

# NETWORK NEWS

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Quarterly resource publication for single mothers

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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 2017 & spring 2018 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](http://www.hopenetworkinc.org)

### We need your help!

We'd like to award seven scholarships of at least \$1,000 each, but we need your help! Please see back cover to donate.



Have you renewed your family membership? Only \$5 for these great benefits: bi-weekly Update emails & bulletins, free tickets to the Public Museum, Art Museum, Bucks & Brewers, and more!

## Executive Director (part-time) sought by HOPE Network

This is a great opportunity for a candidate passionate about making a difference in the community, leading an organization, and requiring flexible part-time hours.

Primary tasks include grant writing, fundraising and supervising the day-to-day operations of HOPE Network, which provides outreach programs to families headed by single mothers in the greater Milwaukee area.

The executive director works independently to advance the mission of HOPE Network, and communicates with organization families, donors, volunteers, outside accountant, social agencies and support groups. Reports directly to the Board of Directors.

### Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree
- Proven track record of successful leadership and time management, ideally in non-profit organizations
- Successful fund development track record including grant/proposal writing experience and fundraising. Creativeness essential for seeking new funding opportunities.
- Demonstrated ability to successfully create and maintain trusting partnerships with diverse populations
- Excellent written/oral communication and computer skills

- Experience in managing a budget
  - Demonstrated ability to exercise independent judgment, manage multiple priorities, and able to work independently
- Position offers a flexible schedule, averaging 20-25 hrs. per week. Salary range is \$19-21/hr. Office is in Menomonee Falls.

Must include a cover letter when emailing resume to: [info@hopenetworkinc.org](mailto:info@hopenetworkinc.org) Application deadline is April 8.

Complete job description at [www.hopenetworkinc.org](http://www.hopenetworkinc.org)

## HOPE's executive director to retire

Pauline Beck, who has served as executive director for 6 ½ years, will be retiring. She says she'll miss working with the moms, volunteers, donors, and agency personnel, but plans to stay active in the organization.

She will continue as news magazine editor, a position she has held since 1984. She works with volunteer researchers and writers to produce the publication, volunteering more than 400 hours a year herself. She will also join HOPE's Board of Directors.

To keep this publication going, we continue to search for support and volunteers. If you would like more information about sponsoring an issue, or volunteering to research/verify the articles in this publication, please contact us at 262-251-7333 or [info@hopenetworkinc.org](mailto:info@hopenetworkinc.org)

## HOPE NETWORK NEWS

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by HOPE Network for Single Mothers

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Single mothers comprise 50% of HOPE's board.

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

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

## Legal help, walk-in clinics

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Single moms meet Saturdays in Sussex: THRiVE

is a ministry for single moms that meets on Saturday mornings at Oakbrook Church in Sussex. We have breakfast and then watch and discuss various DVD series relevant to self-care and parenting. Free childcare is provided. Pre-registration is required. Upcoming Series and dates can be seen at: [www.oakbrookconnect.org/thrive/](http://www.oakbrookconnect.org/thrive/) or call Karen at 262-389-9499. Join us and bring a friend! Oakbrook Church, N64 W22680 State Hwy 74, Sussex.

**Single & Parenting in Hales Corners:** open group for single parents meets on Thursday nights, 6-8pm through May 11. Free child care (ages 1 to 10) available; must pre-register one week in advance. Call Mary Steinbrenner at 414-529-6700, ext. 106 or email [SingleandParenting@hcl.org](mailto:SingleandParenting@hcl.org) Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 Janesville Rd., Rm B33; Hales Corners. For info about the program, visit [www.singleandparenting.org](http://www.singleandparenting.org)

## Deadlines for news items for upcoming issues:

Dec. 4, Mar. 4, June 4, Sept. 4, e-mail to: [pbeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](http://www.hopenetworkinc.org)

## Go green! We can e-mail this paper

Contact us 262-251-7333 [info@hopenetworkinc.org](mailto: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.

- Muslim Com Health Center, 10am-2pm Mar 18, 803 W Layton
- St. John's West, 8:30-10:30am Mar. 23, Apr. 27, May 25 5500 W. Greenfield Ave.
- Washington Park Senior Center, 9:30-11:30am Apr. 4, May 9 4420 W. Vliet
- Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, 3-5pm Apr. 12, May 17 5460 N. 64
- Neighborhood House 11-2pm Apr 22, 2819 W. Richardson Pl.
- Forest Home Library 10am-2pm Apr 29, 1432 W Forest Home
- Dominican Center for Women 9-noon May 6 2470 W Locust
- Riverwest Food Pantry 8-11am May 20, 924 E. Clark St.

## Car seats: purchase, help to install, safety

**Ongoing Children's Hospital program:** \$25 for car seats or booster seats; appointments required: 607-5280

-- 1647 N 4th St, Mon, 4-6pm, Wed 9-11am, 40 minute instruction if you have a vehicle.

-- 620 S. 76, 3rd Wed of month, 1-2:30pm without a vehicle.

**March on Milwaukee 50th** is organizing 200 Nights of Freedom between Aug. 28 and April 2018. It will take inspiration from the 200 consecutive days that the NAACP Youth Council/Commandos, Father Groppi, Vel Phillips and the community marched for open housing in Milwaukee. It will be a coordinated series of events exploring Milwaukee's civil rights history and present day challenges, produced by community institutions, organizations and individuals.

## Auto loan access program

Residents of Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington Counties may be eligible for this YWCA program. The financial wellness program combines education and financial coaching with access to a small, low-interest auto loan for working adults with challenged credit. Loans range from \$6,000-\$10,000 at a 6% interest rate. The process takes roughly six weeks and includes one-on-one financial coaching before completing the loan application. There are eligibility requirements. Interested inquiries call 414-267-3240

## Free driver's ed classes for MPS students



MPS high school students now have the opportunity to take driver education for FREE. Students who are 15 1/2 by the 1st day of class & younger than 17 1/2 by the last day of class are eligible. Classes at currently at 9 high school sites. Registration includes classroom instruction; in-car observation; and behind-the-wheel training. \$35 class reservation fee, to be applied to obtaining a temporary driving permit at the DMV. Register ASAP; some classes start late in March [www.MilwaukeeRecreation.net](http://www.MilwaukeeRecreation.net)

## Second Saturday family gathering

Join the group April 8 and May 13, which is the last meeting before the summer break. 11am-1pm at All Saints Church cafeteria, 4050 N. 26, north of Capitol. This gathering of moms and their young children has fun activities, a tasty lunch, new friends, and free books and gifts. Enter on south side between 25th & 26th. Bus lines 26/62. Free bus to go to the gathering picks up at 10:35am at 16th Community Health Center, 1032 S Cesar Chavez Dr. Returns at 1:30pm. 444-5610

## Where to call for food, help

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

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

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

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

or Search the online resource directory at [impactinc.org](http://impactinc.org)

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

at [www.impactinc.org/211/211.htm](http://www.impactinc.org/211/211.htm)

**Domestic violence 24-hr. hotline: 933-2722**

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

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

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

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

**Other shelters** for mothers & children:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Shelter for families** (fathers, mothers, children):

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

**Parent Helpline, 671-0566**

Support groups & classes and confidential phone counseling about

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**South Milwaukee,** zip code 53172 only: 764-5340

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

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

# Keep active, stay healthy!

**Zumba Fitness** 5:30-6:45pm every Wed. \$5 (nonmembers \$10) Dance to great music and burn a ton of calories without even realizing it with Zumba Fitness. Bring your dancing feet, gyrating hips and a desire to move! Classes open to all ages and skill levels. Urban Ecology Center, Washington Park, 1859 N. 40, 344-5460.

**Family Gym:** Stop running in different directions; it's family time. Please join us at the Y for fun and games for all ages. FREE to all families! Rite-Hite Family YMCA Sundays 10am-2pm

## Free fishing, admission to state parks

June 3-4: 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 at many parks. 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 information, call the DNR at 1-888-936-7463.

**Harrington Beach State Park:** Take advantage of the free admission weekend and visit Harrington Beach. It's north of Port Washington on Lake Michigan. 531 Co Rd D, Belgium. 262-285-3015  
-- Free fishing clinic June 3, between 9am-3pm. Includes instructional stations **and lunch**. Register at 262-993-0078  
-- Free pancake breakfast June 4 at Harrington Beach. Includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, milk, and applesauce. 8am-noon.

**Kettle Moraine State Forest/Lapham Peak:** Free hike led by a naturalist, 2-3pm June 4. Meet at nature center. W329 N846 Co. Rd. C, Delafield. 262-646-3025. June 4 is free admission day; a vehicle admission sticker is required on other dates of free hike: Apr. 2, May 7, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, and Oct. 1. Milw Rec Dept. 475-8180



## Get \$8 annual BublR bike pass if eligible - regular price: \$80!

Riders can take out a BublR bike at any station, pay for it with a credit card or annual pass, and return the bike to any station. BublR Bikes offers an annual pass for \$8 to all residents living within the

Housing Authority's zone properties. It normally cost \$80 for the year. To sign up, call BublR or email them: 391-1121 engagement@bublrbikes.com. After you've been approved, you pay the \$8 in cash or credit/debit card and get your pass to use at any bike station.

New members will receive a free helmet and Milwaukee maps. Riders must be age 14 or older. Special price expires April 30. Learn about the BublR bikeshare program 1-3pm Apr. 1 at Dream Bikes, 2021A N Martin Luther King Dr.

The bikes offer healthy exercise, easy transportation for short jaunts, and a chance to see your neighborhood close-up.

**Free fishing clinics** April 22 at 9am, 10, 11, noon, 1 or 2pm at park lagoons: Brown Deer Park; Dineen; Greenfield Park; Mitchell Park; Oak Creek Pkwy; Sheridan; McCarty; McGovern; Kosciuszko; Scout Lake; Washington Park; Menomonee Park/Lannon Quarry; Mukwonago; 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; 303-0109

## Fishing with E.B. Garner

All events at Washington Park, 1859 N. 40, 344-5460

- Apr. 22 clinic (above) to be hosted by EB Garner's Fishing Club  
- E.B. Garner's 20th Annual Fishing Day Sat. June 3 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

Dance,  
do yoga  
at local  
libraries



**Yoga for Families:** 10-11am Mar. 25, Apr. 22. All ages welcome with an accompanying adult. Wear comfy clothes; no need to bring mat. Presented by OmTown Yogis. East Branch Library, 2320 N. Cramer. Free.

**Stretching with Storybooks:** Streeeeetch while reading stories with YogaConnects. Work on the balancing, stretching and breathing techniques used in yoga based on the characters in the book. Washington Park Library at 10:30-11:30am Apr. 1 and at Bay View Library 6-7pm Apr. 3

**Learn Merengue and Bachata,** Sat, April 15, 22, 29, 3-4 pm at Bay View Branch Library Panadanza Dance Company brings the dances of the Dominican Republic to Milwaukee in these dance classes for everyone! Please wear comfortable clothing

**Hepcat Library Swing** Learn how to do East Coast Swing with basic footwork and turns in a series at the library. Enjoy open dance for practice and questions at the end of each lesson. Started March 8, with 3 remaining: Mar 15, 22, 29. Tippecanoe Library,

**Community Swim** Enjoy free swimming for the whole family. Children 7 years of age and under must be accompanied and supervised in the water by a parent or guardian. Participants must furnish a towel, suit swim cap. Can buy Swim caps at the pool for \$2.

-Gaenslen Elementary, 6:50-7:50pm, March 29-May 24

- MacDowell (formerly Juneau), 3-4:10pm, March 25-May 20

- Morse-Marshall, 7:30-8:40pm, March 28-May 23

- North Division, 7:05-8:15pm, March 29-May 24

- South Division, 7:30-8:40pm, March 27-May 24

- Washington High School, 6-6:55pm (females only), 7-7:55pm (males only) Tues. March 28-May 23

# Looking In, Looking Out

A column by  
HOPE Network  
founder  
Gail Grenier Sweet



## Single mothers give back

It feels good to give to others. My grandmother used to say, “When you give, you get.” HOPE Network single mother members are testament to that age-old wisdom....

### Donating money

HOPE Network members Angela and Jackie donated an extra \$5 to HOPE Network when they paid their dues. Here is the note Jackie sent with her donation: “I do not have much, but I have enclosed my \$5 membership fee and an extra \$5 for another mom.”

One of our scholarship winners, Kaleena, suggested that guests at her daughter’s first birthday party donate to HOPE Network. We received generous donations to honor little Brielynn!

Another mother is taking \$6 out of her paycheck every month, and her company transfers the money to HOPE’s bank account. It may not sound like much, but in a year, that donation will buy a portable crib for a baby who has no safe place to sleep!

### Networking and donating time & talent

Three of our members are working hard to network with other mothers, sharing information about HOPE’s services. They distribute our news magazines every quarter at their workplace or church, and they “talk up” HOPE.

Another member, Pamela, works at City Hall, and plans to stock the distribution box there with our publication each quarter. She’s also volunteered to work on a number of issues, researching and fact-checking the articles used in this news magazine.

Speaking of networking, Nadiyah Groves is a single mother who has joined our Board and got her sorority involved in helping HOPE Network. You may have seen their bright smiles as they helped at our fall fundraiser at Davians. In addition, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. celebrated Founder’s Day and Global Day of Service by volunteering Jan. 16 at the Northwest Trading Post in Menomonee Falls. Twenty-four sorors and family members (right) sorted clothing...put out toys, books, baby equipment, diapers, and household items...and then helped families who were attending the monthly event.

Along with Nadiyah, other single mothers volunteer their time to serve on HOPE’s board of di-

rectors; currently, single mothers comprise 45% of the board.

Anna, a member, is working on a project where employees at her place of work will volunteer at the Northwest Trading Post on May 15, sorting clothes for the summer season.

Other mothers have given us items for our silent auction, and this year, Lynn will be donating a Native American beaded item that she designed. She is selling her items at the Winter Powwow and later at Indian Summer.

A long-time HOPE Network member, Gabrielle, has donated her face painting talents to Second Saturday’s holiday party for many years. The kids happily glow with safe face paint and safe face glitter – Gabrielle’s designs are unique!

### Donating clothing and other needed items

Lois Graff, a HOPE board member who staffs our Southside Trading Post at Ascension Lutheran Church near the Domes, reports that mothers are bringing in clothes to donate – and seem proud to do so. Lois is delighted, and so are we! She says that the moms are happy to see their items going to other families. Recently, we also had a single mother member come into the office to donate items.

Here’s another kind note from member Jackie G: “I’m able to donate my children’s items that are too little and know they are going to good families.”

...THANK YOU to all the generous single mothers who give back to HOPE!

## Founder’s book sales benefit HOPE

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



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# Resources in Waukesha County



See Earth Day Retzer Nature Center p. 13.

**Make Your Money Talk** 5:30pm April 6, 13, 20. Series can help you build wealth and create a spending plan. This is your year to become financially fit! La Casa De Esperanza, 202 E Broadway, Waukesha. Call to register: 262-832-1570. *Other 5:30pm classes:*

**Homebuyer Grant Workshop**, Mar. 23. Find out about free money that may be available to help you reach your goal of owning a home. **Life Insurance**, Mar. 30: If something happens, do you want to be a burden to your family?

## Waukesha food, clothing, resources

**Waukesha Co. only:** Hope Center, 502 N. East Ave.; furniture, nurse, clothes, 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** The Clothing Shop has casual clothing & career-type clothing. For residents of Waukesha Co. M-F noon-4pm, Tues. & Sat. 9:30-11:30am, and Wed. 6:30-8pm. HOPE Center 502 N. East Ave., 53186. 262-549-8726

**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

**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

**Stop smoking program** Quit smoking with help from free total-health approach program. 6-7pm 8 Tues. started Mar. 14 at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. Starts May 23 at Oconomowoc Memorial Hosp. Register online [prohealthcare.org](http://prohealthcare.org) or 262-928-2745

**Kids Dream FREE family films**, if you download a voucher, at 10am Fri-Sun thru Apr 9. Visit [amfam.com/kidsdream](http://amfam.com/kidsdream) to download voucher for tickets. At Marcus theaters: Hillside Cinema, Delafield; Majestic Cinema, Waukesha; Menomonee Falls Cinema; North Shore Cinema; Ridge Cinema; and South Shore Cinema.

## Parents Place - Waukesha

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

**Co-Parenting** redefining the relationship with your co-parent for the sake of the kids. 5:30-7:30 Apr 5, 12, 19, 26 or June 7, 14, 21, 28

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

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

**Big Emotions-Meltdowns & Tantrums:** 5:30-7pm Mar. 29

**Discussion Groups.** gain confidence to manage family issues and develop effective skills. 5:30-7pm Apr. 4 & 11

**Parenting Children That Have Experienced Trauma**, 5:30-7:30pm Apr. 6

**Strong-Willed Child:** 6-7:30pm May 1, 8, 15, 22

**Music** helps speech-language development 5:30-6:30pm Mar 22

**Kids Managing Anger**, Parents meet with facilitator while children are in their session 5:30-7pm Last in series of 3 classes: Mar 20

**Reading:** key to a child's development 5:30-6:30pm Apr. 12

**Social Skills & Self-Esteem for Children:** 5:30-7pm May 10, 24

**Taking Care of You Mind/ Body/Spirit** 5:30-7pm May 2, 9,16, 23

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

**Playgroup** 9:30-11am Wed. In Spanish, 9:30-11am Tues.

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

**Step-Parent Support**, 5:30-6:30pm every 2nd Wed.

## The Women's Center - Waukesha

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

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

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

## Low-cost dental care for Waukesha Co.

The Waukesha Co. Community Dental Clinic provides dental care to low-income, uninsured and under-insured children and adult residents of Waukesha County. For appts. for children, call 262-522-7645 ext. 221. Appts. for adults are scheduled by referral only. Not a free clinic. Patients with no insurance must make a co-payment based on a sliding scale. Patients with Badger Care or the Forward Card are welcome. There may be a co-pay for certain services. Hrs: 8am-4:30pm M-Th; 8am-2pm Fri. 210 NW Barstow St., Suite 305, Waukesha

**Child health & parenting services** are provided free by the home visiting nurse program of the Waukesha Co. Public Health Dept.. Nurses can make referrals and help you with health care, dental care, counseling, transportation, WIC nutrition, and more 262-896-8430.

**Are you pregnant?** Prenatal Care Coordination helps women gain access to medical, social, educational and other services during pregnancy. Call Waukesha County Public Health, 262-896-8430.

**Waukesha WCTC** free High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) & GED, English Language Learning (ELL) classes. Open to all. 327 E Broadway, Waukesha. To get started, call 262-695-6500.

## Gramma Duty

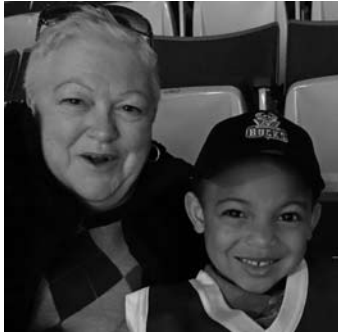
### A note to single grandmothers...

by Pamela Oberg-Sutton  
aka Grammy Pammly

I am so looking forward to spring and summer this year. Bring on the sunshine, the new HOPE Network magazine, and I'm ready to go! Planning is very important, as our city has so much to offer. Take advantage of the Network News, and schedule something fun for every week.

We're planning on camping again this year after much debate. We are definitely hauling our bikes this year, too! Two of those bikes came from the "Bike Giveaway" last summer on the south side. This was posted in HOPE Network's magazine.

Last year, we canoed at Washington Park with Urban Ecology.



This was thanks to HOPE Network and the Christ Child Society. I am not yet brave enough to canoe while camping, but I would definitely try it again at the Urban Ecology Center. I feel more secure there! It's very reasonable to purchase a membership to the Urban Ecology Center, and they have much to offer.

Don't forget the Brewer Games with HOPE, either.... Always a good time and very inexpensive if you pack a nice lunch. I always look forward to seeing Pauline there with her Brewer ping-pong earrings.

Milwaukee is such an exciting city, so much to offer. Many walking and biking paths, so many festivals. Kite flying, great parks, great music, and let's not forget the food!

If you were able to get a Museum pass with your HOPE membership that's definitely a good time. Take a whole day and plan a family trip. There are many new exhibits. The "Streets of Old Milwaukee" have been given new life! Try some new stuff this summer; think about things you may have missed last year.

Whatever you choose to do, be safe and have fun!

Have a great summer!

## Wellness and health resources

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

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

### Have a healthy, alcohol-free pregnancy

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

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

**Fight Asthma Milwaukee (FAM) Allies** provides asthma education to eligible patients and families (2-40 yrs old) in their homes. The basic asthma education is provided in 3 one-hour visits. Once the first 3 visits are complete, families can choose an additional 3 visits that focus on asthma triggers found in the home. Call: 988-3269.

**Post-Traumatic Stress Understanding & Moving Forward** Learn the signs and symptoms of PTSD, basic coping strategies to help manage symptoms and resources on where to seek help at Center Street Library, 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave., Mar 25, 2-3:30pm

### Support group for adult children of alcoholics

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

### Wellness Days - MPS Recreation program

Family classes for everyone, ages 6 and up. FREE! Two sites:

-- 6-8pm April 26 at Bay View High School

Family unicycle, family dodgeball, and family zumba

-- 6-8pm May 31 at Madison High School

Family Tae Kwon Do and T'ai Chi and family African dance

Health education and screenings, along with healthy snacks will be provided at both locations. Weather permitting, activities may be held outside. Registration will be accepted the night of the program on a first come, first served basis. Parent/guardian must register and attend with child. Space is limited in some activities. Info: Bob, 475-8935.

### First Breath helps pregnant women quit smoking

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

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

### Stop smoking program

*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. See p 6/Waukesha classes

**Flu shots urged after child's death:** Milw. Health Dept. has reported a child died of complications from the flu. Health officials continue to urge vaccination and prevention steps to reduce spread of the seasonal virus. Those who should get shots: children 6 months-5 yrs, adults 65+, and pregnant women. The vaccine can not only help to prevent you from getting sick, but can make your illness milder if you do get sick and help prevent you from spreading the flu to others. Flu vaccine remains available through local health care providers and retail pharmacies

# Grant winner: Kaleena Jones

*Every issue we feature profiles of our scholarship winners.*



My name is Kaleena Jones and I am a mother to one beautiful energetic 18-month-old little girl. I am attending Alverno College as an undergraduate student majoring in Environmental Science with a minor in Business Management.

I am over halfway done and it could not feel any more amazing to finally see the light at the end of the tunnel.

I chose my field of study because I have always had a deep passion for our environment, especially the forestry aspect. I hope to someday go on and earn my master's degree in forestry from an international university in the EU.

When my daughter, Brielynn, is not trying to help me write lab reports, or unpack my backpack, we are outside exploring, reading or finding a new craft to do. She has been so excited to try out her new fishing pole. My daughter is the inspiration behind why I decided to give college another go-around. I am incredibly grateful that I have been given the opportunity to go back to school so I can better my family's life.

If I could give any advice to single parents out there, it would first and foremost be: Don't forget to take care of yourself, and never stop having faith.

Second, to just do it. Take the leap when the opportunity presents itself to go back to school or finish something. Yes, it is scary. Yes, it is stressful. Yes, I am tired. Regardless, it is all worth it!

It is a joy to know that I will be able to provide for my little girl and that I have shown her, that no matter what hurdle you have to get over to achieve your dream, it is possible. I am teaching her to never give up on your dreams.

## Washington Park or 53218 zip code

## Get a raised-bed garden for only \$25

These 4x8-foot raised-bed gardens are installed for anyone for \$175 each – but if you live in Washington Park or in the 53218 zip code, it's only \$25.

Volunteers construct the garden and fill it with healthy, organic, compost-based soil. Order one for your front yard, backyard, school or church – anywhere you want to grow your own food.

Gardens will be installed May 13-27 during the BLITZ, which is the nation's largest garden building event. To register for the Great Milw. Victory Garden BLITZ, go to this link for the special \$25 price [victorygardeninitiative.org/event-2448463](http://victorygardeninitiative.org/event-2448463) or call 727-2292 and pay by May 1,

## St. Ann Center Indoor Market

Sat. thru Apr. 29 9am-1pm. Shopping, live music, family fun, free coffee. 2801 E. Morgan. April 29 inc: **a rummage sale.**

## Fondy Farmers Market

2200 W. Fond du Lac Ave. | 933-8121  
fondymarket.org May 13-June 10 Sat. 9 am-noon Opening Day fest: June 17  
. Bedding plants and potted flowers, and any spring vegetables.

## Healthy Choices: free workshop series

Series of 14 workshops thru June; most are at Tricklebee Café, 4424 W North Ave, although some may move outdoors in warmer weather. 5-7pm

Local experts share basics of Eating Healthy on a Budget, Power of Growing 101, Your Body's PH, Juicing 101, and Canning & Freezing 101. A healthy meal will be served afterwards. Workshops include:

Mar. 16: Prepare freezer meals and crock-pot meals as quick alternatives to processed foods.

Mar. 23: Community gardens & local initiatives

Mar. 30: Starter tips for beginning growers and easy foods to get started.

Apr. 13: Demo on starter planting inc. how deep to put seeds in the ground, how to space them, shade or sun, etc. Free vegetable seeds and seed-starting tray with organic compost, while supplies last.

Apr. 20: Benefits of organic produce, grass-fed meat, and using alternate sugars, oils, milks, etc.

Apr. 27: Learn about acidic and alkaline foods, and how each affects your body.

May 11: Maintaining a healthy PH level

May 18: Power foods, cancer-fighting foods, and how to balance healthy eating with adding juicing to your diet.

May 25: Learn about different types of juicers, from beginner to expert models.

June 8: Juicing blends, handling seeds and skins, adding supplements

June 15: Step-by-step demo - beginner's juicing

Sponsors: Cry for Help Foundation, Groundwork Milwaukee, Sherman Park Community Association,

Peace Garden Project MKE, Tricklebee Café, and UW Extension.

**Get matching dollars with Quest purchases**

The Fondy Farmers Market accepts SNAP/Quest Cards. You can buy SNAP-eligible products, including vegetables, fruits, seeds and food-producing plants, canned goods, breads, and more by getting wooden tokens in exchange for your benefits at the Info Booth. Buy \$40 worth of food for \$20 on Quest Card.

Starting May 13, they'll match the amount you take off of your Quest Card at the market, up to \$20 each market day. That means if you take \$20 off of your Quest Card, you'll get an additional \$20 to shop with, a total of \$40 to buy farm-fresh food. The matching program will go until funds run out.

# Volunteer Spotlights

- Derrick  
Washington



by Emily Perkins

Milwaukee native Derrick Washington has been a HOPE researcher since 2015. He has a passion for listening to music, which he calls “medicine without medicine,” and for writing poetry. It was his love for writing that led him to HOPE Network.

According to Brad Schlosser, who had been his access work supervisor at the Milwaukee Center for Independence, Derrick was seeking ways to gain experience that would help him in his search for employment.

Since Derrick was very creative and had excellent writing skills, he had hoped to find an opportunity putting those skills to good use. When he learned about the *Network News* and its mission, he was eager to begin volunteering.

Derrick, who Schlosser described as “a hard-working go-getter,” learned his work ethic from his own single mother, who raised him, along with his four brothers and three sisters. “Being a single mother takes a lot of patience and strength,” notes Derrick.

Like his mother, Derrick knows about patience and strength because he was born with cerebral palsy, a condition that has required the lifelong use of a wheelchair.

Though he sometimes has difficulty getting around places that are

not wheelchair-friendly, he doesn’t view life with a disability as a challenge because he has learned to adapt to it. He explains, “You just have to accept your disability. You may not want to change your life but sometimes it’s the only option you have, and only then do you find out how strong you really are.”

Though he has learned to adapt, people sometimes mistake his disability for an intellectual impairment, but he says “Mentally, I’m all here. I just can’t walk.”

His hope is that someday Milwaukee will offer free seminars to educate the public about various types of disabilities so people could develop an awareness of how to properly interact with people with those particular types of disabilities. He says, with hope, people could learn some etiquette and compassion, too.

Derrick also wants to pursue learning. His dream is to someday attend college where he can be intellectually stimulated. “You can never get enough knowledge,” he says, which is why his favorite part of researching for *Network News* is learning about things that he never knew about, such as free comic book day. Thank you for your great work, Derrick. We appreciate you!

- Brad  
Klages



by Rebecca Colvin

Brad Klages has been a HOPE Network volunteer since 2014.

Each quarter Brad volunteers his time researching and updating articles for our news magazine.

He noted, “I understand

the newsletter goes out to around 18,000 in the Milwaukee area, which is huge! It’s a great organization, and I’m always happy to help research these events because they’re really quite interesting.”

As he’s currently pursuing an associate’s degree in professional communications, he’s quite adept in this task. He’s attending Gateway Technical College in Racine and hopes to become a technical writer or an editor. According to Pauline Beck, HOPE Network news editor, “Sometimes, I think Brad’s even pickier than I am, and that’s saying a lot! The researchers have to have attention to detail, and I know I can rely on Brad for accuracy and follow-through.”

Recently Brad worked on an article for a kite flying event in May. He commented that kite flying was actually a favorite pastime of his. In fact, it’s been a hobby he’s enjoyed for over 20 years.

He happily exclaimed, “You meet a lot of interesting people flying kites! And it’s really fun!”

Over the years, Brad has volunteered much of his time to the activity. He’s had opportunities to organize and plan multiple festivals and smaller events in both Minnesota and Wisconsin.

When asked about volunteering, Brad explained why he’s so passionate about it. “Being able to help organizations get stuff done is extremely gratifying. You meet interesting people, and they’re always so grateful to have you participate in their activities!”

Brad, HOPE Network is certainly grateful for all you’ve done for us – including donating kites for our silent auction at the fundraiser!

**In this issue, we’re honoring two volunteers** who help put this magazine together. Thanks, Derrick and Brad, for all your hard work! They join quite a cadre, including writers Emily and Rebecca in Alabama; Patty, who made the calls verifying her last look-up from the ski slopes of Wyoming; and Bert, an octogenarian friend of the editor who’s proficient at Photoshop. If you’d like to join this team and volunteer five to ten hours every quarter for a great cause, please send an email describing your interest to [info@hopenetworkinc.org](mailto:info@hopenetworkinc.org). Must be very accurate, meticulous, and skilled at look-ups on the computer.

## Kids Can Cook!

Interested in cooking? Find out first-hand what cooking is all about. Discover kid-friendly recipes, learn about nutrition, try out new foods. Ages 6-12. Bay View Library, Apr 18, 4-5 pm; Capitol Mar 22, 4-5:30 pm; Villard Square Apr 10, 4-5 pm

## Baking Class

For ages 4 and up: teaches life skills about kitchen safety and food preparation to children, while they experience new foods and have fun baking. Mar. 14-May 3, 16 sessions for \$200. Parklawn YMCA 4340 N 46. More info: 881-3188 [www.Littlebakersassociation.com](http://www.Littlebakersassociation.com)

# Plays & concerts

## First Stage Children's

**Theatre:** *June B Jones is Not a Crook*, The funniest girl in Room Nine perseveres through her kindergarten conundrums and learns that honesty is the best policy. Apr. 28-June 4. Ages 5-9+.

**Pay-What-You-Choose** May 2 7pm

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

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

**Sensory-friendly** performance Apr. 8, 1pm see right

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

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

*Animal Farm*, the animals of Mr. Jones' farm create their own ideal society in which all animals are equal and rules are set by democratic vote. But they learn that power corrupts even the noblest of causes. May 12-May 21. Ages 12-17+. By First Stage, at Milw. Youth Arts Center, 325 W. Walnut. 267-2961.

## Sensory friendly performance

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

Welcoming environment with lower sound, lights up, and quiet areas staffed by educators experienced with the care of students with autism and other developmental disabilities. Info on play above.

**Milwaukee Youth Theatre:** *Improv Extravaganza!* Watch students creating stories on the spot just like actors on the show "Whose Line is it Anyway?" Public Shows: May 4-5, 11-12. 7pm. \$11 Adult; \$9 ages 13-17; \$7 ages 12 and under. Lincoln Center for the Arts. 820 E Knapp, Room 208. Call 390-3900.

**Free preview performance of *Improv Extravaganza*** by Milwaukee Youth Theater at 10:30am Apr 29 at Central Library. Improvisation is totally unscripted and totally unique every time. MYT's improv troupe will play many improvisational games, allowing for audience suggestion and participation. 814 W. Wisconsin

**Sunset Playhouse:** *Hansel & Goldie*, You know the stories of "Hansel & Gretel" and "Goldilocks & the Three Bears," but did you know that Hansel and Goldilocks got lost on the way home? 10:30am May 10-12; 10:30am & 2pm May 13. Ages 2-8. Arrive ½ hour early for family-friendly craft. \$10 adult/ \$5 children. Free for children under 2 accompanied by a sibling. 800 Elm Grove Rd, Elm Grove. 262-782-4430

**Pay-What-You-Can In Tandem Theatre** *Carnival* Romantic musical. Lili falls in love with Marco the Magnificent, the carnival's manipulative magician, not realizing that she has enchanted the lonely and bitter puppeteer, Paul. April 20. Tickets on sale 6:30; show at 7:30. 10th St. between Michigan/Wisconsin. 271-1371



## \$5 tickets to *The Billy Goats Gruff*

Enjoy an evening of storytelling on April 1, at 6pm at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, 19805 W. Capitol Dr. in Brookfield's Mitchell Park. Suitable for ages pre-K and up.

An after-school game of hide-and-seek is ruined for three billy goat friends when a big bully prevents them from returning home. This operatic version of *The Billy Goats Gruff* performed by the Florentine Opera Company reminds audiences that kindness is contagious.

Purchase in advance with code FTHOPE17 for \$5 tickets! This 50% discounted pricing was created just for *Network News* readers. Call 262-781-9520 or visit [www.wilson-center.com](http://www.wilson-center.com)

**Free performance** of *The Billy Goats Gruff* by Florentine Opera Co. 10:30am Apr. 12 Central Library. Questions & answers, interactive activities; introduces young people to the beauty of live opera.

**Free! Opera Insights** to *Barber of Seville* 12:30pm Apr. 1, Wauwatosa Library. Lecture + the Florentine Opera performing arias, duets and small ensembles. For adults or teens



## Women's Networking Night at The Rep

March 21, will feature The Rep's performance of *Grounded*.

6pm Networking reception with light appetizers; 6:45pm Rep-In-Depth preshow talk; 7:30pm performance; 8:45pm Youth from The Rep's storytelling program will perform original pieces inspired by local veterans' stories. \$25, not including taxes and fees.

Event sponsored by the Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee at Rep's Stiemke Theatre, 108 E. Wells. For adults.

To get this special discounted price, use promo code WOMEN when ordering on [www.milwaukeekeerep.com](http://www.milwaukeekeerep.com)

## Inexpensive plays for adults, teens

**Pay-what-you-can nights: pay at the door; 1st come, 1st served.** Be there early! See InTandem listing at lower left.

**Milw. Rep:** *Jane Eyre* Orphaned Jane overcomes a rough start in life to become an accomplished governess at the mysterious home of Mr. Rochester. Passions grow between them when a secret is revealed, threatening Jane's hopes for the future. April 25-26. At 7:30pm; box office opens 5:30pm.. 108 E. Wells. 224-9490

**Milw. Chamber Theatre:** *Great Expectations*, Pip, an orphan boy, has a life-altering encounter one day on the moors when he helps an escaped convict named Magwitch. Apr. 13. Show at 7:30pm. Starting 5pm on day of show, visit box office to get a number; return by 6:30 to buy tickets when your number is called; max. 2 tickets per number, must be in lobby when no. is called. Studio Theatre, 158 N Broadway. 276-8842

**Next Act Theatre:** *Bloomsday*, Robert returns to Dublin to reunite with Cait, the woman who captured his heart during a James Joyce literary tour 35 years ago. April 24. At 7:30pm; box office opens 6:30pm. 255 S Water. 278-0765

**Renaissance Theaterworks:** *The Violet Hour*, a hilarious & heartfelt tale with a touch of magical realism. Pay-What-You-Can 7:30pm Apr. 17, on sale 6:30. 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. 14 for reduced rates

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

- Milw. Public Museum: Free 1st Thursday of month
- Art Museum: Free 1st Thursday of the month (new for 2017)
- Boerner Botanical Gardens: free 1st Tues. of the month starts May

**Harley-Davidson Museum:** Visit for free as part of Gallery Night 5-9pm Fri. Apr. 21. Reduced rate of \$10 on Tues. thru April. Reg. cost: \$20 adults/\$10 kids 5-17/under 5 Free. 400 W. Canal. 287-2789

**Science Bag** free series of interactive performances; ages 8+ that connect science to everyday life. Room 137 UWM Physics Bldg., Kenwood & Cramer St 229-4561. Physics of Flying & Sailing, Mar 17, 24 & 31 at 8pm; Mar 12 at 2pm. Symmetry & the Alhambra Mosaics, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 8pm, April 23 at 2pm.

**Free Comic Book Day** May 6: Participating stores will give away comic books; store locator: [www.freecomicbookday.com](http://www.freecomicbookday.com)

## Easter activities

**Easter Egg-citement** 10am-noon Apr. 1 Kosciuszko Park, 2201 S. 7 Outdoor egg hunt (rain or shine), treat bag for first 75 kids, games, arts and crafts, lunch, photo with the Easter Bunny (1 per family). For children ages 12 & under who must be accompanied by adult (each paying \$3; may purchase in advance). Limited seating. 645-4624

**Hop into Spring Party in Oak Creek:** 6-7:30pm Thurs. Mar. 23. Children (age 12 & under) and adults are invited for games, crafts and a light meal. All children receive small prizes. Must register ASAP by calling 762-0552 or emailing [FLCenter@saintstephenmil.org](mailto:FLCenter@saintstephenmil.org). Registration/ticket are needed to attend. Family Life Center at St Stephen 1441 W Oakwood Rd, Oak Creek.

**Easter Egg-stravaganza:** It's time to celebrate spring and join us for a hoppin' good time. Be ready for arts and crafts, games, face painting, a bounce house and fun for the whole family. We wrap the whole thing up with an all ages egg hunt outside (weather permitting). Rite-Hite Family YMCA April 1 2-4pm Non-Y participant: \$15/family

## Boerner Botanical Gardens

9400 Boerner Drive Hales Corners. Admission to the Gardens is free on the first Tuesday of the month: May 1, June 5, etc.

-- **Easter Family Event:** 10am-2pm Apr. 16. Come hang out with the Easter Bunny, enjoy kids' craft activities, & egg hunt at noon. Free.

-- **Discovery: Bees!** 10am-noon, May 6. Learn about the importance of bees, and visit Boerner's hives for a safe, up-close look at honeybees in action. \$5

-- **Art at the Gardens Craft Fair** 10am-3pm May 1,

-- **Mother's Day Family Event:** 10am-1pm May 14. Fun kids' craft activities to create make-and-take gifts for their mothers and grandmothers. Free, but does not include admission to the Gardens.

-- **Herb Fair** 9am-3pm May 20, free. Sponsor: Herb Society

-- **Family Yoga in the Gardens,** noon-1pm June 11. \$5.

**Family Kite Festival** at Veterans Park: 10-6 May 27 & 10-5 May 28. Bring a kite! Grand Launch of 500 kites on Sat noon. Kids only Make a Kite 1-3pm Sat. Kids Mad Dash of 100 kites at 2pm. Giant kites & other performers. 1300 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Sponsor: Gift of Wings, [giftofwings.com](http://giftofwings.com), 273-5483. Free.

**Falls Memorial Fest:** noon-10pm May 27, downtown Menomonee Falls Street party on Main St. between Appleton and Water, live music, car show, booths, Ducky Ducky Derby, children's area.

**Museum Swap Day: May 7.** If you have an annual membership to Betty Brinn Children's Museum (or any of the below), you can visit other museums free on Swap Day. Go to the Milw. Public Museum, Milw. Art Museum, Grohmann Museum, Charles Allis Art Museum, Villa Terrace or Pabst Mansion. (Discovery World is not included).



## I've Got Rhythm!

7-8pm May 17  
FREE!

Festival City  
Symphony

The Symphony will share the evening with local performing artist Julio Pabon, an award-winning percussionist, singer and educator. Music with a Latin/African flavor will be the focus. Children from the audience will have an opportunity to conduct the orchestra's finale. Attend in casual dress or pajamas. Bring a blanket and sit on the floor, up close to "meet" the orchestra; regular seating is available. Best suited for K4-5th grade. May 17, 7pm, Bradley Pavilion Marcus Center. 365-8861.

## Affordable classical music for families

Symphony Sundays by the Festival City Symphony. Mar 26 *Inspired By The Bard* celebrates the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare, with Prokofiev's *Romeo & Juliet* suite and others.

May 7: *Pioneers and Prodigies*, featuring acclaimed violinist Frank Almond (and his Stradivarius).

3 pm performances. 2:45pm children's program notes; conductor also comments in concert. \$14 adults/\$8 kids & seniors Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells. 286-3205.

## Free concerts at Marcus Center

State & Water St. US Navy Concert Band: 7pm Mar. 22. Free.

Cantos de las Americas: MPS students performing songs and dances from around the world, which may include the Caribbean, Africa, Latin America, Europe, Hmong, Laotian and Native American cultures. 6:30pm Apr. 21. Free.

**Kenilworth Open Studios:** 11am-3pm Apr. 8. Explore Kenilworth Square East at UWM— a 6-floor industrial artist studio space home to over 100 award-winning graduate students and faculty of UWM's Peck School of the Arts. See live art in the making. Guests will experience four hours of art exhibitions, film screenings, live performances, innovative demonstrations, and hands-on activities for all ages. 1925 E Kenilworth Pl. Free.

# ART workshops ART jamborees ART camps

## Walker's Point Center for the Arts

839 S. 5 St. [www.wpca-milwaukee.org](http://www.wpca-milwaukee.org)

### FREE After School Art Classes

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

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

**Must register for these sessions below;** contact Maikue Vang  
672-2787 ext. 12 [maikue@wpca-milwaukee.org](mailto:maikue@wpca-milwaukee.org)

**Afternoons with Art** 1-5pm on days MPS is closed for ages 6-12 \$10 per child/per day (3 sessions for \$25). \$5/day residents of zip code 53204. MUST register.

**Empowering Youth Week** Apr. 10-14 (spring break): A full week of Afternoons with Art, 1-5pm. Students develop team work, friendship, and empowerment while writing inspirational performance poetry, making friendship bracelets, and working with local artist Diego Heredia to create a window mural. \$10 per child/per day; \$5/day for residents of zip code 53204. Full week: \$50 per child; \$25 for zip code 53204. MUST register.

**2017 Summer Art Camp for Ages 6-12** 2017 Summer Art Camp June 20-Aug. 11 Tues-Fri. 1-5pm. Art camp workshops explore art-making in different forms, mediums, and environments. Subjects range from environmental art, mixed medium, sculpture, photography and more. \$40 a week per child/per day for 53204 residents; \$80 a week for WPCA members; \$125 non-members. MUST register

**Milwaukee Art Museum** Free to Milw. Art Museum Free to everyone 1st Thurs. of the month Apr. 6, May 4, June 1. Kohl's Art Generation Studio, Gallery, and Lab are open late with hands-on activities or families, and have longer hrs. during spring break: 10am-4pm Apr. 11-16 (\*til 7pm Thurs.).

### Family Sunday May 7 10am-4pm The Power of Posters

Step into the exciting world of design in the exhibition How Posters Work. Experiment with different combinations of words and pictures as you invent your own alphabet, create an advertisement, and design a book cover. Try your hand at drawing, collage, and printmaking, and even meet local designers!

Free for Boys and Girls Club members & their families with membership card or invite sheet. Also free to all ages 12 & under, but must be accompanied by adult paying \$17 admission (unless using the Family Access below) **Note: May 7 is Swap Day;** see p. 11.

### Milw Art Museum summer camps; Scholarships available!

Classes for ages 6-10 at 10:30-12:30pm; ages 11-15, 1:30-4:30pm Photography: June 20-23 Mixed-Media Art: June 27-30 Painting And Drawing: July 11-14 What They Wore: July 25-28 Building With Clay: Aug 1-4 Info: 224-3803. Scholarship application at [mam.org/learn/classes.php](http://mam.org/learn/classes.php) **Scholarships also available** for the Spring Youth Studio Class: The Art of Ink - Printmaking and Posters, Use a printing press, learn to silkscreen, and more. Ages: 6-

10 and 11-15. Mar. 30; Apr. 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11

### What a deal! Annual family pass only \$20

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

### Free Family Art Workshops

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

PLUS - Free Family Art Workshops on 2nd Sat. of month 10am-noon Apr. 8, May 13, June 10. 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. All supplies included. Registration is required and workshops fill up quickly. Call 262-373-5023 or register online [www.wilson-center.com/classes](http://www.wilson-center.com/classes)

### Betty Brinn Children's Museum

**Neighborhood Nights:** Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18 with free admission from 5-8pm.

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

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

### Free annual family membership to Betty Brinn

The membership provides free admission for 2 adults & all the children living in the household, plus free bus tickets or parking passes. One adult per family must attend an orientation in order to receive the free membership. If you have a free family membership, you must visit at least 4X a year to renew for free. For info re: the Family Focus Membership, call 414-390-5437, ext. 228 for English and ext. 226 for Spanish

### Free art programs for kids at the library

The Truck Studio of A.W.E. (Artists Working in Education) is drop-in art program for children in grades K5-5, although older siblings are welcome. Each visit begins with an A.W.E. artist reading aloud a story or two and then discussing the book or illustrator. Participants will then work on imaginative art activities relevant to the book or artistic theme. Everyone gets to take home their creations. Truck Studio library visits this spring:

Zablocki Saturdays 2:30 - 4 pm April 1, 8, 15, 22  
King Mondays 4:30 - 6 pm April 3, 17, 24 (\*plus 1-2:30pm on April 10 during Spring Break)  
Center Street Wednesdays 4 - 5:30 pm April 5, 12, 19, 26  
Atkinson Mondays 4:30 - 6 pm May 1, 8, 15, 22  
Washington Park Tuesdays 5 - 6:30 pm May 2, 9, 16, 23  
Tipppecanoe Wednesdays 5:30 - 7 pm May 10, 17, 24, 31  
Central Saturdays 2 - 3:30 pm May 6, 13, 20

# Family nature fun

## Havenwoods Environmental Awareness Center

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

Drop-Ins: nature activities, crafts, and games for families and youth groups, 9 am – 2:00. March 18: Nature Journaling; April 8 & 15: Our Home Planet; May 13 & 20: Turtles; June 10 & 17: TBA

Family Hikes: 8-9am. May 6: Morning Bird Hike. Also June 3

Family Night Hike: 6:30 – 7:30 pm. April 1: Birds at Night

Preschooler Storytime for ages 3-5 w/adult: 9:30-10:30 am. March 28: Salamanders; April 11: What's Hatching?; April 25: Celebrate Earth Day!; May 9: Animals in the City; May 23: Could You be a Fawn?; June 6: to be announced

Hiking: Come for your own walk in the park anytime

## More art & activities

**Milw. Museum Mile Day:** Free admission 11am-4pm May 14 at Charles Allis Art Museum, Jewish Museum, Museum of Wis. Art at St. John's On the Lake, & Villa Terrace. Special discount at North Point Lighthouse. Museums close to each other on East side. Kids' activities. Free shuttle. Check [www.milwaukeeemuseummile.org](http://www.milwaukeeemuseummile.org)

While you're out on May 14, look for artists painting outside as part of the Plein Air Milwaukee 2017 event. Also, watch artists make a painting in 2 ½ hours in the Quick Paint competition! May 13: along Brady St. and May 14: along Prospect Ave. (between Juneau and North Ave.) 8am-5pm.

## The Domes 524 S. Layton. 257-5611

FREE on Mondays 9am-noon to all Milwaukee Co. residents with ID. Hrs: 9am-5pm M-Fri., 9am-4pm weekends, (late hrs. Mar. 30)

The Great Train Robbery Garden Show featuring G-scale trains on four sets of tracks crisscrossing the miniaturized landscape of the Wild West. Canyons, southwestern rock formations, and small towns in the territory are along the show's 700 feet of track. Thru Apr. 2.

Thurs., March 30: mARTch MADNESS Gallery Night at The Domes. Local artists working in a variety of media will show and sell their art. Highlighting the night will be a fashion show with costume designs inspired by the three domes. The night also offers a coloring station for artists of all ages. The LED light shows are planned to run at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and a final show at 9 pm.

Storytime: every week on "free morning" – Mondays @ 10:30am  
Reg. admission: adults \$7; ages 6-17 \$5; ages 5 and under: free.

## Urban Ecology Centers

All programs free unless noted. Registration required for most. See Summer Camp information on page 26.

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

Earth Day of Service at Riverside Park: It's a working celebration of the Earth! Bring your friends and spend a morning helping in our park followed by a community lunch. Meet new people and have fun helping the Earth! Family hikes and "mini" service projects are also

available at 9:30 and 11am. Sat., Apr. 22 | 9am – noon. Free.

Spirit and Nature: A Reading and Conversation with Anishinaabe Poets. The picto-poems blend nature photography with poetry to explore ideas of Native place, nature, preservation and spiritual sustenance. Thu., Apr. 20 | 7 - 8:30pm For teens and adults | Free

Nature Rangers, every Mon. or every Tue. | 4 - 5:30pm For children ages 5 and older | Nonmembers: \$15 for the series.

Animal Feeding Every Sat. | 1pm | For everyone | Free

## UEC - Menomonee Valley 3700 W Pierce 431-2940

**Earth Day of Service:** spend a morning helping in our park followed by a community lunch. Meet new people and have fun helping the Earth! Apr. 22 | 9am – noon. Free

Snow-Globe Making Workshop: Materials provided; 4-6pm Mar. 21. For families with children ages 5-12 Nonmembers: \$5 per child.

Plant-Based Arts and Crafts: We will pick our own plants to be used for painting and printing. All materials supplied. 1-2:30pm Apr. 1. For families | Free

Terrarium Making Workshop: Apr. 8 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM For families | Adults: \$6 (Nonmembers: \$9) Children: \$4 (Nonmembers: \$7)

Make Seed Bombs that Grow Anywhere (balls of compost, clay and seeds) Sat., Apr. 15 | 1:30-2:30pm and Sat., Apr. 29 | 10 - 11:00 AM Adults: Nonmembers: \$9; Children: Nonmembers: \$7

Bird Feeder Creations: make different bird feeders using recycled and upcycled supplies! All materials provided. Thu., Apr. 20 | 4 - 6:00 PM For families with children ages 5-12 | Free for Young Scientists Club members (Nonmembers: \$5 per child)

Young Scientists Club Every Tue. & Thu. | 4 - 6pm and Every Sat. | 1 - 4pm For ages 5-12 | \$10 annual membership

EcoArt Wednesdays nature inspired recycled arts and crafts. Every Wed. | 4 - 5:30pm For families w/children age 12 and younger | Free  
Animal Feeding Every Sat. | 1pm For everyone | Free

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

**Zumba Fitness**, 5:30-6:45pm every Wed. \$5 (nonmembers \$10)  
Dance to great music and burn a ton of calories without even realizing it with Zumba Fitness. Bring your dancing feet, gyrating hips and a desire to move! Classes open to all ages and skill levels.

**Young Scientists Club**, 4-6pm Tues-Fri., 1-4pm Sat, ages 7-12, \$10 annual membership.

**Animal Feeding** every Sat., 1-1:30pm. Help feed the resident animals. Free

**Fishing with E.B. Garner** see p 4 for Apr 22 & June 3 clinics

## ReStore's 8th Annual Recycled Art Contest

Entries must primarily be made from donated product found at ReStore. Whether you're a professional artist or a weekend DIY warrior, this contest shines a light on the creative. Repurposed items and art accepted. \$625 in ReStore gift certificates to be awarded as prizes. Entries due Apr. 8. See [milwaukeehabitat.org/shop](http://milwaukeehabitat.org/shop) for info.

**Gardening class** 10-11:30am May 6 at Hawthorn Glen, 1130 N. 60. Ages 8 & up. Learn how to grow and care for herbs and vegetable plants, from choosing plants to garden design. Also: composting, rain barrels, container gardening, and how to keep pests out of the garden. \$4 for Milw. City residents. Call Milw. Recreation Dept. 647-6050 to register.

## Zoo discounts & special events

**Reduced admission** 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 regular admission. No discounts on parking.

**Egg Day** April 15, 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. 22, 10am-2pm: learn about penguins, make a penguin mask!

**Mother's Day** May 14: All mothers admitted free.

**Endangered Species Day** May 19: Saving Animals from Extinction. See Zoo animals like those in the wild. Hands-on activities featured.

**Party for the Planet** May 20-21: Eco-friendly family fun.

**Scouting the Zoo** June 3-4: Boy Scouts demonstrate conservation skills.

**Father's Day**, June 18: All fathers admitted free.

**Free Zoo Pass app** with interactive map, fun facts about animals, and dates and information about zoo events.

**Admission:** adult \$14.25; 3-12 \$11.25; 2 & under free; 60+ \$13.25 **Parking** \$12. **Hours:** thru May 26, 9-4:30pm daily; then 9-5pm daily. 256-5412

## Retzer Nature Center - Waukesha

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

**Earth Week Activities:**

**Preschool Hike**, 9-10am, Apr. 20, ages 2-3 yrs.) or 1-2 pm, ages 4-6 yrs.). Register by April 17. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Register online at [waukeshacountypark.com](http://waukeshacountypark.com)

**Free Earth Week Finale Events! April 22** Free events all day long. Registration is available online at [waukeshacountyparks.com](http://waukeshacountyparks.com)

**Family Bird Watch** 10-11:30 am Meet by main entrance. Come see why bird watching is the fastest growing outdoor hobby and great fun for families.

**Planetarium Show** "A Total Eclipse Experience" 9:30am-3:30pm Show runs every half hour.

**Family and Children Activities and Crafts**, 10am-3pm

**Master Gardeners** will demonstrate a variety of planting & garden options, and answer questions you might have on plants or gardening. 10am-3pm

**Family Concert by Tom Pease** 3 - 5 pm

**Campfire Songs & S'mores** 5 - 7 pm

**Magical Mystery Tour:** 7:15-9 pm Guided Twilight Hike to Brown's Fen. Frogs, peepers, woodcocks, coyotes, constellations.

## Free annual pass to Riveredge Nature Center

to ALL fourth graders. Includes access to all trails, programs and festivals, discounts on camps & rentals, day passes for 6 friends/family and admission to over 140 nature centers throughout country, PLUS: free admission to any national park or forest. If you have you have a child who will be in 5th grade in fall -- you can still take advantage of some great free benefits and discounts this summer. Located outside Saukville, a 30-minute drive from Milwaukee. 262-375-2715



**UWM Planetarium:** Shows for adults & ages 5 & up. See [www.planetarium.uwm.edu](http://www.planetarium.uwm.edu) for parking. Physics Bldg, 1900 E. Kenwood

**Evening in the Land of the Rising Sun** 6-8pm Fri. Mar. 24-April 28. 6 p.m., enjoy food, activities and presentations 7pm show about Japanese culture and the stars \$4.

**Stargazing with telescopes** on Physics Bldg. Observing Deck -9pm Mar 15 & 29. Check Twitter @UWMPlanetarium for latest updates. If cloudy, indoor Planetarium show.

**Telescope viewing** 8pm May 13 on driveway at Wehr Nature Center, 9701 W. College. Cancelled if cloudy. Wehr Astronomical Society.

## Earn Zoo coupon at Great American Cleanup

9am-noon Apr. 22 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](http://www.kgmb.org)

## Wehr Nature Center

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

Each of these 3 events is: \$10 Milw. Co. residents + \$3 parking. Register by Wed. before program. Dress warmly; bring flashlights for eve. walks.

**Annual Maple Sugar Days**, 1-4pm Mar. 25-26. Families will be led by a naturalist guide on a 45-minute hike to the sugarbush for a visit to an "old-time sugarin' camp." Using a hand drill on a log, trying Native-American methods of boiling sap without metal pans, make a maple-themed craft, taste real maple syrup on a pancake.

**Earth Day Hikes**, Apr. 22-23, both days 10-11am and 1-2pm, Enjoy guided spring hikes in honor of Earth Day. Recommended for children age 3 and up. FREE. No registration required. \$3 to park

**Family Frog Frolic:** 7-9pm Apr. 28-29. See frogs close-up and then walk out to the ponds. Ages 5+.

**Milwaukee Public Museum** Free admission to all on **1st Thursday of the month**. Milw. County residents with ID get \$2 discount every day. Daily 9-5pm, and until 8pm 1st Thurs of the month (butterfly wing closes at 4:45pm). Free to: moms on Mother's Day, dads on Father's Day, veterans/members of the military on Memorial Day. 800 W Wells. 278-2728.

**Global Kitchen: Food, Nature, Culture** Celebrate food from around the world and at our own tables. Includes sections on growing, transporting, cooking, eating, tasting, and celebrating. Visitors will use all five senses as they explore all things food. Cost, which includes admission to the entire Museum and Planetarium, is \$25 for adults, \$20 seniors, \$18 for ages 5-13. Children 4 and under are free. If you go on the first Thursday of the month (free day), your only expense is \$7 (adult) for the special exhibit. Runs thru July 19.

## Milw Co. Winter Farmer's Market

Sat. thru Apr. 8, 9am-1pm. Select from high quality fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs, poultry, dairy. SNAP/EBT/Quest Mitchell Park Domes Annex, 524 S. Layton Blvd.

# Parenting groups, fun activities at family centers

## The Parenting Network

For parent support and coaching or to register for all programs, call the Parent Helpline 671-0566. Ask about new additional programs. Also see website: [www.theparentingnetwork.org](http://www.theparentingnetwork.org)

**Welcome, Baby!** The first years of your child's life are the most important. For expectant moms, caregivers and grandparents with children under age two. Provides weekly support, education and resources. One-on-one coaching addresses individual parenting concerns. Child care provided. FREE

**Parent Cafe's:** parents gather to talk about parenting topics. Join us as we support and empower each other. Share your wisdom, learn from others, and act together to create change! Child care provided. FREE. Contact Eyleen at 671-5575 ext. 28.

**Positive Parenting** ongoing 10-week parenting class. \$30 fee includes attendance verification, materials, handouts, certificate of participation. Child care provided. Three classes:

- St. Josaphat Basilica, 6:30-8pm Thurs., 2322 S. 7 St.
- The Parenting Network, 6-7:30pm Wed. or 10-11:30am Tues., 7516 W. Burleigh.

**Dads Matter 24/7** Every child has a place inside that only a dad can fill. Ongoing 10-session series, 10-11:45am Sat, 7516 W Burleigh \$30-see Pos. Parenting above for what fee covers; no child care

**Stewards of Children:** 2.5 hr. workshop provides you with the tools to help prevent the sexual abuse of children. Stewards of Children is a **call to action** all adults. FREE to parents; no child care

**START:** If talking about sex is awkward, this 2-hr. workshop provides information and resources so you can convey your values and expectations about sexual behavior to your children. FREE.

**Triple P:** offers practical strategies for behavior problems. Six week sessions. \$30. Child care provided.

**Triple P Seminars, Discussion Groups, One-on-One Coaching:** Call the Parent Helpline to find a session near you or to visit our office. Designed for parents of children 2-12. FREE. No child care

**Fireworks:** Using group discussion, role play, and practice, you will develop new ways of recognizing and handling your and other people's anger. \$100. No child care

**Strengthening Families:** for parents/caregivers & their youth ages 10-14. Take time to reconnect thru education and skill building exercises designed to strengthen parent/child relationships during pre-teen years. Includes family meal. Childcare is NOT provided on site for other children. FREE.

## Parenting classes in Oak Creek

Classes held from 6-7:45pm at the Oak Creek Public Library, 8040 S. 6th St, Oak Creek. Supported by the Family Life Center of St Stephen. To register call 766-7940

**April 11 - Dealing with Disobedience:** Learn positive parenting strategies to prevent disobedience, teach children limits, and also to manage disobedience when necessary.

**April 25 - Hassle-Free Shopping with Children:** Step-by-step suggestions for preventing problems and teaching children how to behave on shopping trips.

**May 9 - Raising Resilient Children:** How can you help children manage their emotions so they cope well with disappointment and stressful situations? Get strategies that will allow them to recognize positive & negative emotions; deal with them in a healthy way.

**Safe In My Sisters Arms (SIMSA)** is a rites of passage program for African American girls, ages 8-18, that gathers on the 2nd Mon. of ea. mo. 5:30-8pm, with dinner, at Body & Soul Healing Arts Center, 3617 N. 48. For upcoming topics, check their Facebook site.

**Confidence. Class.** This 2-hour course uses art, reflection and games to encourage girls ages 9-13 to develop confidence in themselves. 10am-noon April 1. Free. Assistance with transportation available. Register: 248-3996, [referral@mccy.org](mailto:referral@mccy.org) Milwaukee Center for Children & Youth, 2004 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr.

**Separated & Divorced Support Group:** 6:30-8pm 1st & 3rd Tues. thru May. Group's environment is completely supportive of everyone's individual needs and emotions. Oak Creek Com Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave. Info: Family Life Center, 762-0552

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

## COA Youth & Family Centers

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

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

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

**Family Programming** 10am-noon and 1-4pm Mon & Wed; 1-4 pm Thurs. Parents socialize with other parents and positively interact with their children through art, story time, song circles, and more. Parents are able to receive various resources, including clothing, diapers, food, and referrals for housing and employment.

**BOB- Big On Books:** This book club is for parents! Free children's book each month! Build a family home library. Learn about home literacy tools. Come to all BOB sessions and you will qualify for a prize. Refreshments. Children may attend. meets twice a month. Afternoon or evening sessions. Next date: 1-2pm April 20 at Auer Avenue School 2319 W. Auer Ave. In Parent Center.

**Monthly Meet & Greet:** open house to introduce new staff, offer tours of their space, and make the community aware of the resources. 5-7pm Mar. 29. Raffle prizes, games, snacks, resource information, and more. Call for dates of later meetings: 265-7689

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

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

**Developmental screenings: Ages & Stages:** It's important to know if your child is on track with key developmental milestones before age 5, such as gross & fine motor skills, problem solving, communication. You can fill out an Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) at home, without going to a clinic to have it done. The Oak Creek Health Dept. offers an online ASQ. Get your free



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

Held twice a month. Pregnant women, breastfeeding moms, and their families attend for support, education, networking, and encouragement.

### Bay View Community Center

1320 E. Oklahoma, 482-1000. Also tutoring for ages 7-12. **Drop-in play groups** for infants thru age 6: 9:30am-noon Tues, Thurs. or Fri. series or 1:30-3:30pm Wed. For infants thru age 3: 9:30-noon Mon. **Sat. 9-5'ers** playgroup: 10-noon Sat. \$1 per day or \$8 for the series. **Playgroup Explorers:** 30 mins. of guided play with themes; add \$1 to Tues. or Thurs. cost.

**Love & Logic parenting class for the school age family** (5-12 yrs.) 6-8pm Thurs. Apr. 20-May 18. \$30. Childcare available for 18mos-10 yrs./\$5 per child for series; must ask when registering

**Grandparenting with Love & Logic,** 6-8pm May 23, \$10.

**Grow with Me; Secret Garden Party,** ages 2 & up with parent or caregiver. 11:30-1pm April 29, \$10 per family.

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

**Pre-School Playhouse:** teaching school readiness skills to ages 3-5, Tues. 10-11:30am. Mar. 28-May 9. \$36. Register.

### Project Hope Youth Program

7113 W Capitol 342-1303  
 Mon: 4:45-5:45pm Modern Dance; 6-7:30 pm Karate  
 Tues: 5:30-7pm Homework Club; 6-7:30pm Boys2Men mentoring  
 Wed: 6-8pm Girl Power mentoring  
 Thurs: 5-6:30pm African Dance and drumming  
 Fri: 5-6pm Modeling Class; 6-7:30pm Karate

### Free tax help -- see more on p. 30

Taxpayers with a family income of less than \$54,000 are eligible for free help preparing their basic personal income tax returns. Returns are e-filed to ensure speed and accuracy. SDC Super Sites: You may also schedule an appointment to have your taxes prepared by calling SDC's 206-2262, or on the website: [www.cr-sdc.org](http://www.cr-sdc.org)

## Breastfeeding resources

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

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

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

- **Columbia St. Mary:** *Breastfeeding Getting Ready* 6-8:30pm Apr. 12, May 10, June 14. \$20 (scholarships available). Attend while pregnant. *Working Women & Breastfeeding* 1:30-3pm Apr. 26. \$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. 20, Apr. 10, May 22. Best if attend at 7th/8th mo. \$25 fee waived for WIC moms. 888-994-3286
- **Learning How to Feed my Newborn Baby:** class at Sixteenth Street WIC Project, 1-2pm first Tues. of every month. Learn breastfeeding basics, what to expect when it comes to feeding your new baby, talk with other new & experienced moms in a safe place. 1337 S. Cesar Chavez Dr. **Spanish** 3rd Tues. 643-7554
- **Mothering the Mother, Inc** Free drop-in breastfeeding help Weds. 9-11am 1st come/1st served. Breastfeeding class: \$60; scholarship available. La Leche League 6:30pm 2nd Thurs. . 1586 S. 81st St., West Allis Info: 446-7107 [www.motheringthemotherringinc.org](http://www.motheringthemotherringinc.org)
- **16th St. Community Health Center** breastfeeding class: free if a patient, \$5 if not. In Spanish, 11am-noon Thurs., 1032 Cesar Chavez Dr. 897-5289
- **Breastfeeding groups** Waukesha Hosp. 1-3pm Wed; 1-3pm Thurs Oconomowoc Hospital. Breastfeeding helpline: 262-928-7650
- **Waukesha:** Breastfeeding class 12:30-2:30pm Apr. 25. Also in Spanish. Register, Wauk. Co. Public Health: 262-896-8362.

### Our Daily Bread Community Outreach Center

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

3rd Annual Prenatal Care Convention at Washington Park Library, 2121 N. Sherman Blvd-upper, May 6, 12:30pm-3:30pm

Convention includes Community Partners: Africa American Breastfeeding Network, Stork Company, CareNet, Triology Insurance, and many more. Free resources on AODA, Mental Health, and other community groups. Free door prizes, light food, gifts for mothers & babies, and factual information on living a healthy life. For more information, please call 414-301-3732

**Youth Empowerment Project:** noon-Youth Empowerment Project: noon-2:30pm Classes are 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Free program for students in middle school and high school. Students compose resumes, cover letters, engage in employment workshops, and receive personal portfolios. Refer someone, receive \$20 gift card.



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.

# Benefits of using a baby carrier

When parents are deciding exactly what products they need for a new child, one thing that is often left off the list is a baby carrier.

Baby carriers:

- Are a great way to begin to build a bond with your child
- Help parents keep up with other siblings with a newborn
- Allow parents to get basic tasks done
- Reduce crying by up to 43%
- Help newborns regulate their own body temperature, breathing, etc by mimicking an adult while being worn
- Can help build confidence as a parent

Using a baby carrier can ease the newborn's transition into the world by providing broad body pressure similar to what they felt in the womb. Many newborns and infants prefer to stay close to a caregiver and baby carriers can help provide a space for the child in a comfortable, hands free way.

The hardest thing with a baby carrier might be choosing the best style for you and your family. Baby carriers are available at Walmart, Target, Kohls, etc.

Since it's best to try on a carrier to see if it works for your body type, Milwaukee Babywearers offers meetups around town to on baby carriers. Next one is March 24 at 2pm in Bay View.

This local nonprofit group is dedicated to teaching and promoting babywearing, the use of baby carriers, in the community. We offer four meetups a month at different locations and two classes a month. Our meetups are a chance to check out different carriers from our learning library (we have over 40 carriers in each library to try on) and learn different carry positions for your carrier with hands on help. Find dates, sites hers: [www.milwaukeebabywearing.com/](http://www.milwaukeebabywearing.com/)

-- Jessica Featherstone, president  
Milwaukee Babywearers, certified  
babywearing consultant with Cen-  
ter for Babywearing Studies



## James Place 26th Street

Resource center for job search, resume development and career assessment, life skills training, and prayer. We offer Faith, Hope, and Life in Our Community. Stop in during open hours for assistance, prayer, and support; or call ahead to schedule an appointment for counseling services, any of our classes, or support groups. Hours: noon-3pm Mon. & Thurs. and noon-6pm Tues.

## Neighborhood House

2819 W. Richardson Place, off 27th St., one block south of W. State  
Head Start on p. 20

**Summer Day Camp:** June 19-Aug 25, ages 5-12. Join us for a week or two, or all 10. Wis. Shares eligible ~ Scholarships available. Register with Phan, 933-6161 ext 139, [psanford@nh-milw.org](mailto:psanford@nh-milw.org)

**Spring Break** Apr 10-13: all-day programming; new families must complete enrollment process. Register with Phan, 933-6161 ext 139

**Get Yourself Tested,** 11am-2pm, April 22, Free HIV and STI, blood pressure, and blood sugar testing

**Earth Day,** 11am-2pm April 22. Celebrate Earth's diversity through song, music, and dance. At Neighborhood House. Free.

**Mother's Day Celebration,** 5:30-7pm May 1. Enjoy music, poetry, and create a special treat with mom. Light dinner. Register with Tasha: 933-6161 ext. 142, [tparker@neighborhoodhousemke.org](mailto:tparker@neighborhoodhousemke.org)

**Spring Hike,** 9:30-1:30pm May 13 Guided hike at our Nature



## Strong Baby Sanctuary

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

For information or to schedule an appointment, please call:

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

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

Center in Dodge Co. Buses will leave from Neighborhood House. Free. Must register in advance with Tasha: (414) 933-6161 ext. 142, [tparker@neighborhoodhousemke.org](mailto:tparker@neighborhoodhousemke.org)

**Milton House Museum & Old World Wisconsin,** 8:30-5pm June 3, explore two Wis. landmarks representing 200 years of American history. Buses leave from Neighborhood House. Must register with Tasha: 933-6161 x142 [tparker@neighborhoodhousemke.org](mailto:tparker@neighborhoodhousemke.org) Free.

**Neighborhood House Skate Nights,** 6-8pm April 21, May 19, June 15. Free to attend with the donation of two non-perishable food items. Must sign liability waiver

**Village Parenting Classes** at CCS-House of Peace are for adults who want to learn about ways to reduce stress and build healthy families. The spring series recently started at 10-11:30am on Mondays. To learn more, call 933-1590 or 933-1300 1702 W. Walnut

# 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.

**Waukesha:** Childbirth education classes Apr. 4, 11, 18, & 25. 12:30-2:30pm Free to those in any Waukesha County Health & Human Services program. 514 Riverview Ave. Register: 262-896-8497

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

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

**Next Door** Early Head Start home visitation provides weekly home visits for pregnant moms & families with children up to 5 yrs. Services available for special needs children. 2545 N 29 Street & 5310 W Capitol 376-8902 ext. 2544

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Childbirth education at Aurora Sinai:** see Teen Services p. 19

**Prepared Childbirth** classes at Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital 4 session 6-9pm series starts Tue Apr 18, Apr 25, May 25 or June 20 4 3-6pm Sun. series starts Apr. 30 or June 4; 6 session Mon. series starts Apr. 17 or June 5. \$80, but partial or full scholarships available. Weekend series also. Must register. 2323 N Lake Dr. 963-9355

**Prepared Childbirth** classes St Joseph Hosp, 6:30-9pm 4 weeks starts Mon May 1; Express 2-week class 6-9pm starts Mar. 30; 1-week class 9am-4pm Apr. 8. \$80 fee waived for WIC moms. 5000 W Chambers. Also 9am-4pm class Apr. 29 at St. Francis Hospital, 3237 S. 16. Register: 888-994-3286

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

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

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

If *Dean Health Plan SE* is your HMO & you have a T19 Forward card, call 1-800-482-8010 re: the Strong Beginnings reward program *UnitedHealthcare* 1-800-599-5985 free to anyone with Medicaid. Provides ongoing prenatal support over the phone.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Women's Support Center:** 100% free services. Pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, breastfeeding & childcare classes, fertility care, material assistance for mothers with babies & small children, and natural family planning. 2051 W. Wisconsin Ave. 934-8888

**Women's Care Center**, free pregnancy test, free ultrasound,

medical & social service referrals, childbirth & parenting classes, material assistance when enrolled in Center services. 634 W Historic Mitchell St 645-4050, bilingual. 1441 N Farwell. 223-2610

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **BABIES and CHILDREN**

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

**The Village free parenting group** by UWM College of Nursing at House of Peace. 8-week Mon. class starts Mar. 20, 10-11:30am. Free, but must register ahead: call 933-1590. CCS-House of Peace UWM Community Nursing Center 1702 W. Walnut. Also see listing under "Pregnancy" at left.

**Mommy & Baby Live Well Be Well** Care coordination for mothers with newborns (30 days or less). Our Daily Bread Com-

munity Outreach Cntr, 6040 W Lisbon #203. 301-3732. See p. 19  
**Learning How to Feed my Newborn Baby:** class at Sixteenth Street WIC Project, 1-2pm first Tues. of every month. Learn breastfeeding basics, what to expect when it comes to feeding your new baby, talk with other new & experienced moms in a safe place. 1337 S. Cesar Chavez Dr.

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

**Parenting Support Group** for mothers and their babies under age 1, St. Martin de Porres Church, 128 W. Burleigh, 1-2:30pm last Mon. of month. Must be enrolled in Catholic Charities home visitation program. Register: 771-2881, ext 4165

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

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

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

**Infant Massage** 1:30-3:30pm Mar. 22, May 24, bring baby 4 wks-6 mos. \$15, but can ask for scholarship. ALSO: **Happiest**

**Baby on the Block**, 6-8pm Tues. Apr 11 or June 6. \$40, inc. DVD. All at Columbia St Mary, 2323 N. Lake Dr. 963-9355

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

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

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

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

## **Teen parent services**

**Childbirth** education free classes (**Easter Seals** Safe Babies Healthy Families) **Aurora Sinai**, 960 N. 12, 4:30-6:30pm 4 Thurs starting Apr 20 or June 1. Receive diapers by attending all 4 classes Register: 262-548-4000.

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

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

**Infant CPR classes** at Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital 7-8:30pm Mar. 29, Apr. 26, May 31. \$30. Must register: 963-9355 or email [babyclasses@columbia-stmarys.org](mailto:babyclasses@columbia-stmarys.org) 2323 N. Lake Dr.

**Mommy & Me Expo** over 100 vendors, kid zones, free chair massages, mini mani and pedi's, food, fun, kid Zone and a Mommy and Me Fashion Show. \$7 in advance; \$10 at the door. Children 12 and under, free. By New Hope Youth & Family Services. 342-1303

# Classes for budgeting & business; homebuyer resources

## Ready to Read with Books2Go

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

**The Six Skills for Early Literacy:** Learn skills children need to learn how to read, and fun ways to expand lessons to include the skills. This class is the foundation for others, so attend this first. Tier 1; CE: 3 hrs. Capitol Library, Mar 25, 10:30am-1:30pm

**Start Right, Finish Bright:** Building Foundations in Your Infant & Toddler Classroom: Leave with a list of great books and activities that promote early literacy skills. For those who teach children from birth-36 months. Tier 2; CE: 3 hrs. Villard Square Library, Apr. 29 10:30am-1:30pm.

**Lesson Planning @ MPL!** Explore electronic library catalog, find library materials & create a lesson plan. Bring your library card. Tier 2; CE 3 hrs. Washington Park, Apr. 22 10:30am-1:30pm. Attendees must have prior understanding of lesson planning

## Free Head Start for infants & toddlers

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

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

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

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

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

Those who are ready to buy, as well as just starting to think about owning a home, can connect with lenders, realtors, housing counselors, and neighborhood organizations to learn about the home-buying process. 9am & 11am home buying workshops; 10am home rehab workshop. Free parking. [TakeRootMilwaukee.com](http://TakeRootMilwaukee.com)

## Homebuying, Repair, and Foreclosure Resource

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

**Resume 101: First Steps to Building Your Resume** at Zablocki Library, Mar. 27 – 1-3 pm Take advantage of Resume 101 by learn-

## Money Matters: A Program for Women

Noon-2pm Mondays Apr. 10-May 15

Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth series



Teaches women how to take control of their finances and achieve their financial goals. One-on-one meetings help create individualized financial plans for each participant. Learn healthy financial management skills. Meet new friends and caring adults.

Topics covered include: types of banking services, managing money and spending, ways to save, managing a checking account, and how to build or repair credit.

The six-week program features a \$200 no-strings-attached financial gift for completing the course. Certificate of Completion provided. Enrollment limited; priority given to survivors of domestic violence. 2004 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. To register, call or text 248-3996 or email [kanesha@mccy.org](mailto:kanesha@mccy.org).

## Wis. Women's Business Initiative classes

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

-Road to Credit Repair- April 25 6-7:30PM Capitol Library

-The Invisible Threat of Identity Theft, Mar. 29 6-7:30pm

Wauwatosa Library

-Borrow Smart!- April 5 noon-1pm ONLINE

-Spending Plans: Make Every Penny Count- May 16 6-7:30PM Milwaukee Techforce Training Center

-What can WWBIC Do for You? May 22 12-1PM ONLINE

-Strong Women, Strong Coffee, March 22 & May 17 7:30-9am

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

-Maximize Your Digital Presence May 9 6-7:30pm Cudahy Library

-Minority, Women's & LGBT Business Certification

Discussion- April 19 12-1pm online & June 1 noon-1pm

-Thinking of Starting a Business?- April 11 12-1PM ONLINE

-Negotiating Your Lease Mar. 30 6-8PM Barack Obama School

-Legal Business Basics- April 6 6-8PM Beulah Brinton \$15

ing what employers look for in a resume and what style best markets your strengths. In this workshop you will create a "ready to be typed" personal resume outline.

## Absolute Advantage: Fast track your construction career.

9-week training starts Apr. 10. Introduction to construction math, hand tools, power tools, construction drawings, basic rigging. Learn about careers such as carpentry, concrete finishing, electrical, heating, plumbing, roofing, and more. There is a mandatory information session at SDC: 11:30pm April 4 or 5:30pm Wed April 5. Register online; registration required. apply online at [cr-sdc.org](http://cr-sdc.org) under programs/career services or call 906-2711

**Walk for Justice on May 27:** starts at 1pm at 1531 W. Vliet St., and will go past the courthouse and jail. Organized by a former HOPE Network member, now a grandmother, who is outraged at the over-sentencing of male and female prisoners. Goal is to draw attention to injustice, such as depicted in the movie 13th,

# Computer classes for youth, adults

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

**Journey House computer class** 12:30-2pm Mon. & Wed. for 1 semester. Starts in June, Sept. Jan. Register: 647-0548. \$10 fee. Free onsite childcare, ages 1-6. 2100 W. Scott



## Free adult education

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

**Job help for teens ages 16-19- Job Application Bootcamps** Free event prepares teens to apply for jobs and create or revise resumes. 5-6pm Mar. 28 Capitol Library 4:30-6:30pm Mar 21 Zablocki.

**Teen Job Fairs-** Both summer and year-round employers will be ready to meet teens and give them job applications. Attendees should come prepared with a resumé and business-appropriate dress attire. View an updated list of on-site employers at [mpl.org/TeenJobFair](http://mpl.org/TeenJobFair)  
1-3pm April 12 Martin Luther King Library  
4-7pm April 4 Forest Home Library

**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](http://city.milwaukee.gov/SYIP). Info: 286-6076

# 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:

**SDC:** HSED (PI 5.09/Competency-Based Diploma) & GED classes have a rolling admission process with classes held throughout the year. A TABE score of 5.0 is required for HSED. Apply online at [cr-sdc.org](http://cr-sdc.org) by visiting the Programs/Education Services section. Classes at SDC office: 1730 W. North Ave. 906-2750.

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

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

**The Next Door GED** Fast Track and Skill-Building Adult Education Program has orientations for new students every Thurs. Adult education/GED 9-noon Mon-Wed or 1-4pm Mon-Wed. Individualized instruction, transition services to higher education. 2545 N 29. Call 562-2929 x123

# Job help

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Prepare for culinary career** ProStart Culinary & Job Readiness program provides training that prepares participants for entry level careers in the food service and hospitality industry. Beyond culinary skills, students will benefit from topics relevant to the job search and interview process. The 10-week curriculum is approved by the National Restaurant Assn. Course schedules vary throughout the year. At SDC's website, [cr-sdc.org](http://cr-sdc.org), click "programs," then "career services."

**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)

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

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

**Waukesha WCTC** free programs: Adult High School (credit recovery), High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) & GED, English Language Learning (ELL) classes. Programs are available to everyone. 327 E Broadway, Waukesha. To get started, call 262-695-6500.

# Free clothing at Trading Posts

## Milwaukee site

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

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

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

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

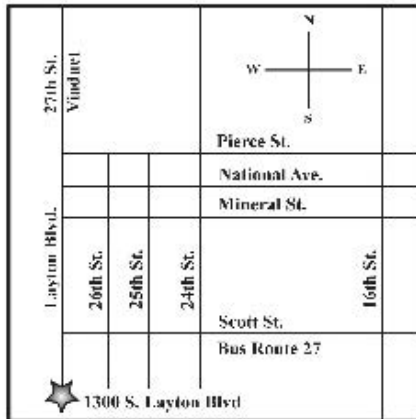
1st & 3rd Thurs: Mar 16, Apr 6 & 20; May 4 & 18; Jun 1 & 15

### 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." Room is now upstairs



## Northwest site

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

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

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

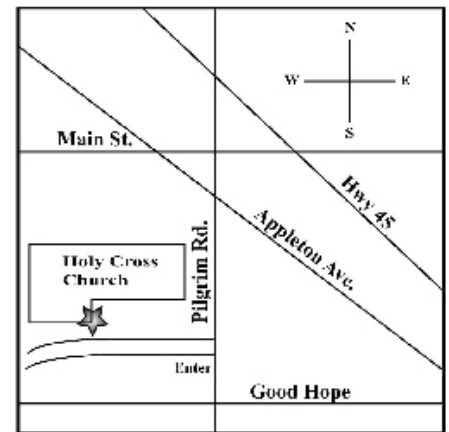
3rd Mon. of month: Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15, June 19

**Where:**

### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

W156 N8131  
Pilgrim Rd.  
Menomonee Falls, 53051

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



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## Free prom dresses -----

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

**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 etc. Applications at [www.gadzuricfoundation.org](http://www.gadzuricfoundation.org) due by Mar 24. Workshops will be at Destiny Youth Plaza, 7210 N. 76, on Friday, April 8, 9am-1pm. 262-565-3291

**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. 15. Free dresses, donated from the community, with tips from beauty experts. Contact Shemelian at 553-3255 for location.

**"Once Upon a Prom Drive":** 2-6pm May 6, YMCA, 1350 W. North Ave. Music, raffles, refreshments. Hosted by Jessica Johnson. Donations of attire will be accepted until Apr. 7. To donate, or to register to pick out free prom attire, send your shoe & clothing size to [promdrive2016@gmail.com](mailto:promdrive2016@gmail.com)

## Huge, multi-day sale of children's items at State Fair Park April 23-29



Spring sale: 700+ consignors selling a huge selection of kid's clothes, toys, strollers, car seats, books, maternity clothing. Wis. Expo Center, State Fair Park. First day, Apr. 23, is \$3, but free with coupon at [www.milwaukeecounty.jbfsale.com/](http://www.milwaukeecounty.jbfsale.com/) \$6 parking. Or, park on the street or at Gate 6 for free and walk over to the Expo Center. Sun. 8am-7pm; Mon-Wed 10-7pm; Thurs. 10-5pm 25% off\*; Fri. 10-7pm 50% off\*; Sat. 8-3pm 50% off\* \* items without a star are discounted.

On April 22, before the sale is open to the public, teachers and first-time parents and grandparents may shop from 6-9pm. They will need to register and print a ticket to enter the presale. [www.milwaukeecounty.jbfsale.com/](http://www.milwaukeecounty.jbfsale.com/) Register early; free tickets are limited

**Sell kids' clothes, other items on consignment** Check out websites for Just Between Friends sales: Germantown Mar. 29-Apr. 1 at Washington Co. Fair Park, West Bend [germantown.jbfsale.com](http://germantown.jbfsale.com) and Milwaukee at State Fair Park, Apr. 23-29 [milwaukeecounty.jbfsale.com](http://milwaukeecounty.jbfsale.com)

# 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; diapers, wipes, toys: 10-noon Tues & Th or by appt. 762-0552 Family Life Center, St Stephen 1441 W Oakwood Rd Oak Creek. Serves all Milw. zip codes

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

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

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

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

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

**Kids Klose**t of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 3200 S. Herman, infant & children clothing, some maternity, toys, books. Mon: noon-3pm, Tues: 10am-1pm, Wed: 12:30-3pm Photo ID. Enter Euclid Ave door

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 53204

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

### 53204 (south of Greenfield Ave.), 53215

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

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

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

### 53215

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Spring Marketplace** 9-3pm Apr 8, Meno. Falls High School. Vendors, crafts, jewelry, demos, raffles, rummage, bake sale. \$1. If you would like to be one of the vendors or rent a rummage space, call 581-0352 or email cleague@communityleague.com Sponsor: Community League.

**Annual Story Hill** neighborhood rummage sale, May 20, 9am-3pm 30+ families participating; located directly north of Miller Park and I-94

**Greendale High School** 7:30-11am Sat. Apr. 29; 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.

**RUMMAGE SALES**

# 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](mailto:info@hopenetworkinc.org). **NOTE:** HOPE Network does not do background checks on childcare providers or clients.

## PROVIDING CHILDCARE

**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](http://www.Facebook.com/Ajoyfulnoisearchildcare)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SERVICES & NETWORKING

**Lashes by Imani:** Eyelash Extensions. Winter Special \$65 Classic Full Sets \$35 Fills. Call/Text Imani for Appointments & Questions: 414-803-6704 IG: @lashes\_by\_imani email: [lashesbyimani@gmail.com](mailto:lashesbyimani@gmail.com) (Mention ad for 10% discount!)

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

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

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

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

**Avon**, the Company for Women, Independent Sales Representative Leslie 481-2236

Explorers of Truth Child Development is **hiring part-time teachers**. Center hrs: 7am-5pm M-F. Must have certification, be enrolled/updated on registry. Inquire: 4429 N. 40 9am-noon; 455-3156

Become a **Child Care Teacher:** 8-week training program FREE to those who qualify! [www.networxllc.net](http://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](mailto: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 Administrator. Call Heart\_2\_Heart Basic medical training today at: 933-2323.

**Face Painting Art Designs** by Ms. Gabrielle Howard-Brown for birthday parties \$60 (larger events may cost more), reunions, church events, holidays. Water-soluble, non-toxic paint. For special circumstances price is negotiable. Text to 921-8609 or email [gabrielleanderson1@yahoo.com](mailto:gabrielleanderson1@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

**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.

**Party Coordinator** I'll make your party fun with games and prizes to keep your guests entertained. Call me for birthday parties, baby showers, bachelorette parties, etc. \$60 per hr./ \$40 for 30 mins. Renee 899-0973

**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

Make a statement with **Mari's Statement Collective!** Affordable statement jewelry pieces, scarves, handbags & more with prices to fit any fashionista budget! Check out FB page for statement pieces, upcoming events to shop and to place an order. Contact Shawn Marie at 414-465-8675. [M.statement.collective@gmail.com](mailto:M.statement.collective@gmail.com)

# *Summer camps: most offer financial aid, scholarships*

## **Summer Camp at Urban Ecology Center**

Preschool thru High School week-long day camps. Our summer camp schedule is June 26-August 25, with a couple of exceptions. We have one camp at Washington Park which runs June 19-23, and one camp at Riverside Park that runs June 24-28. Scholarships available! We are able to offer need-based scholarships. Apply at: [urbanecologycenter.org/summercamp/scholarship](http://urbanecologycenter.org/summercamp/scholarship) Info: call Kirstin Anglea at (414) 964-8505, x125.

Enjoy healthy outdoor fun with kids from all over the city. Explore the secrets of nature by looking under logs, hiking in the woods, climbing trees, building forts, creating art projects, taking pictures and much more.

According to one of our HOPE Network members who enrolls her daughter every year: "I REALLY encourage children to do this [go to the Urban Ecology camps]. UEC has a painless scholarship application process, and once you're accepted in a camp, you also get a yearly family membership for free."

**MPS Summer Music Institute** 9am-noon June 19-23 & 26-30 at Milw. High School of the Arts, 2400 W. Highland Avenue. Students 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. Those entering Grades 3-5: no experience required; Grades 6-8: 1 yr. experience instrumental or vocal; and Grades 9-12: 2 yrs. experience. Only \$40 for Milwaukee residents. 276-5760 [www.wcmusic.org](http://www.wcmusic.org)

**Casa Romero: Art Club Summer Camps** one-week, fun-filled experiences where girls ages 10-14 use hands-on art projects to learn about self and nature. Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM; June 12-16 & June 26-30. 423 W. Bruce St. Financial assistance available. Registrar: Valencia at [vlaws@casaromero.org](mailto:vlaws@casaromero.org) or 414-316-5466

**Concordia's STEAM Camp** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math): a hands-on, high interest exploratory camp for Grades 3-8. 9am-noon OR 1-4pm. July 10-14. Concordia University, 12800 N. Lake Shore Dr., Mequon. Cost: \$99 ea. half-day session Scholarships available for children eligible for free/reduced lunch thru WI DPI: Wis. Educational Opportunities Program, 227-4466; or contact Dr Kremer Concordia 262-243-4271 [www.cuw.edu/steam](http://www.cuw.edu/steam)

## **MPS Summer Recreation Enrichment Camp**

For ages 3-12 7am-6pm M-F June 19-Aug. 11. Weekly theme: sports, games, arts & crafts, nature, math & reading enrichment, field trips. Call Milw. Rec. Dept., 475-8701, to have info mailed late March

**Peacemakers Day Camp:** 8:30am-1:30pm July 17-21 at the Quaker Friends Meetinghouse, 3224 N. Gordon Place in Riverwest. For ages 6-12. Focuses on gentle conflict resolution for children. Children bring their own lunch. Info: Janet, 324-1650, or George 313-9579. Recommended by a HOPE Network mother. Free.

**Y Day Camp: at 5 sites** for ages 4-12. Scholarships are available and Wisconsin Shares state and county funding accepted; call 276-9622 for more information.

Each camp offers traditional, sports, and specialty camps, and Northwest YMCA also has an adaptive camp. Camps offer free before- and after-care, weekly field trips, free breakfast and lunch, and

a discounted swim lessons option at Rite-Hite. Bus transportation from a pick-up site for each camp is available.

## **YMCA Day Camp Sites**

Northwest YMCA, 9050 N. Swan Rd.

Parklawn YMCA, 4340 N 46th St.

Rite-Hite Family YMCA, 9250 N. Green Bay Rd., Brown Deer

YMCA at Greene Park, 4235 S. Lipton Ave., St. Francis

YMCA at Wilson Park, 1601 West Howard Ave.

## **King Community Center Summer Camp** June 19-Aug. 4

9am-4pm M-F. Ages 5-12. Field trips, cooking, karate, gardening, sport camps. Includes meals, one-yr. membership to the Center's after school program. 1531 W. Vliet 344-5600. Call for application and summer camp price. We will also be running a youth basketball league. Please contact center for dates and times.

**First Stage Theater Academy** offers Next Step classes to help students take their next steps as an artist and a person. Available to both verbal and non-verbal students with classic autism, PDD-NOS, other sensory processing disorders, and Asperger's. Students make friends and learn life skills through stage skills. Financial aid available. Spring series for grades 3-12 & ages 8-18. 267-2969 [www.firststage.org/Our-Academy/Next-Steps/](http://www.firststage.org/Our-Academy/Next-Steps/)

## **Above the Clouds dance, music**

Held at various community sites, offers Christian-based free arts education programming for ages 5-17. 344-3019 Summer schedule will be available in May.

Holton Youth + Family Center (510 East Burleigh), ballet

Eastbrook Academy (5375 N. Green Bay Rd.)

Spoken Word Tuesdays 4-5pm Ages 10-17

Beginning Ballet Tuesdays 4:30-5:15 p.m. Ages 5-8

Silver Spring Neighborhood Center (5460 N. 64)

Ballet Level 2 Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 9-15

Vocal Music Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 10-14

City On A Hill (940 N 23rd St.)

Hip Hop Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 p.m. Ages 10-16

Milwaukee Environmental Science (6600 W. Melvina Street)

Drama Mondays 5:00-6:00 p.m. Ages 10-15. Class starts Mar.

**Mother's Day Essay Contest** Children between ages 7-18 with a mother or female guardian living in WI or IL may enter. Must write a 400-word (max.) essay on: "Why my Mom or Female Guardian is the Best." Hand-printed or typed. Must explain how she has shown love, devotion to her family, and sacrifice in an extraordinary way. Send with the youth's name, age, address, phone numbers, grade, school and mother/guardian's name. Prizes awarded at the Mother's Day Celebration May 13, which is open to all, at Windsong Villa 7101-104 Ave. Kenosha. Prizes include a two-night stay at Mt. Olympus Resort in Wis. Dells, free make-over at Sephora, personal stylist session at Maurices, JCPenny salon-cut & style voucher, free dinner at Golden Corral & more. Three winners will be selected.

Mail or email entry to: Victorious Women in Christ Magazine | 1001 S. Main St. R109 | Racine, WI 53403 [contactvwmag@gmail.com](mailto:contactvwmag@gmail.com) Deadline: April 3. Limit one submission per household. Sent in by HOPE Network member, Semone. Questions: 262-612-3070

## 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.

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*We're grateful to our many donors from Dec.-Feb. We value all contributions, whether money or goods, time or talent.*

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## Indoor Makers Market

Noon-3pm Saturdays thru May and 10-2 Thurs. starting in April.  
Weekly vendors: Funky Fresh Spring Rolls, Dawn's Yummy Delights, Alice's Garden, and Indigo Body. Rotating vendors and community groups will also be there every Sat. Sponsored by Outpost Natural Foods at Wellness Commons at 1617 W. North Ave. 431-3377

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### HOPE Network volunteer opportunities

**Event coordinator needed** for one or two outings or other family events per year. Must be very detail-oriented, with the ability to follow through on the many steps needed to organize a successful event. Coordinate other volunteers, donors or sponsors, families attending, collaborating organizations and work with the staff at site.

**Other volunteer opportunities:**

Work with us on ideas and planning to solicit sponsorships for this news magazine, and ways to generate revenue from it.

Help with our southside clothing bank (near The Domes) 1st & 3rd Thursdays 9:30-11:30am.

Call or email us: 262-251-7333, info@hopenetworkinc.org

### Donate diapers or organize a drive

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

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

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

### We need your help for scholarships!

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

We'd like to award seven scholarships this year of at least \$1,000 each, 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. Since 1988, \$88,000 in grants has been awarded to 89 mothers.

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

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

### Free ticket giveaways

Watch our Facebook site during the next six weeks – we'll be giving away tickets to six events or destinations! These include the Harley-Davidson Museum, Festival City Symphony March 26 and May 7 concerts, Milwaukee Public Museum, Betty Brinn Children's Museum, and the April 25 Brewers game. All are great for family outings!



For a chance to win, follow us!



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## More that did not fit in the 28-page printed edition of the *Network News*

**Be Strong, Stay Strong strength training course** Register now for course Apr. 4-June 8: 12:30-1:45 am, Tues. & Thurs. Community Memorial Hospital, Menomonee Falls \$20 (fee is reduced from \$30, based on need). Bone and muscle loss begin early, and this strength training can reverse the process. Other benefits: reduced risk for diabetes, heart disease, depression. To register or for more info, contact: Jen Whitty at 262-548-7789 or by email at [jwhitty@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:jwhitty@waukeshacounty.gov)

### Programs at library for adults

**Creative Writing Group:** 4:30-6 pm, M.L. King Library, 310 W. Locust St. Apr. 11, May 9. Want to write more, but need inspiration, time, a reason, or support from others who understand the struggle to fill the blank page? The hands-on workshop will provide prompts and encouragement for putting pen to paper or fingers to keyboard. Join librarian Ruth Gaba for this creative writing gathering. She's a 12-time NoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) winner and experienced creative writing teacher.

**Book-To-Art Club:** 6-7pm East Branch, 2320 N. Cramer St. Read a selected novel then work on an art project inspired by the story. Space is limited; pre-registration is required (online or call 286-3011). March 28 – Tuesday Nights in 1980 by Molly Prentiss April 25 – In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

**Color Your Way to Calm:** drop-in coloring club for adults | 5-7pm every 2nd Tues. of the month, East Branch Library, 2320 N. Cramer. Coloring sheets, art supplies, and hot tea will be provided.

**Story, Story Night:** Storytelling for Adults at East: Apr. 5, May 3, June 7- 6-7pm Why should kids get all the fun? Enjoy an evening of themed storytelling geared towards adults. A craft and light nosh complementing each month's theme will be provided. A mixture of short stories, picture books, and poetry will be read aloud by the librarian. East Branch Library, 2320 N. Cramer.

**Used book sales:** *West Allis Library:* April 8, May 13, Jun 10 10am-3pm *Hales Corner Library:* Apr. 1-2 Sat 9am-4pm, Sun noon-3 (\$5/bag on Sunday).

### Midnight League: Free men's basketball league

For ages 17 to 25, Wed. & Sat. Doors open at 7pm for enrichment programs. Provides a safe space for league participants and includes activities to help them improve their lives, including mentoring, career development and life skills. At Lynde & Harry Bradley School of Technology and Trade, 700 S. 4 St. Register online at [MilwaukeeRecreation.net](http://MilwaukeeRecreation.net) Activity Code: 4RAS1109-MT01 Info: 475-8811 For updates, text @mkenight to 81010

### Drop-In Tutoring for Adults

Milwaukee Public Library offers Drop-In Tutoring for adult learners. Tutors are available to help with literacy skills, such as reading, writing, math and studying for tests, including the GED. Free; no appts. needed.

*Central Library,* Mon. 2-4 | Tues. 12:30-2:30 & 6-7:45 | Wed. 12:30-2:30 | Thurs. 1-3 *Capitol Library,* Wed. 4:30-7:30 *Center Street Library,* Mon/ 5-8 | Tues. 5-8 | Wed. 5-8 | Sat. 12-4 *Washington Park Library,* Sat. 10-1:30



## 25% off groceries at Fresh Picks Mobile Market

Regular grocery store on wheels: not a food pantry or donation center. Fresh Picks Mobile Market: a grocery store on wheels that travels to customers living in “food deserts” – neighborhood where there are no traditional grocery stores.

**Now, because of a grant to Hunger Task Force, all food is priced at 25% less than at regular Pick ‘n Save stores.**

Ideal for low income seniors and people with disabilities who live in public housing distant from stores.

Provides healthier food choices than convenience stores. Along with other staples, the Fresh Picks Mobile Market offers seasonal fruits, vegetables and high demand meat and dairy items. The market does not sell canned items or processed foods.

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

#### Dates remaining in March:

The truck is at each stop for one hour and 30 minutes.

March 20: 10:30 am Sacred Heart Senior LLC 3635 S Kinnickinnic Ave, St. Francis

2:30 pm Juniper and Canticle Court 3209 S Lake Dr, St. Francis

March 21: 10:30am St. Peter's Apts. 6550 N 80th St.,

2:00pm Heritage International, 1036 W. Atkinson Ave.,

March 22: 10:30am House of Peace, 1702 W. Walnut St.

2:00pm Layton Gardens, 2220 W. Layton Ave.

March 23: 12:00pm MATC 700 W State Street,

March 28: 11:00 am United Community Center 1028 S 9th St.,

2:30pm Hopkins-Lloyd Community School, 1503 W. Hopkins

March 29 11:30am Industries for Blind 445 S Curtis Rd, West Allis

3:00 pm Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, 5460 N 64th St.,

March 30: 9:00am Park Bluff Apartments 555 S. Layton Blvd.

3:00 pm Agape Community Center 6100 N. 42nd St.

March 31: 11:00am Greentree-Teutonia Apts 3744W Greentree Rd.,

2:00pm Lapham Park, 1901 N. 6th St.

## Mother & Daughter Hike

1:30-3pm May 13 at Hawthorn Glen, 1130 N. 60 St. Ages 5 & up. Spend time together outdoors, make a craft. Parent must register, pay, and attend with child. \$4 pe person (Milw. city residents). Call Milw. Rec. Dept. to register: 647-6050

## Free tax help

Taxpayers with a family income of less than \$54,000 are eligible for free help preparing their basic personal income tax returns. Returns are e-filed to ensure speed and accuracy.

The volunteer preparers also point out credits which can help those taxpayers who are eligible: Wisconsin's Homestead Credit; federal and state education credits; and the Earned Income Credit, an often overlooked federal tax break for low-income working people with children living at home.

**For a list of what to bring,** see [www.cr-sdc.org](http://www.cr-sdc.org) and click on Tax Preparation.

**SDC Super Sites:** You must have a number to be served at Super Sites so arrive early. Financial & support services also provided. You may also schedule an appointment to have your taxes prepared by calling SDC's Interactive Voice Recognition system at 414-206-2262, or on the website: [www.cr-sdc.org](http://www.cr-sdc.org)

8am-4pm Mon, Tues., Wed. & Fri.; 10am-8pm Thurs.; 8am-noon Sat. Through Apr. 18. All SDC sites also in Spanish.

**Super Sites:** - SDC, 6848 N. Teutonia - SDC, 1730 W North Ave.  
- SDC Milw. Christian Center, 807 S. 14.

### Other sites with free tax prep:

- Greater Mt Sinai COGIC, 5384 N 60. 9am-4pm Sat.
- MATC Downtown, 700 W. State St. 6-7:30pm Tues., 10am-1:30pm Sat. Registration starts 1 hr. before; limited capacity, arrive early. Through Apr. 4. \*Spanish also
- MATC South, 6665 S. Howell, Oak Creek 8:30am-noon Sat. A120 in the A Bldg. Through Apr. 1
- St. Francis Church, 1927 N. 4 St. 9am-3pm Sat. Through Apr. 8 \*Spanish also

### These sites require appointments:

- Journey House, 2110 W Scott St. 647-0548, through Mar. 25 \*Spanish also
- Riverworks Development Corp, 526 E Concordia Ave.
- Zablocki Medical Center, 5000 W National Ave. Through Apr. 11
- WAUKESHA: La Casa De Esperanza, 202 E Broadway 262-832-1534 \*Spanish also
- BURLINGTON: Workforce Solutions West, 262-994-9759

### AARP runs tax help programs at these libraries through Apr. 18:

- Cudahy Family Library, Wednesdays 10 am - 7 pm and Thursdays 10 am - 4 pm
- Greenfield Library, Mondays noon - 5 pm and Tuesdays 9 am - 2 pm
- Whitefish Bay Library, Wednesdays, 10 am - 2:30 pm

### Doing your taxes yourself? Check out free electronic tax filing

A free self-service tax filing website for individuals or families with a combined household income of \$62,000 or less in 2016 is available at [www.myfreetaxes.com](http://www.myfreetaxes.com)

## Sometimes, Success Is Spelled G.E.D.

by Barry Schwartz, Next Door

Remarkable things happen every day in adult education. Milwaukeeans, ages 18 to 66, develop and celebrate new skills that lead to a GED (General Education Development) and boosted employability.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, individuals without a high school diploma make less than half of the annual earnings of those with a diploma and only about one-third of the annual earnings made by those with associate's degrees.

We witness so many members of the Milwaukee community invest time and effort to make their lives better. Some students venture into the classroom from third-shift jobs; some take two or three Milwaukee County buses; and some run to and from daycare centers around town just for the opportunity to... well, get more opportunity. As the great Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

HOPE Network lists these reputable organizations that function as adult education and GED preparatory centers: Adult Learning Center, Journey House, Milwaukee Achiever, New Concept, Next Door Foundation, Social Development Commission, and the YWCA.

There is a slight difference between Adult Basic Education and GED prep. Adult Ed. is designed for those students reading below the 9th grade level and helps them gain vocational skills or advance into a GED program. GED studies, on the other hand, take high-school-level readers and prepare them to take and pass the completion tests.

The process of completing a GED is very similar in the above agencies. A student attends an information orientation to enroll and discover the necessary steps to earn a GED. Then they take the Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) to determine the level of instruction needed.

The program delivered is either self-paced, personalized, or small-group. Based on the instructors' recommendations and post-TABE scores, the faculty delivers GED Ready Tests in the 4 subject groups: math, reading / language arts, science, and social studies. Often, an orientation at the local technical college (MATC) and a one-time career course follow.

The final phase of GED credentialing requires the student to register for, and pass, the 4 tests. A total 145 points are required to pass each test through the Department of Public Instruction.

How long will this take? The length of the program depends on one's skills, progress, and determination. Committed students that attend regularly and treat the program like a job tend to finish quickly. It takes longer if life happenings get in the way.

For the past three years, I've been an educator at Next Door. My extended teaching career has covered all grade levels. Adults have become my favorite group. They are not as cute as the little ones or as profane as the teenagers, but they are highly motivated. It is a very rewarding profession. I work together with people from difficult backgrounds who didn't have the opportunity to complete their education.

The Next Door GED Fast Track and Skill Building Adult Education Program at 2545 N. 29th St. has orientations for new students every Thursday. Our morning class meets Monday – Wednesday, 9 am to noon; afternoons are Monday – Wednesday, 1 pm to 4 pm. For information, call (414) 562-2929, ext. 123.