'll challenge candidates for mayor, alderman and county executive with hard questions. This is our chance to have a voice! Voter registration will be available for all community members. 10am-1pm, refreshments served afterward. North Division HS, 1011 W Center. Sponsored by Building Neighborhood Capacity Program of the White House's Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative.

Spoken word artist to inspire youth: 11am-noon, Mar. 19, SDC presents Kwabena Nixon, motivational speaker, poet, spoken word artist. For youth and adults. 4041 N. Richards St.

See p. 20-22 for food pantries, clothing banks

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

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.

PROVIDING CHILDCARE

Portia's Loving Childcare: Open enrollment. 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, and a 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

iHeartkids Childcare: "Kid tested and Mother Approved" Open 6am-midnight every day. Accepting newborn thru age 12. We also accept children with special needs. Providing a fun-cational environment in a Christian home. Transportation available. Check out www.iheartkidscc.com or call Mrs.C at 803-1286 to schedule a tour.

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, or 751-1966

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 or 751-1966

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

Furniture: all good condition, prices negotiable. Triple dresser w/hutch mirror w/9 drawers (pecan), ivory-color day bed w/inner spring+mattress, lamps, bassinet, 4 wrought iron chairs. Jeanette, 391-3407

SERVICES & NETWORKING

Stove needed by Jeanette, 391-3407

\$30 for **60-minute massage** for HOPE Network members. Momma, you deserve a break. www.lightworkmassage.com Lightwork Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork 204 E.Capitol #105. Schedule: 715-904-1592

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 required, and be enrolled/updated on the registry. Inquire at 4429 N. 40 between 9am-noon, or 455-3156. Ms. Keekee

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, reunions, church events, holidays. Water-soluble, non-toxic paint with soft glitter....a loving touch! \$60 for 1 1/2 hrs. of fun! 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

For hire, clown at your next birthday party.

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

Rummage sales

Greendale High School 7:30-11am Sat. Apr. 16; then reopens as half price sale noon-2pm. Spring/summer infant & kids' clothes, toys, play equipment, books, high chairs, strollers, car seats, furniture. No strollers; for safety, kids not allowed at sale until after 10am. 6801 Southway, Greendale, 53129. Southridge area: 2 blocks west of Loomis. www.greendaleentertainment.com

Brookfield Cong. Church Rummage Sale: 9-5pm. Apr. 21-22 16350 Gebhardt Rd., Brookfield (off Pilgrim) 262-786-4155

Looking In, Looking Out

A column by
HOPE Network
founder
Gail Grenier Sweet



Bad News and Good News

Sometimes the news is more than our hearts can bear. Babies keep dying from unsafe sleep environments. But HOPE Network continues to provide free new portable cribs, along with safe sleep education for every mother receiving a crib. We do follow-up calls to those moms, and they assure us that their babies sleep in the cribs, “on-their-backs-to-sleep,” in the safe sleep way.

More good news....Here is a letter we received Dec. 22 from Angela, a widowed woman who is new to the area and discovered HOPE through the St. Vincent de Paul Society which helped her get furniture. Angela sent \$5 to join HOPE....and generously added a donation for our scholarship fund.

Dear HOPE Network,

I received the *Network News* yesterday and as I read the stories of single mothers, I was so encouraged and motivated. Their stories inspired me to keep working hard for my children and to never give up on my own dreams for success. As a single mom of five, it's very hard sometimes to feel successful at anything because I always feel like I should be doing more. I work two jobs (one full time and one part time) and I want to go back to school. Reading the stories of Contessa and Megan helped me to know that it is possible. I am going to keep working and when the time comes – I will do it!

-- Angela

Here's a “love letter” written by one of our members to our executive director, Pauline Beck, who had taken the time to explain how the Milwaukee Bucks Charitable Ticket Program works:

Hi Pauline,

Many thanks for your message and detailed explanation. I really appreciate that and your efforts to honor requests or suggestions made by others. I'm not sure I know such a dedicated leader of an organization! I appreciate all that you do for us!

-- Nora

[Nora was the catalyst to get us to apply for the program, which resulted in 254 free tickets to recent Bucks games used by HOPE Network member families.]

One of our scholarship winners from 2013 sent us this joyous announcement:

It's Darcel, a previous award winner. I just wanted to let HOPE Network know that yesterday -- May 17, 2015 -- I graduated from Cardinal Stritch University with a bachelor's in early childhood education, magna cum laude.

I worked full time all the years I was in school. I am proud to say that Davion will be graduating 8th grade next week, and Destiny also has

been promoted to the third grade. It was tough, but they stuck with me. I want to thank HOPE Network for the scholarship for single mothers. It really helped me in my college career.

We have a special gift for all women who became paid members of HOPE by Feb. 10. We are sending them a cookbook entitled *Good and Cheap – Eat Well on \$4 a Day* by Leanne Brown. Ms. Brown designed each recipe to be nutritious and to fit the U.S. food stamp budget of \$4 a day. She created it as part of her master's degree in food studies. She posted a PDF of her recipes on her website (leannebrown.com) and it went viral. She launched a Kickstarter campaign to get printed copies into the hands of people who don't have computers or who wouldn't otherwise see it. Her first self-published edition sold out. The PDF was downloaded a half-million times in a half-year. The book our members will receive is a second edition, and was provided to HOPE as a gift (see next page: “Access Wireless”).

Our final bit of good news is that all HOPE members will receive a special gift as long as our supply lasts: the CareNote entitled *Doing Your Best as a Single Parent*, a best-selling pamphlet published by Abbey Press. I am the author of this CareNote, and I researched it in part by talking to HOPE Network mothers who shared their trials and wisdom. Abbey Press generously donated the pamphlets to HOPE.

Thank you to everyone who donates money so we can buy portable cribs, to conscientious mothers who use them, to members who take the time to say “thank you,” to single mothers who donate from their limited funds, and to the donors of the cookbooks and CareNotes!



Angela and her five-year-old Lela at a Bucks game with other HOPE Network members.



Darcel McIntyre, May, 2015

When Darcel heard I was writing this article, she emailed the office: “Also, some more good news Gail can add: I am currently a part-time educational assistant at MATC, helping teachers in the early childhood classrooms. I've already started making the degree work for me!”

Grant winner: Ivette Velez



Every issue we feature profiles of two of our seven scholarship winners.

My name is Ivette Velez, and I am a 32-year-old, full-time business and management major at Alverno College. I am in my sophomore year and currently work serving as assistant secretary for a non-profit organization, National Conference of Puerto Rican Women (NACOPRW). On campus I am a member of Cultura Hispana e Idioma en la Comunidad de Alverno (CHICA). Not only am I a full-time student, but I work a part-time job to support my family. I am a single, independent mother of four children.

Four years ago, when I decided to obtain a higher education, I was homeless with my four children and going through my divorce. At the time I had nothing but whatever was donated to me. Through hard work and perseverance, I have become a better role model for my children. I have three daughters and one son: Angelina 13, Liliana 12, Abigail 6, and Elias 10.

Over these few years, they have seen me struggle, fight and overcome life's challenges. I showed them how hard work and focusing on your goals can turn situations around and create success, no matter where you're from or who you are. After hard work, I treat my family to a movie night and take trips to Wausau. For my mommy time, I work out to stay healthy and strong. Through work and school, I always keep my family time a priority.

When I started attending college, I already knew that I wanted to major in business and management because I wanted a career that was as broad and independent as possible. I hope to study law in the future and work in business for a manufacturing company until then. During my time as a student, I have met many wonderful women who have guided me through my journey at Alverno.

The president and founder of CHICA showed me how to network and get involved outside of campus. Through the CHICA organization, I helped organize and promote our DRUM event (Diversity-Respect-Unity-through-Music) at the 2015 Global Union at Humboldt Park. It was through her mentoring that I attained my position in the first Milwaukee chapter of NACOPRW and assisted with the development of the Puerto Rican Festival in Milwaukee the summer of 2015.

Within these past years I learned not to let age, status or hardships get in the way of reaching my goals. Life was never meant to be easy and it is important to remember that the harder you work, the sweeter the reward will be.

I always try to encourage and motivate other women to live out as much of their potential as possible, because the things we regret the most aren't the things we've done, but the things we never did.

Stay connected when it matters most

Access Wireless provides mobile phone service to income-eligible consumers as part of the government-funded Lifeline Assistance program. Lifeline helps those experiencing financial hardship stay connected to family members, schools, child care providers, and potential employers. Customers receive a free mobile phone and free monthly service, with 250 free minutes and unlimited text. Apply at www.enroll.accesswireless.com

Access Wireless a partner in cookbook donation

In addition to offering Lifeline service, Access Wireless has partnered with Workman Publishing and author Leanne Brown to distribute free copies of her cookbook, *Good and Cheap: Eat Well on \$4 a Day*. Non-profits such as HOPE Network have received copies (see Gail's column) as well as individuals who could most benefit from this valuable resource, but may not be able to afford the book. To be considered for a book donation, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/requestg-c> and fill out the request form.

Per Kelly Rodamer, marketing manager, Access Wireless is proud to offer such valuable resources to individuals striving to bridge the gap to self-sufficiency.

Theater classes for kids on autism spectrum

First Stage Theater Academy offers Next Step classes to help students take their next steps as an artist and a person. Students make friends and learn life skills through stage skills. Financial aid available. Spring series for grades 3-12 & ages 16-20; August classes. 267-2975. More on the Web at <http://bit.ly/1R8dyqH>

Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin

Highly recommended by a HOPE member who has a child with Asperger's Syndrome. Annual family membership is \$30; it's for you and all those in your immediate household (up to a total of 5). She said the membership is well-worth it, because of free admission to activities that she normally couldn't afford.

Member benefits: member-only events & networking opportunities. Many events are free. Last summer they rented out Cool Waters for a night. Attend conferences and programs at a reduced rate. Access to their library- one of the largest in the state of autism materials. Quarterly newsletter.

Available to everyone: website, which has a resource directory for autistic needs. www.aseww.org. support groups, weekly email updates. Live phone support M-Th 9am-3pm, 988-1260

Grant winner: Jessica Currey



What do you do when you have everything to lose?

How do you become someone who you've always inspired to be, but never thought you could become?

My story became active when my household was torn apart, and I had to decide what sort of person I wanted my children to remember me as.

My name is Jessica Currey and I am a mother of three children, one girl & two boys: 11, 6 and 2.

I started out this life coming from an abusive household and so, I was shown by example, who I do *not* want to be.

I chose to enroll in the network specialist program in 2014 at Waukesha County Technical College because I love technology. I plan to pursue my bachelor's degree in management information systems.

I often find it challenging to find study times and to raise my children properly. However, with a lot of time management, the HOPE Network scholarship, and some sacrifices, I've been able to successfully attend school, work and raise my children properly.

Often you can find me playing Xbox with my six-year-old, going on walks with my two-year-old and challenging my eleven-year-old. During my free time, I enjoy watching TV shows, going outside, creating something gorgeous, cooking, and just overall relaxing and enjoying life.

My favorite quote and advice to mothers is by Eleanor Roosevelt: "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

Summer camps: most offer financial aid, scholarships + *More camps on p. 11*

Urban Ecology Center Camps

If your child would love to canoe, kayak, rock climb, and learn about reptiles, mammals, gardening, and more - apply for a scholarship for the Urban Ecology Center camps. Grants will allow families eligible for free/reduced lunch program to pay a reduced rate for a week of camp. Camps are at UEC Centers Riverside Park, 1500 E. Park Pl (Oakland & Locust); Washington Park, 1859 N. 40; and Menomonee Valley, 3700 W. Pierce. Week-long sessions for ages 4-13. Scholarships are also available for before & after care. Call Kristen at 964-8505 ext 125

First Stage: Theater Academy classes foster life skills through stage skills such as acting, musical theater, improvisation. Financial assistance available. Locations: Milw. Youth Arts Center & Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield. www.FirstStage.org

Danceworks Summer Creative Arts Camps: week-long camps combine dance & visual art with music, drama & creative writing. Ages 3-13. Need-based scholarships available. 227-8480

Wild Arts Summer Camp by Wild Space Dance Co. 9am-noon, Mon-Th, June 22-July 23. Make artwork and create theater scenes and dances to share in a performance on July 23. 271-0307; wildspacedance.org

MPS Summer Music Institute 9am-noon June 20-July 1 at Milw. High School of the Arts. Students in grades 3-12 can explore different musical instruments and styles, participate in their first large ensemble, or refine their musical skills with the expert Wis. Conservatory of Music faculty. Only \$30 for MKE residents. 276-5760 www.wcmusic.org

Summer Dance Intensive by Xalaat Africa Drum and Dance for Life at Marquette University, June 27-July 29. Ages 13-19. African dance, modern dance, drumming, dance composition, and stage production. \$20 for all 5 weeks. Roxy Kess 534-5503.

RiverVentures Teen Camp for high school students living in Milw. June 20-24. Offered by All Hands Boatworks & Keep Greater Milw. Beautiful. Free. Build a boat. Explore the Menomonee River. Learn about careers in water tech, environmental science, and construction trades. Register: Kelsey at KGMB, 272-5462. For info on additional summer boatbuilding, on-water activities for ages 13-17, and free guided community rowing for youth groups and families, contact Bill at All Hands: 262-290-0228

YWCA - Everytown Wis: Aug. 14-19, action-oriented training experience for teen girls who want to become leaders for social change. Held at Almond, WI www.ywcasew.org/everytown

Tessa's Black Entertainment & Youth Center: Summer Dance Camp for ages 12-19. Intensive three-month training/rehearsal with professional choreographers, exploring ballet, modern, jazz, hip hop, tap, etc. June 20-Aug. 20. Mon, Wed, Fri. 9am-4:30pm at 2266 N. Prospect Ave. Ste 325B. The show *A Journey Through Dance* will be Aug. 20 at Marcus Center. 562-8239 they.org

COA summer camps: Camp Helen Brachman in central Wisconsin: June 26-July 8, July 10-22 & July 24-Aug. 5 for campers ages 8-17. Aug. 7-12: ages 8-15. Camp jobs available for teens. Also day camps for ages 7-12 thru Riverwest Center, 909 E. Garfield Ave., or Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh. Scholarship applications at 909 E. North Ave. 263-8383 coa-yfc.org

Gramma Duty

A note to single grandmothers...

By Pamela Oberg-Sutton,
a.k.a. Grammy Pammey



I think spring may be arriving soon? It seems to perk up everyone's spirit.

Daylight savings time is all I need to get revved up. I opened the back door today, and I could hear the cardinal sing. This was my first clue.

Winter seems so long, and days so short. It comes in quick and takes over our mind, body and soul. It can bring you down, lift you up, but it's so unpredictable.

I can't wait to get outside and enjoy the music in the park...we are fortunate to have so many. I really like the one at Boerner Botanical Gardens. It's kid-friendly and more spread out. It's easier

BublR Bikes: bike share program

Riders can take out a bike at any station, pay for it with a credit card or pre-paid membership, and return the bike to any station. Each station holds about 10 bikes. There are 28 stations in Milwaukee, with 32 more proposed. Cost: \$3 for 30-min. ride; \$3 for extra 30 mins. Prepay \$15/month, for unlimited 60-min. rides. bublrbikes.com



Free fishing, admission to state parks

June 4-5: Free admission to all state parks and forests. Also, fish anywhere in the state without a fishing license on this weekend, with free equipment available to borrow. Free fishing clinics throughout the state! If you're new to fishing, after the free weekend, try the "First-time buyer" license for only \$5. For locations and more information, call the DNR at 1-888-936-7463.

Free pancake breakfast

Sunday, June 5 at Harrington Beach State Park, north of Port Washington on Lake Michigan. Includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, milk, and applesauce. 8am-noon. Free park admission that day (see above). 531 Co Rd D, Belgium. 262-285-3015

Stargazing through telescopes at Harrington

There's an observatory owned by a local astronomy club near the park entrance. On club public viewing nights people can look through telescopes of club members and through the large 20" telescope in the observatory. Faint galaxies, nebula, star clusters, and sometimes planets and the moon can be observed. But only if it's a clear night! If it's heavily overcast, sessions are cancelled. Upcoming Observatory Open Houses include: 8-11pm May 29, 9-11pm June 10 and 11. See their website for more: ncsf.info

to keep track of the kids, but also gives them more room to play.

This year I'm looking forward to trying some new things. I really want to rent the Bublr bikes they're placing around the city to explore different areas.

I invested in a collapsible wagon to keep in my car. I plan to make more trips to the park, and the wagon is great for hauling our chairs and picnic lunch. I also want to fish more, hike more and camp more. With the gas prices down, it's nice to be able to get around more. The wagon will come in handy!

Have you ever visited Harrington Beach? Not far from the city, maybe 35 miles north on I-43. To visit for a day, it's only \$8. (65 years and older, it's only \$3.)

Last year I found out that all Wisconsin state parks are free for one weekend at the beginning of summer. This year the free weekend is June 4th & 5th. Check out TravelWisconsin.com.

Kohler-Andrae State Park also has beautiful beachfront. I took advantage of the free day and visited this park last year.

Also, as always, HOPE Network will be putting together some great ideas for spring and summer. Check out this issue, and if you're a member, watch for the special Update bulletins.

Outdoor recreation resource fair

Mar. 25, 10am-1pm Betty Brinn Children's Museum event

Pam has a free annual membership at Betty Brinn Children's Museum, and recommends this event to find out the best places in the area for outdoor fun. Learn exciting ways for your family to explore and protect nature, and enjoy hands-on activities and performances. Free, held indoors in the Miller Room at O'Donnell Park near the Museum. (See info on free annual memberships to Betty Brinn on p. 11 -- it's a great value!)

Free fishing clinics

April 9 at 9am, 10, 11, noon, 1 or 2pm at park lagoons: Brown Deer Park; Dineen Park; Greenfield Park; Mitchell Park; Oak Creek Pkwy; Sheridan Park; Humboldt; McCarty; McGovern; Scout Lake; Wilson Park; Menomonee Park/Lannon Quarry in Meno. Falls; and Muskego Park (no Wauk. Co. park fee charged). Ages 15 & under; young children must be w/adult. Equipment available, but bring rod & reel if possible. Fishing techniques, equipment use, safety, knots, fish ID. 263-8494; 263-8614

Fishing with E.B. Garner

All events at Washington Park, 1859 N. 40, 344-5460
- Apr. 9 clinic (above) to be hosted by EB Garner's Fishing Club
- E.B. Garner's 19th Annual Fishing Day Sat. June 4 8am-4pm
Children will learn the art of fishing, from baiting the hook & reeling the fish in, to water safety. Some equipment available. No license required; free for all ages. Info: E.B. Garner, 342-3929

Youth track & field competition ages 9-14. 5:30pm May 25. Pulaski HS. 1st & 2nd place finishers advance to sectional competition. 475-8906 register www.MilwaukeeRecreation.net.

Free baseball fun Major League Baseball PITCH, HIT & RUN competition for ages 7-14. Parents must sign form, kids need proof of age. Wilson Park, 1601 W. Howard, May 14. 10am. 475-8822. Greenfield, Konkel Park, 1:30pm May 14. 329-5370

Take in a play or concert this spring

First Stage Children's Theatre at the Marcus Center: *The Snow*, fantastical fairy tale about a village imprisoned by snow that builds a catapult to fling six children out to find a solution; includes danger, loss, and darkness, through Mar. 20. Ages 8+.

Ella Enchanted, musical fairy tale about girl given "gift" of obedience by misguided fairy; she embarks on quest to reverse the curse, Apr 1–May 1. Ages 6+. **Pay-What-You-Can night** (minimum \$5) Apr. 6, 7pm, doors open at 6.

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, colorful story of mouse who's ready for anything until her new baby brother arrives, May 13–June 12. Ages 3+. **Pay-What-You-Can night** (min. \$5) May 18, 7 pm, doors open at 6.

Regular balcony seats \$12.50. State St. 267-2961

Children's Theatre of Wauwatosa: ages 2-12, 2-3pm, box office opens at 1:30pm. 527-0198. At Longfellow Middle School, 7600 North Ave. Groups welcome, including birthday parties, but call in advance. Admission: \$5

Rumpelstiltskin, classic fairy tale, Mar. 19.

Milw. Youth Theatre: *Twelfth Night*, Shakespeare's great comedy of jealousy and mistaken identity, fights and duels, 7pm Apr. 29. \$11 adult/\$9 age 13–17/\$7 age 12 & under. 820 E Knapp. 390-3900

Sunset Playhouse: *The Little Red Hen Remix*, updated musical version of fairy tale about hard work and its rewards, May 11–14 10:30am; May 14 2pm. Audience participation encouraged, bring blankets & wear pjs, fun craft ½ hr before show. \$10 adult; \$5 ages 3+; and 2 & under with sibling free. 800 Elm Grove Rd, Elm Grove. 262-782-4430

Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra: *Rhythm and Blues*, 1-5pm May 7. Jazz combo performances by young musicians and Bronzeville Jazz Ensemble, plus Calypso & Soca steel bands. Milwaukee Youth Arts Center., 325 W. Walnut. \$12 adults; \$10 students/seniors. 267-2950

African American Children's Theatre: Choir & theater presentation May 18, 4:30pm, Elm Creative Arts School, 900 W Walnut. Choir performs at Lakefront Festival of the Arts Jun 17, 3-4pm. Call for more info. 324-9821

Rhythm for Unity Open Drum Circles drums available or bring drum, guitar, harmonica. Free. Subject to change; call or check www.rhythmforunity.com 1st Tues. Quaker Mtg. House, 3224 N. Gordon. 482-0246. 1st Wed 6:30-8pm/women only; 2nd Thurs 6:30-8pm/all welcome. Good Harvest Market Pewaukee, 1850 Meadow Ln. 262-544-9380. 3rd Thurs 7-9:30 72nd/State, enter under Unity Enterprises sign. 774-8848

UWM: MKE Unplugged, free all-ages concerts featuring local artists. Stefano Barone, Mar. 24. Opening act 7:30pm, headliner 8pm. Rm 250, Zelazo Ctr., 2419 E. Kenwood.



American Classics!

7-8pm May 11
FREE!

Festival City
Symphony

FREE *Americana* Pajama Jamboree features lively spring selections, duel with local bluegrass group; children have chance to help conduct finale, *The Stars and Stripes Forever*. Host will guide, amuse, and inform audience. For K4 thru 5th grades. Wear casual dress or pajamas & sit on floor up close to "meet" the orchestra; regular seating also available. May 11, 7–8pm, Bradley Pavilion, Marcus Center, 123 E. State entrance. 365-8861.

Inexpensive plays for adults, teens

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

Milw. Rep: *American Song*, world premiere look at what it means to be a parent today, telling the moving story of a man whose child leaves for school one morning and never comes back, Mar. 15-16.

Fences, August Wilson's powerful, award-winning drama about an African American family's hopes and dreams in 1950s America, Apr. 26–27.

Box office opens 5:30pm; shows at 7:30. 224-9490.

In Tandem Theatre: *Ernest in Love*, musical adaptation of classic Oscar Wilde farce, Apr. 21. Tickets on sale 6:30; show at 7:30. Lower level of Calvary Church, 10th St. between Michigan/Wisconsin. 271-1371

Milw. Chamber Theatre: *Fallen Angels*, witty Noël Coward comedy about two friends who learn the old flame they both still love will be visiting, Apr. 14 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 number called. Cabot Theatre, 158 N Broadway. 276-8842.

Next Act Theatre: *Twilight: Milwaukee, 2016*, classes from 5 Milw. schools created this project about Milwaukee's challenges and solutions, 7 pm Mar. 21 & 22. \$10 adult/\$5 students.

Pay-What-You-Can *Motherhood Out Loud*, playwrights' best riffs about moms, celebrating ultimate adventure of parenthood; tissues suggested, laughs guaranteed, Apr. 25. At 7:30pm; box office opens 6:30pm. 255 S Water. 278-0765

Renaissance Theaterworks: *Censored on Final Approach*, story of 1st American women to fly military aircraft in WWII, whose biggest battles were on the ground. Pay-What-You-Can 7:30pm Apr. 11, on sale 6:30 but arrive early. Apr. 1-24 rush tickets ½ hr before, \$11.50/\$6.50 students. 158 N. Broadway. 291-7800

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. 13 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

Family Kite Festival at Veterans Park: 10-6 May 28 & 10-5 May 29. Bring a kite! Grand Launch of 500 kites on Sat noon. Kids only Make a Kite 1-3pm Sat. Giant kites and other performers. 1300 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Sponsor: Gift of Wings, giftofwings.com, 273-5483. Free.

Science Bag free lively performances for ages 8+ that educate & entertain. *Games of chance: a fun study of probability* 8pm Mar 18, 25; *Brilliant: Living things that make and use light* 8pm Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29; 2pm Apr. 10. Rm137 UWM Physics Bldg., Kenwood & Cramer St 229-4561

Visit Harley-Davidson Museum for free as part of Gallery Night 5-9pm Fri. Apr. 15. Reduced rate of \$10 on Tues. thru April. Reg. cost: \$20 adults/\$10 kids 5-17/under 5 Free. 400 W. Canal. 287-2789

Family Fun Walk: 1pm Mar. 20, geared to ages 6-12. Walk winds through the skywalk system overlooking downtown for a unique perspective; brings early history of Milw. to life. Click on "Special Tours" at www.historicmilwaukee.org to RSVP. Adults: \$10; children 7-17: \$2; ages 6 & under: free

Interpretive Dance class at Journey House, Tues. 5-5:45p.m. Ages 9-14. 2110 W. Scott. Provided by Above the Clouds. Free.

Listen To Your Mother Milwaukee: Live show with a series of 5-minute original, true stories of motherhood that represent all of Milwaukee. Funny, sad, touching, REAL. 3pm May 1. Alverno Pitman Theatre, 3431 S. 39. Last yr's admission was \$15; check website later for price listentoyourmothershow.com/milwaukee

Milw. Museum Mile Day: Free admission 11am-4pm May 15 at Charles Allis Art Museum, Jewish Museum, Museum of Wis. Art at St. John's On the Lake, & Villa Terrace. 2 for price of 1

Free prom dresses -----

Several programs are providing free prom dresses (while supplies last) to local students in need. Also, if you can donate a prom dress, see information below.

Running Rebels prom project: Prom dress & accessories, including hair and make-up. April 15, 5-7:30pm. 1300A W. Fond du Lac Ave. Pre-registration required, 264-4222

The Cinderella Project: Girls going to prom can attend a workshop and meet with a personal shopper to select a free prom dress. Food, photographers and lots of giveaways for hair, makeup, nails

at North Point Lighthouse. Museums close to each other on East side. Kids' activities, inc. scavenger hunt with prizes. Free shuttle. Check www.milwaukeeemuseummile.org closer to the event

K'Nex event: participants will see how big a bridge they can build, right within the library! All ages, noon-4pm, Mar. 29 Hales Corners Library, 5885 S. 116th St. 529-6150

Free Comic Book Day May 7: Participating stores will give away comic books; store locator: www.freecomicbookday.com

Neptune Comics is a local store that does Free Comic Book Day in a big way. They are located in Waukesha on Moreland Blvd just off of Springdale in the Westbrook shopping mall. 11am-5 pm on May 7. Will give 3 comic books to all. For unlimited free comics, donate a non-perishable food item. Also: free cake, 11am-1 pm costumed superheroes posing for pictures

Museum Swap Day on May 8

If you have an annual membership to Betty Brinn, you can visit other museums free on Swap Day, May 8! Go to the Harley-Davidson Museum, Milw. Public Museum, Milw. Art Museum, Grohmann Museum, Charles Allis Art Museum, Villa Terrace or Pabst Mansion. (not Discovery World). At the Milw Public Museum, enjoy member pricing of \$7/adult, \$5/youth for the Ultimate Dinosaurs Exhibit, featuring T-Rex's even bigger cousin!

Free Spring Brunch in Waukesha

10-11am April 2 at Catholic Memorial High School Cafeteria. Free to all. Pancake brunch, fun decorations, egg hunt for the kids. Info: Jon Brzeski, 262-542-7101, ext. 215. 601 E. College Ave., Waukesha. Sponsored by school & Knights of Columbus

Affordable classical music for families

Symphony Sundays by the Festival City Symphony:

Peter & the Wolfgang works by Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Mar 20 Bigger Is Better, huge, full-orchestra size music by Strauss and Wagner, May 1. Performances 3pm, 2:45pm children's program notes; conductor also comments in concert. \$14 adults/\$8 kids & seniors. Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells. 286-3205.



Free saplings at Arbor Day event

10am Apr. 29 ceremony at Boerner Botanical Garden, Hales Corners. First 100 visitors receive free bur oak or swamp white oak saplings to plant in their yards. A guided tree walk of historical trees in Whitnall Park will follow the ceremony and tree planting.

etc. Applications at www.gadzuricfoundation.org due by Apr. 1. Workshops will be at Destiny Youth Plaza, 7210 N. 76, on Friday, April 16, 9am-1pm. Clean dresses can be donated, and dropped off at Luci Boutique, 532 N. Water St.

Free Prom Dress Giveaway: Register at 553-3255 and provide name, dress size, grade and school. After registration, student will be notified if there is a dress available in her size. High school ID required. Sponsors: Brilliance for the Bride; Big, Beautiful & Blessed; and Modesti. Event for those registered: noon-2pm Apr. 16, at Center St Library, 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Free dresses, donated from the community, with tips from beauty experts.

ART workshops ART jamborees ART camps

Walker's Point Center for the Arts

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

FREE After School Fine Arts

Drop-off at 3pm; classes 3:30-5:30pm Tues.-Fri. Open to students of all abilities, ages 6-12. Students craft a "make and take" project taught by a certified art educator. Explore a variety of mediums & approaches: painting, drawing, clay, printmaking, and fiber arts. Wed. features movement: stretch, dance & play. Taught by accomplished performer/choreographer Krislyn World (Ko-Thi, Lincoln Center, toured with Stevie Wonder, Alvin Ailey).

Afternoons with Art on days MPS is closed, 1-5pm; Mar.18: Painting Flowers with Thea Kovac; Mar. 25: Still Life & Figure Drawing Lessons; and Mar. 28-Apr. 1: WPCA Mural Project with John Kowalczyk \$10 per child/per day (3 sessions for \$25). \$5/day residents of zip code 53204; scholarships may be available. MUST register. Call Maikue Vang 672-2787 ext1.2 maikue@wpca-milwaukee.org, wpca-milwaukee.org,

Summer Art Camp at Walker's Point Center for the Arts

1-5pm Tues.-Fri., June 14-Aug. 5, ages 6-12. Weekly themes: art in the garden; creating miniature buildings/life-size play fort; environmental art; storytelling through photos, videos, journals; folk art; Latin dance; screen print & tie-dye; and super heroes and heroines. Taught by certified educators and experienced artists. Sign up for one week or all 8 weeks. Partial scholarships available; contact Maikue Vang 672-2787 ext12, maikue@wpca-milwaukee.org Register online: wpca-milwaukee.org

Milw. Art Museum Free to everyone 1st *Friday* of month Open until 8pm Fridays, and children can create art in the Kohl's Art Generation Studio until 7pm. The Open Studio features a different theme each month, and the projects are always changing.

Family Sunday May 15 10am-4pm *Close to Home*: Investigate art that is meant to be used. Design your own chair, sculpt a vessel out of clay, 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. 700 N. Art Museum Dr. 224-3200

Milw. Art Museum summer camps: scholarships available!

Classes for ages 6-10 and 11-15. Tues.-Fri. June 21-24: Painting and Drawing; June 28-July 1: Mix it Up; July 5-8: Focus on Photography; July 12-15: Hands in Clay; July 19-22: A Story to Tell; July 26-29: Form vs. Function. Includes exploring the galleries during fun-filled, interactive tours. Info: 224-3803. Scholarship application at mam.org/learn/classes.php

Free Family Art Workshops

2nd Saturday of every month. 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!

April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9; 10am-12noon

Pre-Registration is required and workshops fill up fast. Call Mary Sugiyama, arts education coordinator, 262-373-5023 or sign up online: www.wilson-center.com/classes/

Lynden Sculpture Garden

Art Drop-In Wed. thru May 25, 2:30-5 pm for ages 6-12, \$10 per session. Art Drop-in Card: any 8 sessions for \$56.

Summer art & nature camps at Lynden Sculpture Garden: for ages 20 months to 15 yrs. Financial aid is available, based on need. See lydensculpturegarden.org for camp listings. 2145 W. Brown Deer Rd. near I-43. Call Jeremy for info: 446-8481

MPS Summer Recreation Enrichment Camp

For ages 3-12 9am-4pm M-F June 20-Aug. 12. Extended hrs. available for extra fee. Weekly theme: sports, games, arts & crafts, nature, reading enrichment, field trips. Call Milw. Rec. Dept., 475-8701, to have an info pack mailed in late March.

Drop-in workshops: Artists Working in Education

Hosted by Artists Working in Education. For K5-5th grade. Make imaginative art activities on the theme for the day, and take creations home. Paintings, masks, sculptures. Free.

Villard Square: March 22 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Capitol: March 16, 23 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Washington Park: March 17, 24 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Bay View: March 21, 28 6 - 7:30 p.m.

East: April 2, 9, 16, 23 2:30 - 4 p.m.

ML King: April 5, 12, 19, 26 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Forest Home: April 6, 13, 20, 27 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Atkinson: April 11, 18, 25, May 2 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Tippecanoe: May 3, 10, 17, 24 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Central: May 7, 14, 21, June 4 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Betty Brinn Children's Museum

Neighborhood Nights: Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19 with free admission from 5-8pm. Apr. 21 includes Celebrate Children, a community resource fair. Also see Mar. 25 special event on p. 8

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

Boerner Botanical Garden 9400 Boerner Dr Hales Corners

Easter Sunday Family Event: 10am-2pm Mar. 27. Fun children's craft activities and special visit from Sparkle the clown who will be making balloon animals from 10:30am-1:30pm. Come early to make sure you are able to visit with Sparkle! Free.

Mother's Day Family Event 10am-1pm May 8. Fun kids' craft activities to create "make-and-take" gifts for their mothers and grandmothers. Free, but does not include admission to the gardens

Family nature fun

Havenwoods Environmental Awareness Center

6141 N Hopkins/1 block west of Sherman on Douglas/527-0232
All events are free.

Drop-Ins: nature activities, crafts, and games for families and youth groups, 9am-2pm. Mar. 19: All Things Wet & Squishy; April 9 & 16: Our Home Planet; May 14 & 21: Nature's Transformers; June 11: to be announced

Family Hikes - Evening Bird Walk: 6:30-7:30pm April 2; **Morning Bird Walk:** 8-9am May 8; June 4: to be announced

Preschooler Storytime for ages 3-5 w/adult: 9:30-10:30 am. March 29: Robins' Nests; April 12: Spring Showers; April 26: Recycled Art; May 10: Baby Ducks; May 24: Bird Songs; June 7 & 21: to be announced

Hiking: Come for your own walk in the park anytime

Urban Ecology Centers

All programs free unless noted. Registration required for most. **Scholarships available for most fees**, contact center for details

Earth Day of Service: All centers, Apr 23, 9am. A morning of volunteer mini service activities in the parks to celebrate Earth Day. Community lunch will be served. All ages, free.

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

Animal Feeding, 1pm. Help feed the Center's resident turtles, snakes, fish and more. Free

Nature Rangers: Mon & Tues 4-5:30pm. Investigate plants & animals, learn about science, & create research projects. \$15 for entire series through March & April, ages 5 & older.

29th Annual Earth Poets & Musicians Extravaganza Apr 22, 8pm. Poets & musicians celebrate the planet. All ages, free

Ojibwe Language Study Group: Mon, 6pm. informal class led by Anishinaabemowin language instructors from UW-M. Ojibwe, Odawa, & Potawatomi dialects; all ages welcome, free

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

Young Scientists Club, Tues & Fri 4pm, Sat 1pm, Ages 7-12; \$10 annual fee.

Animal feeding Sat 1pm help feed the resident animals/free

Grandparents & Grandkids in Nature: March 19, 10am. Grandparents bring grandkids of all ages to enjoy spring & nature. \$9 adults, \$7 children.

Korean Street Food & K-Pop: Apr 30, 1pm. Discover current Korean music & make Korean food. \$9 adults, \$7 children.

Fit 4 You Group Fitness Sessions: Tues at 6pm. Experience fitness through stretching, endurance training & more. Learn exercises you can do at home. For everyone, \$5

UEC - Menomonee Valley 3700 W Pierce 431-2940

Little Explorers: Apr 18, 11am. Activities designed just for

younger children 4 and under. Free.

Young Scientists Club, Hiking, gardening, research, and caring for our Center's animals. For ages 5-12. 4-6pm Tues & Thurs, 1-4pm, Saturdays. \$10 annual membership.

Animal Feeding: Saturday. 1-2pm Help feed the center's turtles, snakes, and fish. Free

Early Morning Birdwalkers, 8-10am Tues. all ages

Eco Art Wednesdays: Wed 4pm. Nature inspired art & crafts, take home your own creation every week. For ages 12 & younger. \$5.

Martial Arts with Above the Clouds: Wed 5:30pm. For youth ages 9-15. Free.

Family Hike: March 24 & Apr 7, 4pm. Hike for all ages, with storytime by the fire after. Free.

Community Planting Day: June 11, 9:30am. Plant native vegetation in Three Bridges Park. All ages. Free

Maple Sugar Days for Families

Wehr Nature Center, 9701 W. College Ave. in Whitnall Park. March 19 & 20, 1-4pm. Includes a short walk to the sugarbush, a visit to an old-time sugarin' camp, boil-down demonstration and hands-on activities for kids. Taste a pancake with real maple syrup. Guided hikes begin at 1pm and continue every 15 mins. until 4pm. \$6/person + \$3 parking fee. Free for ages 2 and under.

Pajama Story Time: Families with young children have fun sharing stories, songs and rhymes designed to develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading. Come dressed in your coziest PJs and bring a stuffed animal friend at East Branch, 2320 N. Cramer St., Monday, March 21 & 28, 6:30-7 p.m



Milwaukee Public Museum Free admission to all on 1st Thurs. of the month. Milw Co residents with ID get \$2 discount every day. **Free to:** moms on Mother's Day, dads on Father's Day, veterans/members of the military on Memorial Day.

Ultimate Dinosaurs: Through the use of augmented reality technology, full-scale dinosaurs are transformed into flesh-covered *animated* beasts. Extra cost: adult, \$8; ages 5-13: \$6. If you go on the free Thurs., your only expense is for the special exhibit

Dino Days Mar 30-31 interactive activities 10am-3pm Take the Fossil Challenge, temporary dinosaur tattoos, Name that Dinosaur, Sort Fossils Like a Paleontologist. Activity stations 'til noon

Streets of Old Milwaukee Alive! Special activities 10am-2pm May 6, 11am-3pm May 7. Interpreters in period clothing use stories and artifacts to share and respond to questions about what people wore, what they did for work, and what they did for fun.

Daily 9-5pm, Thurs 9-8pm (butterfly wing closes at 4:45pm). 800 W Wells. 278-2728.

Zoo discounts & special events

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

Egg Day Mar. 26, 9am-3pm: Easter Bunny, crafts, face painting, treats; Bunny Scavenger Hunt 10am (kids 8 & under); parade 2pm starting at Family Farm exhibit.

World Penguin Day Apr. 23, 10am-2pm: learn about penguins, make a penguin mask!

Mother's Day May 8: All mothers admitted free.

Party for the Planet May 14-15: Eco-friendly family fun.

Endangered Species Day May 20: See how many Zoo animals represent their friends in the wild.

Animal Enrichment Day June 11: Zookeepers explain how animals are kept active and healthy.

Father's Day, June 19: All fathers admitted free.

Admission: adult \$14.25; 3-12 \$11.25; 2 & under free; 60+ \$13.25. Parking \$12. Hours: thru May 27, 9-4:30pm daily; then 9-5pm daily. 256-5412

Retzer Nature Center - Waukesha

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

Earth Day Finale Apr 23. Free. Family Bird Watch, 10-11:30am; children's activities & games 10am-3pm; papermaking 1-1:30pm; trees & wildflowers hike, 2-3pm. Concert 3-5pm, followed by campfire songs & S'mores 5-7pm. Twilight guided hike 7:15-9pm.

Planetarium shows every 45 minutes from 9am-4pm. Free tickets available in lobby; space limited, 1st come/1st served.

Preschool Nature Exploration: Free. Apr. 21, ages 2-3, 9-10am; ages 4-6, 1-2pm. hike & check out the spring flowers, insects & other treasures. Must be with adult. Register by Apr 18.

Wee Wonders for ages 2-4 with adult, 9:30-10:30am Apr 12, May 10 & Jun 14. \$4 per child, per day. Register ahead.

Retzer Rangers for ages 5-7 with adult, 4:30-5:30pm Apr 11, May 9 & Jun 13. \$4 per child, per day. Register ahead.

Family Adventure Hike Sat Mar 19, 26, Apr 2, 9, 30 & May 21, times vary. \$4 per person. Register by Friday prior to class

Planetarium shows 11am & 1pm, Sat. thru May (except Mar 26). \$4 per person.

Huge, multi-day sale
of children's items
at State Fair Park
April 17-23



Spring Sale with 550+ consignors selling a large selection of children's clothes, toys, strollers, car seats, books, maternity clothing. \$3 admission on opening day, but free with coupon at www.milwaukeecounty.jbfsale.com/ Wisconsin Expo Center, Hall C, State Fair Park. \$5 parking, or park on street.



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

Friday series: 7-8pm *¡Se fue la luz! A Night Under the Caribbean Sky* Mar. 25-May 6. Groove to the music of the tropics; stirring percussion from Cecilio Negrón and his youth drummers from Proyecto Bembe. \$3

Stargazing with telescopes on Physics Bldg. Observing Deck 9-10pm Apr. 6 & 20, May 2-5. Check Twitter @UWMPlanetarium for latest updates. If cloudy, indoor Planetarium show.

Telescope observing sessions in Franklin, sponsored by Wehr Astronomical Society, 8pm May 21 & June 11, one block south of Ryan Rd. on 80th St. Sessions will be cancelled if sky is overcast or there are high winds. Free and open to the public.

MPS planetarium shows, Hamilton High School, 6215 W Warnimont, *Visit Milwaukee's Stars*, 6:30-7:45pm May 17. *Story Time at the Planetarium*, 6:30-7:45pm June 2.

At Madison High School, 8135 W. Florist Ave. *PLANETarium*, 6:30-7:45pm Apr. 21. Learn about the 5 planets visible in April.

All above are \$3 for city residents. Parent must register, pay and attend with a child. Fee is per person (child or adult). All three are for ages 6 & up. Register now: Milw Rec Dept 647-6050.

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 events are: \$7 Milw. Co. residents + \$3 parking. Register by Wed before program; bring flashlight for eve. walks

Family Frog Frolic: 7-9pm Apr. 29 & 30. See frogs close-up and then walk out to the ponds. Ages 5+.

Bat Night 8-10pm June 10. Suggested for adults & ages 11+.

Reptile Day, 1-4pm June 12. Colorful snakes, turtles, strange lizards, salamanders. Guided walk to look for turtles, listen for frogs. Crafts. \$3 per person.

Also see Maple Sugar Days for Families p. 12 at left.

Free to Be Me

Free program for girls in K5-8th grade.
4-5pm Mar. 21, Apr. 4, Apr. 11, Apr. 18 at
Longfellow Elementary School, 1021 S 21



Through fun, interactive activities, the girls will learn that body confidence and self-esteem come from valuing their bodies, standing up to social pressures, and supporting others to be more body confident. Open to all; run by the Girl Scouts of SE Wis. Parent must accompany daughter to first session to sign. She will then automatically be registered as a Girl Scout with free membership through Sept. 30. Info: 443-3958 or 443-3910.

A HOPE Network member called Scouting "a valuable experience. You're eligible to apply for scholarships for activities AND camp. This will be my daughter's third year going to camp."

Classes for day care providers; homebuyer resources

Ready to Read with Books2Go

FREE childcare provider continuing education by Milw. Public Library. Registration required, begins 1 month ahead. Register early; classes fill up fast: 286-3011 (have your Registry ID no. handy when you call). Adults only; no children.

Start Right, Finish Bright: Building foundations in an infant & toddler classroom. For those teaching babies up to 24 mos. 10:30-1:30pm Apr 16, register now, East Library; and 10:30-1:30pm June 18, register after May 22. Tier 2, CE: 3 hrs.

Lesson Planning @ MPL: must understand lesson planning. 10:30-1:30pm Apr 9, Central Library, Tier 2, CE: 3hrs

Dialogic Reading: What it is and How to Use it Effectively With Young Children 6-7:30pm May 3 or 10:30-noon May 7, Center Street, register after Apr. 10, CE: 1.5 hrs.

Six Skills for Early Literacy: recommended to attend 1st, as it's the foundation for all other workshops. 10:30-1:30pm, May 21, Washington Park, register after Apr. 24. CE: 3 hrs

Workshop for childcare providers: Relationship Building, 6:30-8:30pm May 5, Family Life Center, 1441 W Oakwood Rd., Oak Creek. \$15. 2 CEC. (free to parents). 762-0552

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** offers full day, full year Early Head Start program. Ages 6 weeks to 3 years. Special needs children welcome. Diapers provided in class. 2819 W. Richardson Place. Contact Phan Sanford, 933-6161 ext. 139.

- **Acelero Learning Wisconsin** 7 locations in Milw. Co., with the most 5 star centers in SE Wis. Info or to enroll: 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

Home buying resources

Housing Resource Fair 9am-noon Mar. 19, Sherman Park Community Assn Resource Fair, Wheaton Franciscan St. Joseph's Hospital, 5000 W. Chambers. Sherman Park residents can learn about and sign up for a \$5,000 Neighborhood Improvement District grant and learn about Community Improvement Project grants. Raffles, 20+ vendors 444-9803

Homeownership Fair by Take Root Milwaukee: 8am-1pm Mar. 26. Home-buying and home rehab workshops. Learn

about resources for purchasing a home or city-owned property. Lenders, counselors, Realtors. Get a free pass to Home & Garden Show, also at State Fair Park that day. 921-4149

Home Loan Assistance event by Take Root Milwaukee, 1-7pm Apr. 28, Hillside Terrace Resource Center, 1452 N. 7. Help to avoid foreclosure or refinance your home equity loan. City of Milw. staff to discuss avoiding tax foreclosure. Review of mortgage refinance or modification options. 921-4149.

Homebuyer Seminars United Community Center Part 1/ Credit & Budgeting; Part 2/Home Selection. Complete both: pre-qualify for loan. 6-10pm. English Part 1: Apr. 7, May 5, June 2. Part 2: Apr. 14, May 12, June 9. Spanish Part 1 Apr. 21, May 19, June 23, Part 2 Apr. 28, May 26, June 30. 1028 S. 9. 384-3100 ext. 4729

Home Improvement Fair Apr. 7, 6-7:30pm, Journey House, 2110 S 21. Learn about home improvement resources in Silver City, Burnham Park, Layton Park & Clarke Square, such as \$3,000 roofing grants, \$1,000 home improvement grants, \$20,000 partially forgivable loans, rebates for energy efficiency improvements, most improved home contest, and more. Refreshments.

Free, but must register: www.lbwn.org/events or 944-6007

Housing Resources, Inc. offers the two free workshops below.

For more information, call 461-6330 or visit www.hri-wi.org

Homeworks Workshops for first-time homebuyers. Real estate experts help buyers avoid common pitfalls when buying homes. Learn to improve credit, maintain savings, and budget. Hear about grants to help with down payment and closing costs.

April 5 & 12 Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club, 9am-noon

April 9 Journey House, 10am-4pm

Apr. 13, 20 & 27 or May 11, 18 & 25 Central Library, 6-8:30pm

May 14 at Agape Community Center, 10am-4pm

June 7 & 14 at Housing Resources, 9am-noon

"I bought a house! Now What?" workshops: maintenance basics, home retention tips, how to get involved in the community, and learn how to qualify for local home improvement resources. 9am-noon April 2 & 9, May 7 & 14, June 4 & 11.

New Beginnings workshop: *Financial confidence for recently or soon-to-be single women*

Offers a holistic perspective to helping women move forward financially with confidence. Women will leave the workshop with an awareness of their attitudes and beliefs about money, basic financial knowledge and access to practical tools and resources. The workshop in Pewaukee includes: New Beginnings workbook, journal, guest speakers, refreshments. Tues. series 6-9pm April 19, May 17, June 21; and a weekend course 6-9pm Apr. 29 & 8:30-4:30pm Apr. 30. Cost is \$199, and anyone who mentions this HOPE Network magazine may apply for a \$100 scholarship. Info: 262-522-1502 www.womensfinancialwellnesscenter.com

The Gathering: Mar. 19: 10am-3pm. Workshops, vendors, live entertainment, fashion and hair shows. Must be 18 or older. Pottawatomie, 1721 W Canal. \$10 cash, at the door. Jammin' 98.3

Computer classes for youth, adults



Milwaukee 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.

Employment & Career Brown Bag series

Open to all; no child care provided, parents only. Milw. Achiever Adult Learning Lab, North Division High School, Room 158, 1011 W. Center. 3rd Wednesday of the month, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Short presentation, discussion, and activity to help you pursue your employment and career plans. Bring lunch & beverage if you wish. Free. Info and registration: Carol, 267-5171. Mar. 16; April 20: Preparing a Resume and Cover Letter; May 18: Interviewing Tips; June 15: What Employers Need and Want

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, 1011 W. Center, Rm 158, 267-5171 & South Division HS, 1515 W. Lapham, Rm 111, 902-8509

ProStart Culinary & Job Readiness Program 14-week culinary arts program, ages 18 & up. Training for entry-level careers in food service, catering, hospitality industry. Orientation: 10-11:30am Apr 25 or 5:30-7pm Apr 26. May 2-Aug 5 Certificates awarded (nationally recognized credentials). \$50 registration due at orientation, plus \$50 fee to use books (refundable). HeartLove Place, 3229 N. Martin Luther King Dr. 372-1550

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). Also see article above "Free adult education" for classes at **North Division & South Division High Schools.**

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

Next Door Adult education/GED 9-11:30am Mon-Wed or 1-

Job help

Job Fair 1-4pm Apr 20 WCTC gym, 800 Main St. Pewaukee. 100+ employers. Workforce Development Center 262-695-7894

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

Job search services at COA: Free computer access; childcare. Job leads, resume building. Must make appointment with Tynetta Oliver: 449-1757 ext. 3120

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 topics. Additional 1:1 help with resumes, cover letters, interviewing. Free computer use for job search, by appt. Free childcare available by appt. 262-547-4600

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

Teen jobs: Milw. Conservation Leadership Corps

Work outdoors on a team; ages 15-19; Milw residents. July 5-Aug. 12. \$7.50/hr, 32 hrs/wk. Environmental training, job readiness, financial literacy. Apply 1st at: www.thesca.org/milwaukee Mandatory session 5-6:30pm Mar. 23 Employ Milwaukee, 2342 N 27. Final deadline to submit everything: 4pm Mar. 31

Summer Youth Internships open to ages 16-19. Youth work for the City of Milwaukee and gain experience in various jobs within local government. Must complete online application by 4pm on Mar. 24 at city.milwaukee.gov/SYIP. Info: 286-6076

3:30pm M-W. Individualized instruction, transition services to higher education. 2545 N 29. \$15; free if family is in Next Door program. Monthly orientations. Call 562-2929 x123

SDC: Call or visit website for next GED/HSED sessions. www.cr-sdc.org 906-2834. 4041 N. Richards.

Journey House Family Learning Center offers Adult Basic Skills, GED in English and Spanish, a Spanish math class, English Language Learning (ELL) classes, and Citizenship. Call 647-0548 for details about signing up for classes. Free onsite childcare for morning and evening classes.

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.

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.

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

Next Door Early Head Start home visitation & PNCC/CCC programs provide weekly home visits for pregnant moms & families with children up to 3 yrs. Services available for special needs children. 2545 N 29 Street & 5310 W Capitol 562-2929 ext. 290

St Vincent de Paul Society Empowering Families home visitation program supports pregnant women & new moms with infants up to 2 mos.; provides child development/parenting info & connections to community resources. Program supports families for 3 years. M-Th 9-4pm, 462-7837 x103

16th St. Community Health Center classes free for patients; \$10 nonpatients. *At 1032 Cesar Chavez Dr:* Every Tues. car seat class English/Spanish 10-11am *At 2906 S. 20 St:* Labor/Delivery & Infant Care Apr. 12 Spanish 1-3pm; English 3-5pm. 897-5296

Milw. Center for Independence SmartBaby Program free prenatal care coordination program for expectant young mothers. Home visits, Stork's Nest items, monthly parent meetings w/free meal & raffle; family welcome. Daphne: 937-3998

Welcome, Baby! for expectant and parents of infants. Through The Parenting Network (see p. 18).

Mommy & Baby-Live Well Be Well supports expectant mothers & mothers with newborns (30 days or less) Parenting classes, nutrition education, community activities, breastfeeding training, great incentive, and \$25 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

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 doulas provided on a sliding fee scale for teen & low-income moms. Birth professionals Meet & Greet 1st Thurs. of month. PNCC services to those who qualify; childbirth & breastfeeding education & support groups. www.motheringthemotherring.info. 1588 S. 81 St, West Allis. 446-7107

Prepared Childbirth classes at Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital 6 session Mon. series starts Apr 11 6:30-8:30pm. 4 Thurs. series starts Mar. 24 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 starting Mon. Apr 4, Wed. Apr 20, Mon May 2, or Mon. June 6.

\$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 in Bay View 1st Tues. 7-9pm \$5. 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 is free for *Children's Community Health Plan* members (HMO for families w/Badger Care Plus). Get the support & services needed to have a healthy pregnancy, healthy baby. Includes incentive program to earn new baby items & gift cards, a 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, 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

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

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)

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 and 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.

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, parenting support, adoption services and newborn respite care, home visits. Free, confidential. Evangelical Child & Family Agency, 1617 S. 124. 262-789-1881 24-hr. 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

Safe Babies Healthy Families Waukesha Co pregnancy & parenting home visit program. 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

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: 5pm.

-- Program every 3rd Sat. morning At Parklawn YMCA: 10:30am

- **Columbia St. Mary:** *Breastfeeding Getting Ready* 6-8:15pm Apr 13, May 11, June 8 \$20 (scholarships available). Attend while pregnant. *Working Women & Breastfeeding* 1:30-3pm Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25 \$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 Mar. 21, Apr 11 or May 9. Best if attend at 7th/8th mo. \$25 fee

waived for WIC moms. Must register: 888-994-3286

- **Mothering the Mother** breastfeeding class. \$60 (full scholarship available). Info: www.motheringthemothertinc.info 446-7107

- **16th St. Comm Health Center** breastfeeding class: free if a patient, \$10 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

BABIES

Welcome, Baby! for expectant and parents of infants. Through The Parenting Network (see p. 18).

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

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: 328-7524

New Parents Network Newborns & infants 11am-1pm Wed. Crawlers & infants 9-11am Wed. Columbia St. Mary's Hospital. 2323 N. Lake Dr.

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

Infant Massage 1-3:30pm Mar. 16, May 4, May 15, June 15, bring baby 4 wks-6 mos. \$15, but can ask for scholarship. Columbia St Mary, 2323 N. Lake Dr. 963-9355

Mothering the Mother: Baby Wearing & Cloth Diapering on a Budget, both free, www.motheringthemothertinc.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

ALL AGES

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 (Safe Babies Healthy Families) **Aurora Sinai**, 960 N. 12, 4:30-6:30pm 4 Thurs starting Apr 9 or May 28. Free classes, bus passes; register: 262-548-4000.

Pathfinders program 4200 N Holton 988-6877. For moms up to age 25/intensive support, home visits, prenatal, parenting education.

WIC services: Are you pregnant, just had a baby or have children under the age of 5 years?

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.

Parenting groups, fun activities at area family centers

The Parenting Network

Call Parent Helpline **671-0566** for counseling about any parenting issue or concern or to register for sessions below. Also ask about new programs coming soon.

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.

New! Parents Cafe for parents & caregivers in Metcalfe and Muskego Way neighborhoods. Contact Jan at 671-5575 ext. 12.

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 hour workshop provides the tools to help prevent sexual abuse of children.

Grandparents Parenting Again...and Other Relatives, Too! Support & education, 3rd Wed. of month. 5:30-7:30pm Villard Square Grandfamily Housing, 3427 W. Villard. Limited child care for participants. Light meal. To register, call: 220-8600.

Neighborhood House

2819 W. Richardson Place, off 27th St., one block south of W. State. 933-6161, ext. 156. See Head Start, p. 14.

Neighborhood Skate Night, MAR 18, APR 15, MAY 20 6-8pm, Free skate rental w/donation of non-perishable food items.

WED MAR 23: March Madness, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Hoops, Neighborhood House style! Tasha Parker (414) 933-6161 ext142

MAR 28 - APR 1" *SPRING*BREAK* All-day programming available! Register with Phan, (414) 933 6161 ext 139,

SAT APR 16: Spring Hike, 9:30am-2:30pm, Explore our 93-acre Nature Center. FREE transportation to and from Neighborhood House. Activity Level: Light to Moderate. Contact Christina Hill (414) 933-6161 ext175

SAT APR 23: Earth Day 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Celebrate the Earth's Diversity through dance, music, food and crafts.

SAT MAY 14: Kohler Arts Center Trip, 9:30am-4:30pm, Come with us for a FREE Family Adventure to Festival Polynesia at Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan. Contact Christina Hill (414) 933-6161 ext175

SAT-SUN JUNE 4-5: Family Camp Out, Overnight at Nature Center! Activities, night hike and more! Registration opens May 9. Contact Christina Hill (414) 933-6161 ext175

Summer Day Camp: JUNE 20-AUG 26, Ages 5-12. Join us for

a week or two, or all ten. For more info contact

Wisconsin Shares eligible ~ Scholarships available Register with Phan, (414) 933 6161 ext 139, psanford@nh-milw.org

After school and off-day programming, Ages 5-12, WI Shares accepted • Scholarships available SNACKS! Homework Help! Interest Clubs! ROLLERSKATING! Basketball! Computer Lab! & more...Register with Phan, (414) 933 6161 ext 139,

Teen programming, FREE year-round!, After school: 3 - 8pm M-F, MPS Off days: 8:30am-5:30pm James 933-6161 ext 137

COA Youth & Family Centers

- *Samson Family Resource Center*, Riverwest Center, 909 E. Garfield. 263-8383 x129. **Family Drop-In** 9:30-11:30am Mon-Fri **Lunch Bunch**, 11:30-1pm Mon-Thurs; bring your own lunch, eat with other families, play afterwards

- *Gill Family Resource Center*, Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh. Call Tynetta 449-1757 x3120 for questions, registration, & help to find resources (housing leads, employment prospects, school and daycare information, etc.) **Job Search Services:** see p. 15.

Fun Movement and Drop-in: Organized play, dance, yoga, free snack, art, songs. Mon-Wed. 12:30-3:30 and Thurs. 1-4pm

Parent Education: twice a month on different topics. Call for more information.

Lunch and Learn series

Enjoy a free Cousins sub lunch and discover something new over your lunch hour that will help you be a great parent. Doors open at noon. Presentation 12:15-1pm. Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin, Meeting Rm 1. Registration required: 1) by phone 286-3011 2) in person, see a librarian, 3) online at mpl.org

April 6: Helping Your Teen Get a Job

May 4: Raising a Super Reader

June 1: Summer Reading for Adults

For teens: Job Workshops: Get help filling out job applications and learn about a variety of job openings. For ages 16-18.

M.L. King: Mar 28, 12-3 pm, 310 W. Locust St.

Villard Square: Mar 28, 2-3pm, & Mar 31, 2-3 pm,

Center Street: Mar 30, 2-3 pm, 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.

Forest Home: Mar 31, 2-3 pm, 1432 W. Forest Home Ave.

Finance careers, and pizza: Interested in a career in finance? Eat pizza and popcorn while connecting with several top Milw. finance professionals. Mar 29, 12:30-2 pm, Tippecanoe,

Victory Garden Initiative: Youth Farmstand How to grow food and sell it at a garden stand, marketing, money management, customer service skills, and the value of eating healthy food. They even take home veggies to their families. to www.VictoryGardenInitiative.org or e-mail educator@victorygardeninitiative.org



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.

More family center activities

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 during playgroup; add \$1 to M, T, Th, F cost.

Play Again Playgroup parents & ages 4-9 yrs. & younger siblings, 3:30-5pm 1st & 3rd Thurs. \$1/day; \$6 series.

Little Artists Family Art Club, 10-10:45am art; 10:45-noon stay-and-play. \$20 for Mar. 23, Apr. 27, May 25, & June 8 series. Ages 1 1/2-4 yrs. w/parent.

Preschool Playhouse, 10-11:30am Tuesdays Apr. 5-May 10. Helps prepare ages 3-5 for school with fun activities. \$36.

Camp Out Night 6-7:30pm Apr 19, for families with ages 2-10 yrs. Hotdogs & s'mores, tents, art, fishing. \$10/family

Girls in Action Club for ages 9-12. Wed. 6:30-7:30

Grandparenting with Love & Logic, 6-8pm May 17, \$10

Positive Parenting, 6-7pm Apr. 12, \$10

Our Daily Bread Community Outreach Center

6040 W Lisbon #203, 301-3732. Prenatal/new moms p. 16-17

Mommy & Baby Glory/Glamour Gathering, 2-5pm Mar. 19 Free community event for expectant mothers & mothers with babies 45 days old or younger. Mary Kay makeovers, manicures, speakers, food. 755-0535; 301-3732.

3rd Annual Prenatal Care Convention: Footprints to Your Destiny. Noon-3pm May 21 at Capitol Library, 3969 N. 74. Free event for expectant mothers, and mothers and fathers with children up to 5 yrs. Workshops on post-partum depression, healthy living, smoking during pregnancy, financial fitness & more. Door prizes, light snacks, free gifts. 755-0535

Free Resume Writing Class for expectant mothers and mothers with children ages 6 mos. to 5 yrs. This is a six-to-eight week class. Upon completion of class, receive a Certificate of Completion and a Portfolio. Registration is ongoing. Info: 755-0535

Purchase, help to install car seats & booster seats

-- 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. \$25 for car seats or booster seats. Appointments required for both sites: 607-5280

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, including adult & child survivors of domestic & sexual violence. Free childcare available. All services are free of charge. Also see **Employment Success for Women** p. 15



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

- Bradford Memorial AME Church, 4260 N. Teutonia, 445-2189

- Canaan Baptist Church, 2964 N. 11, 264-2070

- Capuchin Community Services/House of Peace, 1702 W. Walnut, 933-1300 ext. 11

- Ebenezer Church of God in Christ, 3132 N. King Dr., 793-0328

- Hephatha Lutheran Church, 1720 W. Locust, 264-0234

- Holy Cathedral Church of God in Christ, 2677 N. 40, 447-1965

- True Love Missionary Baptist Church, 210 W. Keefe, 264-6869

- Unity Gospel House of Prayer Apostolic Church, 1747 N. 12, 574-1245

- Village Ministries Inc., 2614 W. Center, 562-1617

Helps women have healthy, alcohol-free pregnancies

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, 1-800-488-5148.

Healthcare providers interested in offering My Baby & Me to the women they serve, contact Carl Oliver at coliver@wwhf.org or 608-251-1675 ext. 117.

Parents Place - Waukesha

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

Mondays thru March 28 from 5:30-7pm, **Co-Parenting**

-- Divorce or the end of a relationship is not the end of a relationship with your child or your child's other parent. A negative relationship with your co-parent can cause your children to feel emotional and psychological distress. In this group, we work to redefine the relationship with your co-parent for the sake of the children involved

Playgroups 9:30-11am Tues. and Wed.

Relative Caregivers Support Group, 6-7pm 3rd Tues.

For Parents with Children Facing Multiple Challenges, 6-7:30pm 1st & 3rd Wed. Children's class meets separately.

Parenting Well through Depression: free program with meal for entire family. 5:30-7pm 2nd & 4th Thurs. Parent discussion;

Free clothing at Trading Posts

Milwaukee site

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

- Used clothing, from infant through size 6
- 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 Thursdays:
Mar. 17, Apr. 7 & 21; May 5 & 19; June 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 (as available), books
- 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: Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16

Where:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

W156 N8131
Pilgrim Rd.
Menomonee Falls, 53051

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



Back of building

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

Infant CPR classes at Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital 7-8:30pm Mar 30, Apr 27, May 25; 9-10:30am Sat. Mar 19, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11; \$30. Must register 2323 N. Lake Dr. 963-9355

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. 8am-noon every Sat. 1st come/1st served (many register by 6:30am). Pharmacy, mammograms, Xrays, free lab services, well-women visits, & referrals to specialists. Call 588-2865 for pediatric appts.

Responsible fatherhood programs

Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood Program. Next Door, 2545 N. 29, 562-2929

My Father's House: Responsible Fatherhood and parenting classes, engaging fathers in their children's lives, and personal need assessment. 6115 N. Teutonia, Silver Mill Mall. 353-9015

Stop smoking programs

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.

Waukesha: Quit smoking with help from this total-health approach program. 6-7pm. 8 Tues. starts June 7. Waukesha Memorial Hospital. Register: 262-928-2745. Free

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, 1-800-488-5148.

Healthcare providers interested in offering First Breath to the women they serve may contact Carl Oliver at coliver@wwhf.org or 608-251-1675 ext. 117

"Glamping" Healthy Cooking Class (glamorous camping), May 31, 6:30-8pm, \$12. St Luke. 649-5767

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.

Silver Spring Neighborhood Center free clothing 8-6pm M-F 5460 N 64 1 blk. south of Silver Sprg. Bus #23; call 1st 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 lay-

ettes, 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, 4610 W. Fond du Lac, 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. Program of St. Charles.

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

Waukesha County -- 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

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

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

53222, 53223, 53224, 53225, 53226

Church of Good Hope United Methodist, 8700 W Good Hope, 4-6pm W, 10am-1pm Sat. Food/baby pantry (w/WIC book & photo ID & mail w/home address). Stock box noon-1pm 1st Wed. 353-1665

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.

4-H Rummage Sale Apr. 23 9am-5pm 4-H office 9501 W Watertown Plank Rd, Bldg A just east of Hwy 45. Reasonably priced items from 4-H families, friends. Bake sale. 578-9561

Rummage Sale/Party Vendor Sale 9-3pm Apr 9 \$1 entrance; entertainment, raffle, bake sale, free massages. \$25 for space to sell items. Meno. Falls High School, W142 N8101 Merrimac Dr. off Appleton Ave. Community League, 414-581-0352

Rummage: Story Hill neighborhood directly north of Miller Park, westside. 9am-4pm Sat. May 21. 30+ households with quality children's clothing, toys, furniture, household items, and more. Area is bounded by I-94 to the south, W. Wisconsin Ave. to the north, Hwy. 41 to the east, and N. 51st to the west.

Community Connections: a small grants program

This program supports resident-led efforts to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods. The program awards grants from \$50 to \$750 to fund neighborhood projects, urban gardens, neighborhood festivals, community safety or after-school activities. Applications will be reviewed and scored by residents from some of the targeted neighborhoods. Must attend info session 5:30-6:30pm Mar. 22 at Washington Park Library, 2121 N. Sherman. Applications are due Apr. 11. www.ccsmallgrants.org

The International Learning Center provides English language and citizenship instructions for refugees and immigrants so they may function effectively as parents, employees and citizens. Free classes mornings or evenings include ESL, computer skills, job readiness, math, and citizenship (students pay for books). A program of Neighborhood House. 639 N 25. Info: 344-4777

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Remember HOPE Network...

Please consider including HOPE Network in your estate planning, or in a directive to your family. Estate bequests, both large and small, play a vital role in supporting HOPE Network in its mission to provide assistance to single mothers in the greater Milwaukee area. Contact HOPE Network today about any questions you have, or to learn more about how gift and estate planning can benefit you and HOPE. Your inquiry is always confidential.

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

Pause with Paws: De-Stress with Therapy Animals: De-stress with Health Healers therapy animals. Drop-in, grab a paw and relax at Central Library, Mar. 19, 2-3 p.m. Health Healers staff will be on hand to share information on the benefits of animal-assisted therapy.

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Jim & Jean Christian
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Mary Ellen Thoss
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- Joan Austin by:
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- Gordon Miller by:
Claude & Georgia Hoerig
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In Honor of

- Birth of Adelaide Rosolino,
daughter of board member Krista
& husband Michael
- 60th Jubilee of Sr. Joan Ann
Springman by:
The Springman families
- Lillian Love by:
Anita Doubek

Change service requested

Dine here
Mar. 30 and
help HOPE
Network
earn money!



The Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant in Germantown will donate 10% of your food and beverage tab on Wed. Mar. 30 to HOPE Network. You can dine any time between 11am and midnight, or get an order to go. Be sure to tell your server that you're part of the "HOPE Network Fundraiser" that day. Besides their famous wings, they have burgers, salads, sandwiches, wraps, popcorn shrimp, and a kids' menu. Location: N96 W17990 County Line Rd. Germantown, 53022. Just west of Hwy 41/45 (Hwy. Q/County Line Rd. exit) East of Appleton Ave. and Fleet Farm

Kick Away Asthma - Asthma Wellness Day

Saturday, May 14 10-1pm

Bradley Tech High School Indoor Atrium & Gym, 700 S. 4

Ongoing soccer games & challenges - all day

Play Soccer! Bring a team or join a group!

Free asthma tools and supplies while supplies last!

All ages welcome. 344-0675 ext. 225

Second Saturday family gathering

Join the group Apr. 9 or May 14 before the summer break! This gathering of moms and their young children has fun activities, a tasty lunch, new friends, and free books and gifts. 11am-1pm at All Saints Church cafeteria, 4050 N. 26, north of Capitol. Enter on south side between 25th & 26th. Bus lines 26/62. Free yellow school 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

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

Mondays, Apr. 18-May 23 , 1-3:30p.m., Community Memorial Hospital, Treiber Conference Center, W180 N8085 Town Hall Rd, Menomonee Falls. Free. Register: 1-800-272-3666

HOPE Network board position

We are looking for someone to join our board who has financial or management background, to complement the other talents of the directors. The board meets 6X a year in the Mayfair area. Besides financial/analytical skills, the ideal board candidate is enthusiastic, has ideas and connections to help us grow, and advocates for single mothers and their children. 262-251-7333 or info@hopenetworkinc.org

Life Impact program at UWM: \$5,000

The Life Impact Program scholarship deadline is May 13th,

The Life Impact Program provides all selected participants with a \$5,000 renewable scholarship as well as extensive support services specifically designed to meet the unique needs of UWM students with children. To be considered for and accepted to the Life Impact Program, you must be a parent with a dependent child or children, be accepted for admission or a continuing UWM undergraduate student eligible to register for the Fall 2016 term and demonstrated financial need. Filing of 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required. Additional information available on-line at www.lifeimpact.uwm.edu. 229-6626 .

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Register on the Facebook sites, or text Venice Williams at 687-0122

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

Additional items that did not fit in the spring printed edition of HOPE Network News

----- Please photocopy for staff and clients -----

Professional Event Planner needed

to plan HOPE Network's annual fundraiser and run the event Oct. 7. Salary commensurate with experience. Send a cover letter describing similar past experience with your resume and references. Some tasks & meetings in summer; most intensive work Sept. through early Oct. Use "Event Planner" as the email "Subject." Email to HOPE at info@hopenetworkinc.org

Administrative Assistant needed

for HOPE Network. Must have good verbal and written communication skills, be accurate, organized, able to juggle multiple tasks, and detail-oriented. Being computer savvy and proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook is a plus. Must have empathy for single mothers and support HOPE Network's mission. Menomonee Falls location; prefer someone local for this part-time position for our small nonprofit. 8:30-1pm Mon-Thurs., some flexibility. Position begins late May. Send cover letter and resume to HOPE at info@hopenetworkinc.org Use "Administrative Assistant" as the email "Subject."

Free clothes and food while supplies last, bring your own bags, 11am Mar. 19, Journey House, S. 21 St. & W. Scott. Free new Harley-Davidson clothes. Sponsor: Faith Builders.

Wis. Women's Business Initiative classes

263-5450 (call for details for online classes). Classes marked WWBIC are at the office: 1533 N. Rivercenter Dr. 53212.

Budgeting, credit, personal finances

- No Credit, No Problem, 6-7:30pm, Apr. 7, Tri City National Bank (South Milwaukee)
- Conquer the Debt Cycle, 6-7pm, Apr. 11, Capitol Library
- Maximize Your Income Potential 6-7:30pm Apr 12 Wauwatosa Library
- Spending Plans, 6-7pm, Apr. 18, Capitol Library
- Conquer the Debt Cycle, 6-7:30pm, May 3, Goodwill Center, 1400 Nike Dr, Waukesha
- Protect Your Identity, 6-7:30pm, May 19, Greenfield Library
- Credit Repair, 12-1pm, June 9, ONLINE

Business education classes

- Options for Funding Small Business 6-7:30pm Mar 22 Cudahy Library
- Thinking of Starting a Business, 6-8pm, Mar. 22, Riverworks, 3372 N Holton
- Instagram for Professionals, 6-7:30pm, Mar. 23, MLK Library
- Thinking of Starting a Business, 6-7pm, Apr. 4, Capitol Library
- Business Resource Workshop, 6-8pm, Apr. 14, Greenfield Library
- Social Media Time Savers 6-7:30pm Apr. 19, Washington Park Library
- Making Projections & Understanding Cash Flow, 6-8pm, Apr. 28, Cudahy Library
- Thinking of Starting a Business, 6-8pm, May 5, Greenfield Library
- What Can WWBIC Do For You? 9-10am, May 10, WWBIC
- Hiring Your First Employee, 12-1pm, June 7, ONLINE
- Mission Business: What You Need to Know 12-1pm, Mar 31 online
- Start Smart : The Essential Business Plan. Mar. 30-May 25

Learn about Certified Nursing Asst. (CNA)

Attend an information session to learn what it would be like to be a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). As the front line member of the health care team, the CNA works alongside RNs, physical and occupational therapists, doctors, other technologists. 6-7pm Apr. 14 at Morse-Marshall School, 4141 N. 64, or 10-11am Apr. 16 at Hamilton High School, 6215 W. Warnimont. Call Milw. Rec. 475-8811 for info on registering for class: "How About a Health Career?" \$5 for Milw. city residents; \$7.50 others.

CNA training program at MATC

Begin a career that makes a difference in the quality of people's lives. Nursing Assistant is a one-course program at MATC that focuses on basic nursing skills and prepares you to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). In 7 wks. you can earn a credential that is in high demand with area employers. Average annual earnings: \$21,350 to \$29,000. For ages 16 and up; no HS diploma or GED required; earn 3 college credits; ongoing open enrollment throughout the year. MATC, 1311 N. 6th St. Info: Monica, 297-6894

For help with class fees, contact these agencies to see if you meet their enrollment requirements. They sponsor students taking short term training programs:

- At Employ Milwaukee (formerly: Milw. Area Workforce Investment Board), inquire about:

WI Innovation/Opportunity Act Program 270-1700, 267-3291 or the HIRE Center: 385-6920 - Wisconsin Works (W-2)

- FoodShare Employment & Training (FSET): call a case worker at 1-888-947-6583. Ask to volunteer for the FSET program in order to get trained as a CNA at MATC

Earn good money with carpentry jobs

Get paid on-the-job training for carpentry, floor covering, cabinetmaking & interior systems carpentry. All good paying jobs! Apprentices work alongside experienced journeymen to learn the trade. Monthly tests are held 2nd Wed. of each month; next date, April 13. If you need math tutoring before taking test, call Big Step, 414-937-3600, MATC or WCTC at least 1 month before test. Testing at 9:30am sharp (doors open at 9am), SE Wisconsin Carpentry Training Center, Pewaukee, 262-574-6995.

Milw. Co. Winter Farmer's Market at Domes Annex

Although the Domes are closed for repair, the Market will be open, as it's held in the greenhouse annex to the right of the Domes. Through April 9, 9am-12:30pm. Select from high quality fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs, poultry, dairy. SNAP/EBT/Quest

Start your backyard garden with Fondy plants: On Sat. starting May 7, several vendors will be selling locally grown veg-starter plants at Fondy Market, 2200 W. Fond du Lac. Vegetable seeds and starter plants (food-producing only, not flowers) can be purchased with SNAP/QUEST cards. This is a great way to grow your own delicious veggies at a reduced cost!

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Crafting Resilient Girls

Free after-school group and individual projects, 3-7:30pm Tues. & Thurs. through June. For girls 2nd – 6th grades. Promotes creativity, critical thinking, self-awareness, and community-connectedness through exposure to activities related to the core seeds of resiliency.

International Day of Happiness

2-5pm Mar. 20

A profound shift in attitudes is underway all over the world. People are now recognizing that the life journey should be about increasing human happiness and well-being. All 193 U.N. member states have adopted a resolution calling for happiness to be given greater priority. Celebrate happiness by creating a “Healthy Happy Meal” together, using recipes from Bryant Terry’s Vegan Soul Kitchen. Also: “Happiness Stations” where you may explore a variety of ways to foster happiness in your life. \$15.

What’s The Message In The Media? A Cross-Generational Conversation For Women 6-8:30pm Apr. 14

Join us for an honest, cross-generational conversation about the impact of the messages we receive, as girls and women, from the media images that bombard most of our lives on a daily basis. How do we guide our girls in making healthy choices when it comes to the multi-layers of media and images in their lives.?

Must register, as dinner will be served. For girls in middle school, high school, and adult women.

Body & Soul Neighborhood Markets

10am-3pm Apr. 2, 9; May 4, 11

Alice’s Garden Monthly Potluck 5-7pm Apr. 9

365 Fine Fitness, 6-7pm Thurs. \$5 per class.

Fun concerts, events

See the film *War Horse*: Watch Steven Spielberg’s critically acclaimed 2011 film, chronicling an amazing human-animal bond forged during World War I. Popcorn provided. Mar 21, 5:30-7:30 pm, Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Love classic movies? Watch some of the best on your portable device with the Criterion Collection Films and your Milwaukee library card (must be a City of Milw. resident; doesn’t apply to other parts of Milw. County)

Tellebration! A night of storytelling for grown-ups, 7pm Mar. 21, St. John’s on the Lake, 1900 N. Prospect Ave. Free. (OK for older youth; it’s not “adult-only material” but the stories can be lengthy and detailed.)

Earn Zoo coupon at Great American Cleanup

9am-noon Apr. 23 at Hawthorn Glen, 1130 N. 60. Each year, this cleanup attracts over 100 enthusiastic volunteers to help us put litter and nature back in place. All participants will receive a coupon good for one free admission to the Zoo or one free admission to a Milw. Co. Parks swimming pool/water slide attraction. Help clean for as long as you like (but at least one hour). 647-6050. See other cleanup sites & dates at www.kgmb.org

Milwaukee Rec. Dept. teen centers

All teens are welcome to join us for free swimming, games, video games, weightlifting, gym activities, and more! Ages 13-17. Open when MPS schools are open.

North: 1011 W. Center, 267-5077, Mon./Wed., 6:30-9:00 PM

South: 1515 W. Lapham, 902-8377, Mon./Wed., 6:30-9pm

Community garden at Capitol Library

Are you interested in gardening but have no space of your own? Want to try growing your own food? There are plans to turn the space around Capitol Library into a community garden. Sign up with a librarian at the Capitol Library to get involved. Capitol, 3969 N. 74th St.

BYOD – Bring Your Own Device

Learn how to set up your iPad, Kindle, Nook or tablet to download free eBooks, audiobooks and magazines available to you as a Milwaukee Public Library card holder. Please bring your Milwaukee Public Library card and all passwords.

East Branch, 2320 N. Cramer St., Mar. 23 or 30, 6-7:30 p.m.

Tippecanoe, 3912 S. Howell, Mar. 22 or 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Spring break at Central Library

Four days of spring break fun at Central, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave: Board Games Galore! Bring a friend or meet a new one while playing simple card games or board games.

Monday, Mar 28, 12-8 pm Get Puzzled! Keep your brain active over break with a variety of word puzzles to challenge you.

Tuesday, Mar 29, 9am-8 pm Fiber Fun! We supply the yarn and you supply the creativity.

Wednesday, Mar 30, 9am-6 pm Florentine Opera presents *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Enjoy this well-known story brought to life in a 45-minute performance that introduces young audiences to the beauty of live opera and the benefits of libraries.

Thursday, Mar 31, 10:30-11:15 am Peeps Workshop: Work on your entry for the Peeps Diorama Contest. Materials will be provided. Wednesday, Mar 30, 2:30-3:30 pm Tippecanoe, 3912 S. Howell Ave.

Villard Square Coffee Dare

We dare you to enjoy a nice cup of coffee and team up with staff and community to explore the wonderful things brewing at the Villard Square Library, Mar 31, 10-11am. 5190 N. 35th St.

ReStore's 7th annual Recycled Art Contest

Your opportunity to show off your creative repurposing skills. The contest challenges the public to create works primarily using the donated product found at ReStore. From artwork to repurposed furniture, the only rule of the contest is the majority of materials must be purchased at ReStore.

Entries will be exhibited at ReStore East (& online) and voted on by the public beginning in April. The exhibition will be featured in April's Third Ward Gallery Night & Day (4/15 & 4/16).

Awards given in the form of ReStore gift certificates:

1ST PRIZE - \$250 2ND PRIZE - \$150
3RD PRIZE - \$100 4TH PRIZE - \$75
5TH PRIZE - \$50

HOW TO ENTER: Bring your completed work of art to either of Milwaukee's ReStores and a manager will have you fill out an entry form. Deadline to drop off artwork: Apr. 1.

3 Hours, 6 Floors, 100+ Artists

April 9, 11am-3pm, 1915 E. Kenilworth

Free open house at UWM Peck School of Arts' Kenilworth Bldg. Art exhibitions, digital craft lab demos, poster & t-shirt printing, pewter casting make-and-take, dance performances, film screenings, film workshop, animation studio, live music, theatre events. Hands-on activities; all ages. 229-4308

Free events at Marcus Center

Cantos de las Americas: free dance performances from around the world by MPS students. 6:30pm Apr. 22, Marcus Center, State & Water St.

Also free at the Marcus Center (Peck Stage outdoors): June 14, Naturalization Ceremony and a Flag Day Celebration.

KidZ Days At the Center starts June 14 10-11am Tues., Wed., Thurs. Marcus Center, KidZ Stage (outdoors). Variety of free interactive and educational arts programming.

Classical music

Milwaukee Festival Brass: *Impressions of Switzerland*, features traditional & contemporary music by Swiss composers, 3pm May 22. Pius XI HS, 135 N. 76. \$12 adults/\$9 kids & seniors

Free performances by Milw. Symphony Orchestra musicians Colectivo Cafés, 7pm. Apr. 4, 4500 N. Oakland; May 2, 2211 N. Prospect; June 6, 6745 W. Wells, Wauwatosa

MSO student rush tickets \$12, avail. 2 hrs before all reg. classics and pops concerts with student ID. One per ID. 291-7605. For schedule go to www.mso.org

COA Holton/Riverwest Teen Center

- March 18: MPS Off Day Program 1-6pm; at 3pm Careers in Art Presentation by artist Ammar Nsoroma

- Mar. 24 *Barbershop 3* Movie Screening 5:30pm

- Mar. 25-Apr. 1: Spring Break Week Program 1-6pm

Life Skills: Personal development program for high school youth that will empower them to make positive transition from high school. Topics: communication, goalsetting, managing stress financial literacy, making decisions, building relationships

Spoken Word workshops on Tues. & Thurs. and Art/Gamers

Club on Fri. Weekly boys' club and girls' club.

Making Proud Choices also meets weekly: a healthy relationship group that focuses on sexual responsibility and developing a positive self-image.

Holton Teen Center, 510 E. Burleigh Ave. 226-6210

Used book sales

West Allis Library: Apr. 9, May 14, Jun 11 10am-3pm

Hales Corner Library: Apr. 18, 9am-4pm; on Apr. 19 fill a grocery bag with books for \$5, 12-3pm

Positions for youth at COA camp

Camp Helen Brachman in central Wisconsin is a COA residential camp employing 18-yr-olds for summer staff. Also, 17-yr-olds may apply for the 4-week Youth Worker Program (unpaid, but attend camp for free). Info: 263-8383 coa-yfc.org

Parents Place - Waukesha

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

See other classes on p. 19

It's All About Teens, Mondays thru Mar. 28

Unlock the Secrets to Discipline, 6-7:30pm Tues. Apr. 5-19

Love & Logic, 6-7:30pm Mon. Apr. 4-25

Creating a Love of Learning in Children, 6-7:30pm Apr. 13

Infant/Toddler Challenges, 5:30-7pm Apr. 26

What Children Need to Learn, 5:30-7pm Apr. 4

Adult Anger, 5:30-7pm Wed. Apr. 6-20

Positive & Negative Effects of Video Games, 5:30-7pm Tues. May 3-17

Kids Managing Anger (parent & child classes) 5:30-7pm Mon. May 2-23

Creative Play & Learning, take-home ideas to get children ready for kindergarten. 5:30-7pm May 24

For food & beverage entrepreneurs

Brewing the American Dream Speed Coaching Event, 6-8:30pm Apr. 12, Schlitz Park, 1555 N. River Center Dr. Short, high-impact coaching sessions with business industry experts to help network and grow the business. For food and beverage small business owners only. Free, but must register with Wis. Women's Business Initiative Corp. : lisa.sullivan@wwbic.com, 263-5450

Race in the Workplace: Stories & Dialogue

5:30-7:30pm Mar. 24. This lab will explore the difficult, multifaceted topic of race in the workplace. Q&A focusing on actions we can take to make our workplaces more inclusive and leverage the talents of all Milwaukeeans. Hosted by Ex Fabula storytelling group and Translator at 415 E. Menomonee St. Free, but must register; space is limited. Register at www.eventbrite.com

Mother & Daughter Hike

1:30-3pm May 7 at Hawthorn Glen, ages 5 & up, spend time together outdoors, make a craft. Parent must register, pay, and attend with child. \$4 per person (Milw. city residents). Call Milw. Rec. Dept. to register: 647-6050.