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We offer women who are raising children alone -in Milwaukee and surrounding areas- connections, resources, and opportunities to build self-reliance and strong families.



A HOPE Network member enjoys one of the Brewers games last summer

Single Moms: Join HOPE Network for 2020!

Don't miss out on the great benefits of HOPE Network membership. Join now to experience all the advantages!

HOPE Network provides members with:

- Free infant supplies
- Connection through email updates and our members-only Facebook group
- Free family fun and events. Past opportunities have included the member picnic, make-

overs, Brewers tickets, Bucks tickets, museum passes, and more!

- Opportunity to apply for annual scholarships

To join, pay \$5 annual dues at hopenetworkinc.org. Or call 262-251-7333 to be mailed an application.

Send a single mother to college!

We'd like to award eight scholarships of at least \$2,000 each, but we need your help! Please see back cover to donate.

SCHOLARSHIPS SINGLE MOTHERS, APPLY NOW

HOPE Network is offering its annual educational grants for technical school or college. Funds may be used for tuition, day-care costs while the mother attends class, or both.

Find details and complete the application at www.hopenetworkinc.org.

Applications are due April 15 at noon.



Save the date for An Evening of HOPE – Sept. 25

We're bringing our incredible silent auction, raffles, dinner, and program back to the Silver Spring Golf Club this fall. We can't wait to see you there!

Can't wait to celebrate HOPE Network? Join our planning committee! This fun night requires many helping hands. Our lively team of volunteers is always looking for new members.

No time to plan? Consider donating a silent auction or raffle item. Our unbeatable silent auction depends on the generous support of our many local friends. We are currently accepting silent auction donations at our office in Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Menomonee Falls - or give us a call, and we can pick up at your convenience!

We are also seeking event sponsors. Your tax-deductible gift to support our mission will be recognized in event materials. For details on any of these opportunities, call 262-251-7333 or email admin@hopenetworkinc.org. Thank you for your support.

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Mobile Legal Clinic

One-time consultation with an attorney offering free, brief legal advice on civil matters (family law, landlord-tenant issues, small claims, large claims, credit-consumer issues). Run by Marquette and Milw. Bar Assn. www.mkemobilelegalclinic.com Dates are subject to change (due to weather conditions, etc.)

Mar 14 noon-2pm Mitchell St Library, 906 W Historic Mitchell St.
Mar 19 5-7pm Sixteenth Street Clinic, 1032 S. Cesar Chavez Dr.
Mar 23 5-7pm Sixteenth Street Clinic Parkway, 2906 S. 20th St.
Mar 31 4-6pm Cross Trainers Academy, 1530 W. Center St.
Apr 8 2-4pm Next Door Foundation 2545 N. 29th St.
Apr 11 noon-2pm City on a Hill 2224 W. Kilbourn Ave.
Apr 13 11-1pm Bradley Crossing 4375 W. Bradley Rd. Brown Deer
Apr 14 3:30-5:30pm All Saints Family Care 2400 W. Villard Ave.
Apr 16 5-7pm Sixteenth St Clinic 1032 S. Cesar E. Chavez Dr.
Apr 18 9-11am Despensa de la Paz 1615 S. 22nd St.
Apr 20 1:30-3:30pm Walker's Point Community Care 130 W Bruce
Apr 22 2:30-4:30pm UMOS - Chase 2701 S. Chase Ave.
Apr 27 5-7pm Sixteenth St Clinic - Parkway 2906 S. 20
Apr 28 noon-2p Muslim Comm. Health Center 803 W Layton Ave
May 1 2-4pm Good Hope Library 7717 W. Good Hope Rd.
May 12 3:30-5:30pm All Saints 2400 W. Villard Ave.
May 13 2-4pm UMCS 3940 W. Lisbon Ave.
May 16 Noon-2pm Mitchell St Library 906 W Historic Mitchell St.
May 21 5-7pm Sixteenth St. Clinic 1032 S. Cesar E. Chavez Dr.
May 26 4-6pm MRM - North Campus 1530 W. Center St
May 27 2:30-4:30pm UMOS - Chase 2701 S. Chase Ave.

Problems with public benefits? Legal Action of Wis: free legal help 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

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See this newspaper on our website

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

Legal help, walk-in clinics

Centro Legal: attorneys provide free or low-cost representation for family law, criminal misdemeanor cases. Free short consultations for divorce, paternity, child placement, or child support issues every Wednesday afternoon; you must call 384-7900 for an appointment. Additional services are on a sliding fee scale. 611 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.

House of Peace 4-6pm 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. Thrs numbered tickets available at noon; 1:30pm sign-in and Fri 8:30am sign-in; list fills fast; for Milw Co. only. Th 2-3pm landlord tenant matters 278-2910

Boerner Botanical Gardens

Spring Family Event, 10am-2pm Easter Sunday April 12, Come hang out with the Easter bunny. Crafts for kids & seasonal activities - Build A Kite! 1-3pm Mar. 15. \$10 per kite.
- Free admission on the first Tuesday of the month to Milw. County residents with ID, May through Sept. Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Dr. Hales Corners

The events below are free, but do not include admission to the Gardens:

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

- Mother's Day Family Event: 10am-2pm May 10. Kids' craft activities to create gifts for mothers and grandmothers.

- Herb & Artisan Fair 9am-3pm May 16. Sponsor: Herb Society

Project Restoration

Programs at 2661 N 53 St. Info: 444-5745 or see PRMKE.ORG

- **Pardon Application Workshop:** Mar 28, Noon-2pm. Will provide people wishing to begin the pardon process with information about eligibility, and how to complete and submit the application. Applications must include: certified criminal complaint, certified information, and certified judgment of conviction for each crime needing a pardon. Letters of recommendations are suggested. Register online at FB.COM/PRMKE or PRMKE.COM or email info@projectrestorationmke.org. Cost is \$10 if pre-register; \$15 day of event.

- **Freedom from the Inside Out:** Expungement and Pardon; Apr 27, 12-4pm; Job Fair 12-2pm; presented by County Supervisor Sequanna Taylor and expungement advocacy groups. Learn more about expungement and moving forward after incarceration.

Free Expungement & Pardon Clinics

Questions about your criminal record? Attend one of these info sessions; 1st come, 1st served. More info: expungemke@gmail.com Program of Marquette and Milw Bar Assn.

Villard Square Library, 3-5pm Mar. 25, 5190 N. 35

Center Street Library, 5:30-7:30pm Apr. 1, 2727 W. Fond Du Lac
This Clinic is part of a Community Legal Forum with speaker and discussion.

Washington Park Library 3-5pm April 15, 2121 N. Sherman.

Mitchell St. Library 3-5pm Apr 29, 906 W. Historic Mitchell St



Let your voice be heard - vote!

On April 7, it's the Presidential Preference Primary and voting for county executive, mayor, and other offices.

Check myvote.wi.gov/ for deadlines for voter registration and absentee voting, the types of photo ID that will be accepted at the polls, etc. The League of Women Voters site, vote411.org, also lists dates for meeting the candidates in a League forum. Also has side-by-side answers to questions to the candidates that will help voters tell the difference between the candidates' positions. To volunteer or get yard signs, go to the candidates' websites.

One Woman, One Vote

4-7pm March 16, Northwestern Mutual, Grand Hall, 805 E. Mason

The theme for this free Community Talk Back is "inclusiveness" and the importance of ensuring everyone feels welcome to vote.

The League of Women Voters will be on hand to check voter registration as well as register voters.

Opening remarks from Denise Thomas, owner of The Effective Communication Coach. Following: viewing of the PBS documentary, *One Woman, One Vote*. Sponsored by NMI and the Women's Fund: must register at www.womensfundmke.org and bring photo ID for NMI's security check.

Consider wearing white in honor of the Suffragists.

Where to call for food, help

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: 1-877-211-3380) or Search online resource directory 211wisconsin.communityos.org/ Available by phone 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

Domestic violence 24-hr. hotline: 933-2722

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

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

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

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)

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 resources are listed on page 6.

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

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

WIC provides food, as well as nutrition information, to help keep families healthy. 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

Call 286-8820 to make an appointment at these City of Milwaukee Health Dept. WIC clinics:

Northwest Health Center, 7630 W Mill Rd.;

Keenan Health Center, 3200 N 36th St;

Southside Health Center, 1639 S 23rd St.

Other area WIC clinics:

Sixteenth Street Community Health Center WIC Program, 1337 S. Cesar Chavez Dr, 643-7554

MLK-Heritage Health Center, 2555 N. King Dr. 267-6650

Aurora Health Care, 1218 W. Kilbourn, Ste 207 219-3210

Seeds of Health, 1445 S. 32, 385-5611

Wee Care Day Care WIC, 3882 N. Teutonia, 449-8460

Wee Care Day Care WIC, 5825 W. Capitol, 449-8470

Wee Care Day Care WIC, 4630 W. North Ave. 873-8801

Cudahy Health Dept., 5050 S. Lake Dr., 769-2229

Greenfield Health Dept., 7325 W. Forest Home, 329-5243

West Allis Health Dept., 7120 W. National, 302-8642

Waukesha County WIC, 514 Riverview Ave., Waukesha, 262-896-8440

Keep active, stay healthy!

Beginner Yoga at Hawthorn Glen: 5:30-6:30pm Mar 11, 18, 25. Join us inside the Nature Center as we practice breathing techniques and move through a series of yoga poses that leave us feeling relaxed and refreshed! Class is geared towards all fitness levels. Bring your own exercise mat and water.

Wellness Walks at Hawthorn Glen: 11-11:45am Mar 21 & Mar 28. Walking outdoors has benefits including reducing stress, enhancing the immune system and lifting spirits. Meet outside Nature Center, 1130 N. 60 St. **Both are by Milw. Rec.:** 475-8775

Free Community Line Dance Classes at COA Family Centers with Mind, Body, & Soul Dancers. Beginners of all ages welcome. Sessions offered through Apr 30 (no classes Mar 23, 25-26 or Apr 13, 15-16). Info: Nicole Thompson, 265-7696.

Riverwest Center: 4:30-5:30pm Wed. 909 E Garfield.

Goldin Center: 6:30-7:30pm Mon & Thurs, 2320 W Burleigh

At Neighborhood House: 2819 W. Richardson Place, off 27th St., one block south of W. State.

Neighborhood Skate Nights, 6-7:30pm Mar. 20, May 15, Sept. 18, Nov. 20. Free with the donation of 2 non-perishable food items.

Yoga, 6-7pm Mar 16-Apr 27 (no yoga Apr 6); May 11-June 22 (not May 25); \$5 a class or \$25 for set of 6 classes; pay at time of class; no preregistration required. For all skill levels.



Family Spring Egg-Stravaganza

April 4: 4:30-8pm. Citywide wellness event at Washington, Madison, & Bay View Twilight Centers. Free drop-in family program. Children must be with an adult. Register at event.

Egg hunt, egg coloring, treat decorating, arts and crafts, games, prizes, and fun fitness activities. Each person who participates in a

wellness activity will earn a door prize ticket. Winners announced at 7pm. Must be present with ticket, to win Info: 475-8811

Move in May: Health and Wellness Fair 9am-noon May 2 at MacDowell Montessori School. Fitness class demos, healthy snacks, raffle prizes. Community resources, health education by local organizations. 6415 W. Mt. Vernon Ave.; door #7 off south parking lot. Free, drop-in program, all ages. MKE Rec: 475-8775

Twilight Centers Safe places for teens to hang out with their friends; open to students ages 12-18. On Sat. eve families may attend (all ages, but enrolled in school). Mon/Wed 6-9pm. Sat 6-10 pm Drop-in activities: game room, open gym, dance, weight room, digital music production, pop-up art studio, Sat family nights, college and career help for teens. Select sites inc: open family swim, cooking classes. Free. **Sites:** Washington, North Division, South Division, Pulaski, Obama, Bay View, Madison. Twilight Center Andrew Douglas is for ages 10-15, and not open Sat. evening. 475-8811.

Mother and Daughter Hike 1:30-3pm May 9. Spend a day with your daughter or mom at Hawthorn Glen, 1130 N. 60. Take a hike; make a craft. Parent must register, pay, and attend with a child (ages 5 & up). \$5 per person. Info at Milw. Rec. Dept: 647-5050

Family Fun Yoga, 4-4:45pm Tues. *March Session:* March 10, 17, 24 and *April Session:* April 21, April 28, and May 5. \$36 per family, per session of 3 classes. Includes play and song, to engage the youngest children. Bay View Community Center, 1320 E. Oklahoma. Register: 482-1000.

Everyone Plays!

If you live in the city of Milwaukee and you receive state or federal assistance like FoodShare or BadgerCare, your children may be eligible to receive a scholarship to pay for most classes in the Milwaukee Recreation Guide.

This includes arts & crafts, cooking, dance, fitness, language skills, music, outdoor education, sports, swimming and more! Limited scholarships available. Apply today! Visit mkerec.net/scholarship or call 475-8180 to learn more and complete the short application.



\$5 swim classes

Seven-week swim classes are again being offered for only \$5 through Milwaukee Recreation and the Red Cross at Madison High School, Milw. HS of the Arts, North Division HS, and Vincent HS. For ages 2 thru adults. Only \$5 for both Milw. city residents and non-residents. Winter sessions sold out fast. Register ASAP online at mkerec.net/five. 475-8180

Free Community Swim

Children 7 years of age and under must be accompanied and supervised in the water by a responsible adult. Participants must furnish a towel, suit and swim cap. Swim caps available for purchase at pool for \$2. Milw. Rec. Dept. program.

- **Bay View** Twilight Cntr Mon Wed Sat Mar 21-May 20 6-8:35pm
 - **Gaenslen Elementary** Wed. Mar. 25-May 20; 6:45-8:15pm
 - **Macdowell Montessori** Sat. Mar. 21-May 16; 3:15-4:15pm
 - **North Division** Twilight Center Swim Mon, Wed, Sat; Mar. 21-May 20 6:05-8:35pm
 - **Pulaski** Twilight Center Swim Sat. Mar. 21-May 9 6:05-8:35pm
 - **South Division** High School Thurs Mar 26-May 21; 6:45-8:15pm
- South Division Twilight Center Mon, Wed, Sat; Mar. 21-May 20 6:05-8:35pm

Healthy Choices family education program

This program helps family members maintain a healthy weight and enjoy a healthy lifestyle. Learn how to prepare healthier food at home, develop healthy habits for you and your children, save money, reduce stress and increase your energy. Includes 30-min. exercise session. For adults and children ages 4 & up. Those completing the course will receive a "wellness basket" with a yoga mat, cookbooks, and other healthy-lifestyle goodies. \$30 enrollment covers the entire family. Info: Delia Gast. 897-5293. At Sixteenth Street Community Health Center, 2906 S 20. Also at 16th St. Comm Health Center:

- **Diabetes Support Groups:** at Chavez Clinic, call 897-5646 for information; at Parkway Clinic, 897-5572

- **Zumba:** energetic low-impact classes are for all people looking to get healthy and get moving. Open to all individuals (patients and non-patients). Info: 897-5646

Looking In, Looking Out

A column by
HOPE Network
founder

Gail Grenier Sweet



Finding the best ways to share the joy

After 37 years, we are house cleaning at HOPE Network. It's time for us to make adaptations in order to best use our resources. While we may change some of our programs, we will always put families first: families headed by women who are raising children alone, in Milwaukee and surrounding areas.

After 35 years as editor of this publication, Pauline Beck is retiring. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your decades of dedication, Pauline! Enjoy your gardens this summer. We look forward to seeing your magnificent bouquets at our Evening of HOPE on Sept. 25! [See more information about her retirement on p. 9.]

I am part of a task force studying how to redesign and use the HOPE Network News. We know that we'll continue to use media

It Takes A Village: Community Baby Shower and Resource Fair 10am-4pm Mar. 28 at Sherman Phoenix, 3536 N. Fond Du Lac Ave. Educational and wellness resources available to all (no registration necessary).

Registration required for prenatal pampering services, gift bags, and baby shower items for expecting mothers and fathers in need of support: vipsocio.com (search Milwaukee events). Sponsor: Birthworkers United, Inc. Coordinator: Vanessa Johnson, owner of A Miracle Happened Wellness and Birth Services, 768-2268.

Black Doula Roundtable 2pm March 22, *Honoring Our Unique Gifts & Talents*, at the BRIC, 2741 N. Fond du Lac. The Roundtable is a safe space for Black Doulas in Milwaukee County to gather for support, foster collaboration, and fuel birth work innovation. Kenyata.johnsonaabn@gmail.com, 617-1222.

In celebration of World Doula Week: March 22-28

Money Smart Week

Preschool Financial Literacy 10:30-11:15am Mar. 31, Central Library. Fun stories, songs, and fingerplays. Those attending receive a free picture book (while supplies last). Child care centers welcome.



Credit Crash Course 6-7:30pm Apr 6, Good Hope Library. Learn how to clean your credit. Register: 263-5450 or at: wwbc.com

Spending Plans: Make Every Penny Count, 6-7:30pm Apr. 8, Capitol Library. Learn how to manage your household spending plan Register: 263-5450 or at sponsor: wwbc.com

Understanding the Stock Market: 6-7:30pm Apr. 8, Martin Luther King Library. Presenter: BetterInvesting Wisconsin Chapter

Get Your Free Credit Report Now: 2-3pm Apr. 9, Central Library Computer Lab; get help printing your free annual credit report.

What Every Teen Should Know About Finances, 6-7pm Apr. 20. Bay View Community Center, 1320 E. Oklahoma. Free. Register before Apr. 6: 482-1000

to communicate with mothers, donors, and those who help mothers. However, we're not sure at this time which media we'll use. It may be a combination of online and print communication.

Our board will carefully study our other programs – our scholarship program, our safe sleep education/portable crib program, our membership benefit programs, and our Trading Post clothing bank. They will determine if these offerings will have a “new face.”

We are interested in feedback from mothers, donors, and those who serve mothers. This is a critical time for HOPE and we need to hear from you. What are your favorite HOPE programs? We are listening. Call the office any time and leave a message (262 251 7333) or email admin@hopenetworkinc.org.

My heart swells at the generosity of HOPE mothers and donors. Our mothers are ever resourceful, always finding new ways to improve the lives of their children. Our donors are ever giving. At our last fall fundraiser, one man who was the highest voice auction bidder for “primo” Bucks’ tickets decided to give those tickets to the teen son of a single mother who spoke at the event. That teen was thrilled, and I know the man’s heart swelled with joy.

That’s how it is: a joy shared is twice the joy.

We’ll keep finding our best ways to share the joy, HOPE folks! Please share your ideas with us.

Founder’s book sales benefit nonprofits

Gail Grenier Sweet’s books are on Amazon.com: *Calling All Horses*, *Dessert First*, *Dog Woman*, *Don’t Worry Baby*, and her latest: *Young Voices from Wild Milwaukee*. News editor Pauline Beck said: “Her books have benefited HOPE Network, and her newest book helps the Urban Ecology Center.” For information or to have her speak at your book club or church group, email her: gailgreniersweet@gmail.com



Select us as your charity, shop at AmazonSmile, and they’ll donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases to us. It’s the same as shopping with regular Amazon, except we benefit each time you purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com. When prompted for the charity name, enter our EIN number: 39-1475304. You may also enter HOPE Network but there are other charities with the same name.

Free fishing clinics April 18 at 9am, 10, 11, noon, 1 or 2pm at park lagoons: Brown Deer Park; Greenfield Park; Oak Creek Pkwy; Sheridan; McCarty (tentative); McGovern; Mitchell; Kosciuszko; Scout Lake; Washington Park; Regner Park in West Bend. 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. Also in Waukesha Co., but program is drop-in 9am-3pm; takes about an hr. to complete all stations. Menomonee, Muskego, Fox Brook Parks (no park fee charged)

Free fishing, admission to state parks: June 6-7 Free admission to all state parks and forests, and adults can fish anywhere in the state June 6-7 without a fishing license. Free equipment is available to borrow at many parks. Kids always fish free.

Harrington Beach State Park: Take advantage of the free admission & visit this Park, not that far from Milwaukee. Located north of Port Washington on Lake Michigan at 531 County Rd D, Belgium. 262-285-3015. Enjoy the annual **free pancake breakfast** June 7, 8am-noon. www.friendsofharrington.org

Resources in Waukesha County



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Starting Your Own Business

Mission Business: What You Need to Know, 6-7:30pm Apr. 28. Learn if entrepreneurship is for you and where to start. La Casa de Esperanza, 410 Arcadian Ave, Waukesha. Free. Register wwbic.com

Free tax preparation for low-to-moderate income families in Waukesha at La Casa de Esperanza. Must have appointment; call 262-832-1534 for day, eve., or weekend appt. 202 E. Broadway.

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

Falls Area Food Pantry: N85 W 15382 Menomonee River Pkwy, Menomonee Falls. Serving Lannon, Colgate, Hubertus, Richfield, Butler, Brookfield, Germantown, Menomonee Falls. 12-2pm & 5-7pm Tues/Thurs. Need photo ID. 1st time also need piece of current mail, income verification, family members IDs, fallsfoodpantry.org

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

Sussex-Area Outreach Services (SOS), in Civic Center Bldg, N64 W23760 Main St., Sussex. 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: only for residents of Waukesha, Washington, Dodge & Jefferson Counties. Free clothing, hygiene products, household items, furniture and appliances. Must meet with intake volunteer to determine eligibility. 603 Progress Dr., Hartland. 262-367-6670

School's Out Fun Days: area YMCA locations offer activities for children ages 4-12 on days when there's no school. At YMCA sites in Waukesha, Menomonee Falls, Greenfield, and Mukwonago. Activities include games, sports, and crafts (snacks provided but must bring a cold lunch). Care provided 7am-6pm. Nonmember price: \$40. To sign up, call or stop by the Business Desk. Register no later than seven days prior to selected Fun Day.

Also at Milw. area YMCAs Northside, Rite-Hite, Hamilton-Maple Ave School in Sussex, South Milwaukee-Rawson Elementary School, and St Francis-Deer Creek Intermediate School for \$36.

Parents Place - Waukesha

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

Inside Out Dad, reconnecting fathers with families and community; dinner included; 5:30-7pm Mar 18 & 25, Apr 18

Love & Logic Early Childhood, effective parenting techniques; 5:30-7:15pm Mar 24 & 31, Apr 7 & 14

Triple P Workshop: Managing Fighting & Aggression: 5:30-7:30pm Mar 30

Strong Bodies Program strength training, flexibility and balance exercises, plus nutrition info for adult women & men 4-5pm Apr 2

Parenting in Recovery: 5:30-7pm Apr 6, 13, 20 & 27, dinner included

Adult Anger: 5:30-7pm Apr 22, 29, May 6

Parenting the Love & Logic Way: for parents with children 7 or older; 5:30-7:15pm Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19

Understanding Anxiety: for teens 12-18 with their parents, 5:30-7pm May 13, 20 & 27

Playgroups for parents, grandparents, primary caregivers & children. 9:30-11am every Wed. (Spanish group 9:30-11am Tues.) Free

The Women's Center - Waukesha

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

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

Open to all, including adult, child, & teen survivors of domestic & sexual violence. For information about the programs below, call 262-547-4600 or visit www.twcwaukesha.org.

-- **Children's programs:** Children are most affected by domestic and sexual violence. Counseling and support groups are offered for children and teens who have witnessed family violence or who have been the victim of sexual abuse/assault. Staff specialists work with youth to undo harm caused by traumatic effects of violence & abuse

-- **Family Support Project** provides free counseling for stress/anger management, child development, positive parenting & life skills. Free childcare available. Call for workshop, support group topics.

-- **Group for Survivors of Interpersonal Violence:** Join other survivors of domestic and sexual violence to learn, share and grow in order to move beyond trauma. Instruction on a healing topic, and time to share and process with others. Free childcare by appointment.

-- **Bi-monthly evening workshops:** call for dates and topics.

- See **Employment & Life-Skills** on p. 21

Housing Resources Inc., a HUD approved organization, offers workshops for homebuyers or homeowners (below). For more information, call 262-522-1230 or visit www.hri-wi.org.

Homeworks Workshops for first-time homebuyers. Real estate experts help buyers avoid common pitfalls when buying homes. Learn to improve credit, maintain savings, and budget. Hear about grants to help with down payment and closing costs. March 14, April 25 or May 9 at 217 Wisconsin Avenue #411, Waukesha, 10am-4pm.

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, and WIC nutrition. 262-896-8430

Prenatal care coordination Waukesha Public Health: 262-896-8430

Gramma Duty

A note to single grandmothers...

by Pamela Oberg-Sutton
aka Grammy Pammy

A memory is forever...



I can feel spring in the air. I can even smell it coming in slowly. The days are getting longer, oh I can't wait for another summer in the city!

Recently, I took my great grandson, Tan, for a new car seat. I called Children's Hospital after reading about their clinic in my HOPE Network magazine. They offer low-cost car seats that can be purchased through the Children's Hospital Car Seat Clinic. Car seats are available in limited supply, depending on grant funding.

I had to call a few times to secure an appointment, as spots fill up fast. Once I got there for my appointment, I was greeted by their team of professionals. They went through the whole process of finding a seat that fit, how to buckle our baby in correctly, and then how to install the car seat properly into the car, depending on the baby's age and weight, and what the law states.

All this took place in about 30 minutes, inside a heated garage! Everyone was pleasant and very knowledgeable. I know they had said low cost, but with the prices for car seats ranging between \$100-\$200, I was pleasantly surprised that the cost was only \$25. Such a blessing it was!!

We didn't do much this winter. We didn't have much opportunity for sledding. We didn't attend any Bucks games...no Admirals games, either. Not much ice skating, but did do some roller skating.

Low-cost car seats may be purchased through the Children's Hospital Car Seat Clinic. Supplies limited. For info & to make appointment for installation, call Central Scheduling: 607-5280

Get a raised-bed garden for \$25

The 4 x 8 ft. garden beds are installed where you want them, and are filled with healthy, organic soil, ready for you to grow your own food. Hundreds of volunteers will build at least 500 garden beds during the Great Milwaukee Victory Garden Blitz May 9-23.

The goal is to install half of those gardens in low-income areas, for a discounted price of only \$25 or \$50 (regular cost is \$175).

The \$25 discounted gardens are available to residents in these zip codes: 53204, 53206, 53208, 53218 and Harambee, as well as these 2020 TINs: Washington Park, Walker Square, Harambee North, Brody, and Clarke Square. Gardens are \$50 in Tri-Block, Roosevelt Grove, Century City, West Burnham and Silver City.

See a map of these TIN neighborhoods on the website below. Click on "What We Do," then "Great Milwaukee Victory Garden BLITZ," and then "Order Your Blitz Garden." Scroll down for map.

Register by May 1 for a garden on website www.victorygardeninginitiative.org or contact Montana Morris, 431-0888. Garden comes with lumber, soil, seeds, & opportunity to work with a volunteer garden mentor on your garden!

Free class: Intro to Planting, May 30 1-2:30pm Victory Garden Urban Farm, 220 E Concordia Ave.

We were fortunate enough to see Disney's *Lion King* at the Marcus Center. What an experience that was! This was another production that I thought would be out of reach for our family's budget.

I went for tickets directly to the box office and I was a little leery... I told the cashier I didn't want to mortgage the house to see the production, and what could she do for us? We were seated in the center of the loge -- that's between the main floor and the balcony. Ticket cost was \$40 each, and so worth it. The colors, the music, the props, the actors and actresses were all amazing... What a great memory we have to share.

Sometimes I worry too much about getting in over my head \$\$\$, but then after I make the decision to do something out of the ordinary, it always seems to work out. Plus, I've learned to do a little planning: go on a weeknight, when tickets are less expensive, and go directly to the box office, instead of paying all the extra Ticketmaster fees to purchase over the phone or online.

There are those splurges that we all give in to, material things that can be lost or stolen, but a memory is forever!!!

I've learned over the years that if we pick and choose wisely, we can have the opportunity to live an active life and share many memories into our future, memories that can't be lost or stolen.

Have a great spring, and a better summer! Baseball here we come!

Low-cost dental care in Meno Falls, Waukesha includes service to 5 Milwaukee zip codes

Waukesha County Community Dental Clinics provide dental care to area low income individuals at:

- N81W15062 Appleton Ave, Menomonee Falls
- 210 NW Barstow St., Ste. 305, Waukesha

Service is provided to those whose income falls below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, and do not have dental insurance, or have Medicaid insurance. Patients without insurance pay between \$25 and \$35 for the initial exam and cleaning.

Patients must live in the Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital service area, which in addition to areas in Waukesha and Washington Counties, also includes Milwaukee zip codes 53218, 53222, 53223, 53224, 53225. wccidentalclinic.org 262-522-7645

Free Saturday Clinic for the Uninsured

(1121 E. North Ave.) provides free health care through a team of physicians, pharmacists, & students at Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Family Health Center every Saturday. Appointments are available between 8-11am. Patients are encouraged to call and schedule. Walk-ins may be seen if appointments are available, but are not guaranteed to be seen that day and may have to be scheduled for another week. Care includes pharmacy, lab services, social work, mammograms, well-women visits, referrals to specialists, eye screenings, psychiatry, and dermatology. Call 588-2865 for all appts or for more info.

First Breath: Helps pregnant women, new moms, and their family members quit smoking Participants receive free one-on-one counseling and support from a First Breath Quit Coach. Services include: home visits, phone calls, text message support, and smoking breath tests (to monitor progress). Participants receive Wal-Mart gift cards for completing sessions.

Interested in joining First Breath? Ask your doctor or nurse or contact the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation at 1-800-448-5148 www.joinfirstbreath.org, or text "FB INFO" to 97779.

Healthcare providers interested in referring their patients or clients to First Breath should view www.providefirstbreath.org.

Grant winner: Kayla Davis



I am Kayla Davis, a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, working to complete my bachelor's degree in Community Engagement and Education. I chose this degree because it correlates with all that I stand for, covering topics ranging from early childhood education to non-profit management. Although I have set many goals for myself, my ultimate goal is to own and operate a successful community-based organization geared toward the holistic wellness of young women.

My inspiration stems from studying and working in community organizations. I'd want to create an environment with lessons and activities that ensure the individuals being served are taking away valuable lessons daily.

As a first-time mom, there are many things that I have had to become accustomed to, from different sleep patterns to changing my work habits. These adjustments have all been completely worth it.

My daughter, Daya, is two years old and is extremely active. She enjoys going to the park, listening to stories, going to museums and visiting family

When my daughter was only a few months old,

her pediatrician said she was underweight, which alarmed me. My child was rejecting anything other than breastmilk, and I was not able to produce a sufficient amount for her to last while I went to work.

I abruptly separated from my place of employment to make sure she was adequately fed. It was a pretty rough road to travel over. However, since she has turned two, she has been keeping a steady diet which has allowed me to return to work while finishing my last year of school.

When I am not studying for school, I like to read, spend time with my mom and grandmas, and go to different parks and museums around the city.

My advice for mothers is to believe that anything that you put your mind to, can be accomplished. Let your child be the fire that drives you to reach your goals, and in the end, you both will appreciate the journey as well as the end result.

Kayla and Daya are pictured at a resource fair last summer. Kayla volunteered to staff HOPE Network's booth at the event.

Our scholarship winners are asked to donate 10 hours of volunteer time to HOPE Network, and they are happy to have the chance to give back.

\$1,000 scholarship; apply by Mar. 31

Offered by the General Federation of Women's Clubs - WI Lakeshore District. Applicants to be considered shall be those who are starting the second semester sophomore year through the first semester senior year. Applicants must send proof of GPA of 2.5 or better, be a Milwaukee or Ozaukee Co. resident; send two letters of recommendation and personal statement; be a full-time student in art, education, international or health. Include name, address and county. Name and address of college attending, student ID, year of expected graduation, and degree you are pursuing. Applications should be received by March 31, to wood-dennis@att.net Or mailed to Donna Wood, 2145 S. 69th Street, West Allis, WI 53219

Self-Care Expo: Reflections of Wellness for Women

5:45-8pm May 28, West Allis Central High School.

Keynote: Resiliency and Self-Esteem presented by two-time Olympic medalist, Katherine Adamek. Breakout session options: Body Image and Self-acceptance, Mindfulness, Communication Skills and Assertiveness, Tai Chi for Resiliency, and Creative Expression. \$5 if registration fee received by May 22; \$10 at the door. Info: 888-863-5502. At 8516 W. Lincoln Ave. Register: bit.ly/2I41HsP

DivorceCare is a weekly support group for those going through separation or divorce. 6-8:15pm Sunday. \$15 workbook; scholarships are available. Hosted by Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 W. Janesville Rd.. 529-6700. Register at www.divorcecare.org

Mothers Tea: A Multigenerational Gathering of Women. 11:30am-1pm May 2. Bay View Community Center. Enjoy a selection of teas and savory and sweet finger foods. A photographer will be on hand to capture a special photo. Fancy dress encouraged, but not required. Seating is limited. 1320 E. Oklahoma. \$15 per person (no charge for children under 5). Register: 482-1000

Congratulations!

Two of HOPE Network's board members have earned community recognition this past quarter.

- Nadiyah Groves, board president, was named to the 2020 class of "40 Under 40" winners. The *Milwaukee Business Journal* honors southeastern Wisconsin young professionals who are already making a major impact on our region.

- Crystal Hearvey, board member, was named one of Milwaukee's SHERoes. The Milwaukee Repertory Theater will honor 12 Milwaukee SHERoes during the March run of *Eclipsed*. A Milwaukee SHERo exemplifies the values of dedication to one's community, collaboration, and sisterhood. All 12 women are doing their part to better the Milwaukee community, and were chosen from more than 100 nominations.

Women's Networking Event

at the Milwaukee Rep Mar 24. Announced by the Women's Fund
6pm Networking Reception (optional)
6:45pm Rep In Depth, a preshow talk (optional)
7:30pm Performance: *Eclipsed*

Purchase your discounted tickets for \$25 by using the code WOMEN when ordering on the Milwaukee Rep website. In collaboration: MAC Women, WCREW, W Girls.

Women's Entrepreneurship Week: a series of events May 11-16 designed to spark business and economic growth by showcasing, educating and connecting women entrepreneurs and professionals. 40+ vetted events with actionable takeaways, and five event tracks in business education, technology, marketing/sales/advertising, health & wellness, and intrapreneurship/professional development. Many free activities. Scholarships available for events with fees. Check website, closer to event: www.wewmke.com

Grant winner: Joana Lozano



My name is Joana Lozano and I am 30 years old. I have a four-year-old daughter, Mila Doerflinger. She is my greatest motivation and my mother is my greatest help

and supporter. Without the two of them, I wouldn't be where I am today.

Two years ago, I decided to return to school to pursue a registered nursing degree. After completing two years of prerequisites, I applied for and was accepted to the registered nursing program. After finishing my first semester of core classes, I can honestly say that this was the hardest few months of my student career.

When I decided to go back to college, I knew that my decision would greatly affect my daughter's life. I'm a full-time manager at a sports facility, a full-time nursing student going to class almost 30 hours a week, and the main provider for my mother and child. I worried about failing as a mother from not being home very much.

My mother, as always, assured me that I would be doing the right thing for my daughter's future, and for my own future. Even though I would miss a lot of my

daughter's life now, it would be temporary. My mother has been my rock throughout my entire life but she has also stepped in to help raise my child when I am unable to, due to work or school.

She takes care of us as much as possible, making my life easier and allowing me to spend as much time as possible with my daughter when I am at home, instead of worrying about cooking or cleaning.

Due to a hectic schedule, I don't have much time to enjoy activities with them throughout the school year, but in the summer we love to take small family day trips. We enjoy bike riding by the lake or just going to the park to watch my daughter play on the swings.

Sacrifices are sometimes necessary for a better tomorrow, but those sacrifices must also come with the determination and knowledge to make and enjoy time with those we love.

Bye Bye Pauline

by Gail Grenier Sweet, Founder

This is the last HOPE Network News in the print form you may be holding in your hands. This news magazine, like the others published for the last 35 years, were edited and laid out by Pauline Beck. After producing 140 issues, it's finally time for her to step down and make more time for her avid enjoyment of so much in life – canoeing, flower gardening, gourmet cooking, travel, photography, baseball games, the symphony, and her many friendships.

So here goes...this is a THANK YOU to Pauline, and a reminiscence of her years since 1986, moving from rubber cement to computer production!

When Pauline took over, the *Network News* was what they call a house organ – it just included news about our organization.

Pauline gradually started adding resources and events going on in the community. It was an 8-page pamphlet that went to a few thousand people – and through the next 35 years, evolved into a 28-page magazine with a circulation topping 17,000.

Now, picture the technology that was available in 1984 to produce this...Pauline's engineer husband, Phil Schumacher, had a PC as soon as they were on the market – a Radio Shack TRS-80 Model 1.

Pauline typed the articles, cut them up, and then pasted the columns of text on layout sheets, using a T-square, triangle,

rubber cement, and the edge of her kitchen counter to keep everything straight. I used to wonder how she could do this until 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning – Pauline told me she always felt energized – and I used to kid her that she was probably “high” on rubber cement fumes!

Then some years ago the printer said, “No more paste-up boards!” and she had to drag herself into the 21st century and use Adobe's InDesign software to do the digital layout.

She counted the resources, events, and listings in the September 2017 issue – there were 566! No wonder it took her 140 hours to produce each issue! In addition to those hours, which were mostly volunteer, she also enlisted the help of volunteer researchers who made sure of the accuracy of every who, what, where, when, and how. One volunteer, Emily, lives in Alabama. She learned about HOPE online and contacted Pauline in 2009. She has written articles for us ever since.

The *Network News* has been read by thousands of mothers and those who help them at agencies, clinics, schools, churches, food pantries, and other sites. Pauline tells the story about being at a resource fair where one single mother whipped out the most recent issue from the back of her stroller and said she never goes anywhere without it.

We often hear thanks from social workers who have clients who feel that there's nothing they can afford to do with their families. Our goal has been to publicize the many, many local free or low-cost resources for



Pauline, dressed in western attire, heads to An Evening of HOPE with a silent auction bouquet. She'll be making bouquets in summer, donating the proceeds to HOPE Network. Email her at pcbeck@sbcglobal.net about a bouquet...or her retirement.

family fun and parenting education. These ideas help single mother families get out into the community and reduce the chances for isolation and depression. They raise the chances for happy family times.

We're not sure what form our new communications vehicle will take. But in some way, we hope to continue to spread the good news about resources in our wonderful Greater Milwaukee area. These resources bring hope to women who are raising children alone.

Thank you for your good work, Pauline! And thank you to all the volunteers who helped her along the way!

Take in a play or concert this winter

First Stage www.firststage.org

The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors. You've played the game. Now learn the legend of the three great warriors who started it all...

Through Apr 5. Ages 4-10+. Todd Wehr Theater, Marcus Center.
Sign Language Interpreted Performance - 3:30pm Apr 5
Pay-What-You-Choose - 7pm Mar 10

Gretel! Her mother and father are gone. Her stepmother and step-sister berate her. But with a gift from her mother and hope in her heart, Gretel heads into the wilderness to find Baba Yaga - and discovers more than she could have ever imagined. Thru Mar 22. Ages 8-15+.
Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 325 W. Walnut St. Tickets \$16

Sign Language Interpreted Performance - 3:30pm Mar 22

The Amazing Lemonade Girl. Meet Alex Scott. She has a story to tell - about her life and her legacy, her humor and her heart. Alex's true story reminds us all that a single person can change the world - one act, or even one cup, at a time. Apr 24-May 17. Todd Wehr Theater. For ages 7-14+. Tickets \$12 and up.

Sign Language Interpreted Performance - 3:30pm May 17
Pay-What-You-Choose - 7pm Apr 28

You Can't Take It With You. Roar with laughter at the Young Company's production of this Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy. May 8-17. Ages 13+. Milw. Youth Arts Center, 325 W Walnut St. Tickets \$14

Pay-What-You-Choose Todd Wehr Theater: minimum \$5 adult or child; advance purchase by phone: 267-2961 (must mention "Pay-What-You-Choose") or at door (arrive early; doors open at 6pm).

Milwaukee Youth Theatre *The Secret Garden*, Apr 30-May 1, 10am and 12:30pm. Based on the book by Frances Hogson Burnett. \$11 adult/ \$9 ages 13-17/ \$7 ages 4-12/ 3 & under free. Lincoln Center for the Arts, 820 E Knapp. 390-3900.

Sunset Playhouse *Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr.* 6:30pm May 10-11. \$12 adult/ \$8 ages 3+.

Little Red Riding Hoodie, May 13-16. 10:30am, additional show 2pm Sat, May 16. \$8 adult/ \$5 ages 3+.

Winnie the Pooh, Kids, 2pm & 4:30pm. May 16-17. \$10 adult/ \$5 ages 3+. 800 Elm Grove Rd, Elm Grove. 262-782-4430

Free mini-opera: *Cinderella*

This performance by the Florentine Opera Company retells the classic tale of Cinderella. Suitable for ages 6-12. Apr 7, 10:30am Central Library, 814 W Wisconsin

Dream Drum Girl

Central Library, Saturday, May 2, 10:30-11:30 am
Accompanied by Proyecto Bembe Drum + Dance. The award-winning book, *Dream Drum Girl*, will be brought to life through a theater-style reading accompanied by percussion from Proyecto Bembe. A drumming workshop for children will follow.

Free classical/flamenco guitar concerts

- Flamenco Guitarist Grisha Goryachev, 1-2pm Mar. 14.
- Milwaukee Classical Guitar Orchestra: 7-9pm Mar. 20.
Arts @Large Gallery, 1100 S. 5 St. 763-7379

Pay-what-you-can nights: 1st come, 1st served

Milw. Chamber Theatre: *Gently Down the Stream.* In this remarkably moving, brilliant love story, Martin Sherman reflects on the triumphs and heartbreaks of gay lives in the modern era, celebrating all those who paved the way. May 13, 7:30pm. 158 N. Broadway.

UWM Opera Theatre: *Who Are We?* operatic explorations of identity, 7:30-10:30pm Mar. 29. Seven world premiere "mini-operas" at Jan Serr Studio, 2155 N Prospect. Pay-what-you-can.



Classical pops concert for children -- FREE!

Kids Play for Kids
7-8pm May 6

Free interactive concert by the Festival City Symphony
May 6: Spring Pajama Jamboree. 7 pm performance. Bradley Pavilion, Marcus Center. 929 N Water St. 286-3205. Free.

In addition to music by the Festival City Symphony, the concert will feature solo and ensemble pieces performed by local students. Children from the audience will have an opportunity to conduct the orchestra's finale. Geared to children K4-Grade 5 and their families. Casual attire, pajamas, blankets, teddy bears welcome. 365-8861

Symphony Sundays: Classical music for all ages by the Festival City Symphony. 2 pm concerts March 22 and May 3.

1:45pm children's program notes in east lobby; conductor also comments during concert. Appropriate for ages 7+. Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells. 286-3205. \$14 adults/\$8 kids & seniors

Rhythm and Blues: Milw. Youth Symphony Orchestra performance features jazz combos, including the elite Bronzeville Jazz Ensemble, plus Calypso and Soca steel bands. May 9, 1-5pm Pay what you can. Milw. Youth Arts Center, 325 W Walnut. 267-2950



Bronze Arts Ensemble with Black Arts MKE will premiere the production, *Love and Southern D!scomfort*, a musical by Monica Patton and Bobby Daye. May 6-10, Wilson Theater, Marcus Center. \$38 tickets; call or stop in at the Marcus Center to avoid extra \$15 Ticketmaster fees. Black Arts MKE is committed to increasing the availability and quality of African American arts.

Colectivo Gospel Brunch features traditionally inspired local gospel groups. Sunday 11am-1pm **June 7.** Free to attend; suggested donation of \$5. Donation benefits Progressive Community Health Centers, providing medical care to all, regardless of insurance status. Coffee, pastries, & brunch available for purchase. The Back Room at Colectivo Coffee, 2211 N Prospect. 273-3753

Save the date for the annual Milwaukee Gospel Jubilee on Sept. 18

Fun things to do

Milw. Co. Parks Information: 257-7275

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

- The Domes: free on 1st Thursday of the month 9am-5pm.
- Zoo: see Zoo article on p. 14 for reduced rates
- Boerner Botanical Gardens: 1st Tues. of the month starting in May

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

- Milwaukee Public Museum: Free 1st Thursday of month
 - Milwaukee Art Museum: Free 1st Thursday of the month
- Free to all visitors on the first Wednesday of the month, 1-5pm, Charles Allis Art Museum, 1801 N. Prospect Ave, and Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum, 2220 N. Terrace Ave.

Harley-Davidson Museum: Visit for free as part of Gallery Night 5-9pm Apr 17. On Milwaukee Day (414 Day on Apr. 14): admission is \$4.14; cheeseburgers at MOTOR are \$4.14 (dine-in). Regular admission: \$22 adults; \$8 kids 5-17; under 5 free. 400 W. Canal. 287-2789

Falls Memorial Fest: 11am-10pm, May 23, downtown Menomonee Falls Street Party on Main St. between Appleton & Water; live music, car show, booths, Ducky Ducky Derby, kids' area, Run/Walk. Free.

Science Bag free series of interactive performances for ages 8+ that connect science to everyday life. Room 137 UWM Physics Bldg; Kenwood & Cramer St; 229-4561. *What's It Tuya?: Fire & Ice Interactions on Earth & Mars:* Mar 13, 20 & 27 at 7pm and Mar 15 at 2pm. *What's the Big Data?:* Apr 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 7pm; Apr 12 2pm.

LEGO Building Workshop & Contest at MSOE's Grohmann Museum, noon-4pm Mar. 28 -- the 8th annual LEGO building workshop, led by John and Sylvia Peine. Imagine and construct sea-worthy vessels and maritime transportation hubs. New this year, prizes will be awarded for the best creations. Workshop is free with regular admission: adults, \$5; students / seniors: \$3; children under 12: free.

Free to all on Gallery Night and Day, Friday, Apr. 17 (5 to 9 p.m.) and Saturday, April 18 (12 to 6 p.m.) 1000 N. Broadway, 277-2300

Milw. Museum Mile Day Free admission 11a-5pm May 10 at Charles Allis Art Museum, Jewish Museum, Museum of Wis. Art at St. John's On the Lake, & Villa Terrace, and half price at North Point Lighthouse. Museums close to each other on East side. Kids' activities. Free shuttle. See www.milwaukeeuseummile.org

Kimball Organ If you could use a free organ (in working condition), contact Charlie: dj@partyco.com Must be picked up in Meno.

Truck Day

10am-noon June 13,
at Brinton Playfield,
2555 S. Bay St. Trucks,
fire engines, games,
and much more! Visit

Milwaukee Recreation at mkerec.net or call 475-8180 for registration and cost information.



Family Kite Festival

Veterans Park: May 23-24. Grand Launch on Sat noon. Giant kites and other performers. 1300 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. Sponsor: Gift of Wings Check details closer to event at giftofwings.com, 425-9993. Free.



Maple Syrup Family Day Mar. 28, Richfield Historical Park, 11am-4pm. Maple syrup and blacksmithing demos, storytimes in the log cabin. Other exhibits in sugar shack, log cabin, log barn. Free, but \$5 fee (adults) and \$3 for kids 6-12 to tour Mill & Mill House. Use park entrance at 1896 State Rd 164, Richfield. 15 mins. north of Menomonee Falls

Access 414: Discovery World discount

Milwaukee County residents who present a Wisconsin EBT card, along with a valid ID, will receive a special admission price of \$5 per person for up to five individuals in their party. Valid EBT Cards include Wisconsin Works, WIC, My WI Childcare, and Wisconsin Quest. Regular adult admission is \$20.765-9966

Sensory Friendly Day: Free entry to Discovery World is available April 5 from 7-9am for Sensory Friendly Sunday. Some exhibits will be closed, and a quiet space will be available during this time. Experts from Wisconsin Early Autism Project and Autism Speaks will be on hand to answer questions from families with diverse sensory needs.

Discovery World: Science + Technology, 500 N Harbor Dr.



Easter Egg Hunt, 11am Mar. 28. Humboldt Park, 3000 S. Howell, west of Pavilion. Free. 5,000 eggs and designated areas for 5 age groups (ages 1-10). Take pictures with Easter Bunny 9:30-10:30 & after hunt. Bring a food pantry donation. Breakfast 8am-noon, \$7 adults; \$5 kids; under 3 yrs. free. Cash only. Arrive early to park.

Easter Egg-citement 10am Mar. 28 Kosciuszko Park, 2201 S. 7. Outdoor egg hunt (rain or shine) Games, arts and crafts, lunch, photos with the Easter Bunny. Children ages 12 & under must be accompanied by adult (each paying \$3; may purchase in advance). Limited seating. 645-4624

Kenilworth Art Event: April 18; 11-3pm; 6 floors of industrial artist studios; art exhibitions & film screenings, live performances, demos, and hands-on activities for all ages; free to the general public. UW Milwaukee Peck School, 1925 E Kenilworth Place.

BrainExpo 10am-6pm March 28: Exciting science event about the brain and the mind. Explore the workings of the brain through interactive exhibits, talks by neuroscientists, and puzzles, games, and hands-on activities for all ages. Medical College of Wis.-Alumni Center, 8701 W Watertown Plank Rd. Free, with free parking.

Peacemakers Day Camp Quaker Friends Meetinghouse, 3224 N. Gordon Place in Riverwest. For ages 6-12. Focuses on gentle, nonviolent conflict resolution, team building, feeling talk/communication skills for children. Nonreligious. Camps will be held two different weeks in July. Check website later for cost and dates: www.peacemakerscamp.org

ART workshops ART free classes ART camps

Walker's Point Center for the Arts

839 S. 5 St. www.wpca-milwaukee.org 672-2787.

- **Free After School Art Classes** 3-6pm Open to students of all abilities, ages 6-12. Must register at 1st drop-off, or in advance online. Projects explore painting, drawing, clay, printmaking, fiber arts.

- **Afternoons with Art** offered on days when MPS is closed (Mar. 20), 1-5pm for ages 6-12. Cost: \$5-\$20.

Register ahead: oscar@wpca-milwaukee.org or 672-2787

Museum Swap Day on May 31

If you have an annual membership to Betty Brinn Children's Museum (or any listed here), you can visit these museums free. Participating museums include Betty Brinn, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum, Charles Allis Art Museum, and Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum

Milwaukee Art Museum

Free to all 1st Thurs. of the month 10-8pm Apr. 2, May 7, June 4
Reg. admission: \$19 adult; ages 12 & under free.

Family Sunday: 10am-4pm 10am-4pm May 31, *Needle & Thread*.

Explore the narrative quilts of artist Pauline Parker, and then try your hand at fiber arts: make your own miniature quilt, learn to embroider, and experiment with felting techniques. Meet local quilt-makers, enjoy a performance by a storyteller, and more.

Family Sundays are free for Boys and Girls Club members & their families with membership card or invite sheet. Also free to ages 12 & under, but must be accompanied by adult paying \$19 admission. If you have an annual membership to Betty Brinn, you may also attend the Art Museum free on this Sunday (Swap Day; see article above).

Other activities: Sat. Story Time in the Galleries, Stroller Tours, Play Date with Art, Haitian Art Lab, Kohl's Art Generation Studio.

\$20 Family Access Membership

For just a dollar more than the price of an adult ticket, Family Access membership offers a year of unlimited Museum admission for two adults and children 17 and under. Who is eligible? Anyone who uses WIC, FoodShare, BadgerCare, or Medicaid. Sign up at the admission desks or by mail with form at mam.org Info: 224-3284

First Stage Theater Academy year-round classes foster life skills through acting, musical theater and improvisation for all students, inc. those on the autism spectrum. Summer theater training for grades K4-12: June 15-Aug. 21. Two locations: Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 325 W. Walnut St. (extended care available) and Wilson Center for the Arts, 19805 W. Capitol. Financial aid & transportation for students in need possible: 267-2973 www.FirstStage.org

Danceworks Summer Creative Arts Camp: music, drama, dance, art & creative writing for ages 3-12. Check if scholarships available again this year. Visit danceworksmke.org or call 277-8480.

Woodland Pattern Poetry Camp for grades 6-12. Last year, the free week of camp included full day with breakfast, focused writing, workshop with guest artist, lunch, and a field trip. 263-5001

Summer art, cultural camps

Walker's Point Center for the Arts: Summer Art Camp is an 8-week program that explores different art mediums each week, beginning June 16. Student artwork from the first six weeks of camp is curated and displayed in the annual youth art exhibition that opens on summer Gallery Night July 17. For information on costs, email Oscar@wpca-milwaukee.org or visit wpcamilwaukee.org.

Milwaukee Art Museum: scholarships available

Calling all young art enthusiasts! Build on your love of art and making things in Museum summer camps. Explore the exhibitions during fun-filled, interactive tours, and make your own creations in hands-on projects in the studio. Info: 224-3803. Scholarship application at mam.org/learn/classes.php

Classes for ages 6-10 at 10:30-12:30pm; ages 11-15, 1:30-4:30pm
June 22-25: Fabric July 6-9: Painting July 20-23: Photography
July 27-July 30: Printmaking Aug 3-6: Design Aug 10-13: Clay

Black Arts MKE: free youth performing arts all-day camp, July 6-July 31 (DNC Week Location TBD). Musical theater experience for low income City of Milwaukee youth ages 12 to 18. Youth will be challenged to audition, choose a story to adapt into a 45-minute musical theater performance, write the script, songs, and rehearse the play. Free; includes meals and art supplies. 270-4494. For information or application, 270-4494, or email info@blackartsmke.org



UWM Pre-College Art & Design provides college-prep art instruction to high school students. Classes for Grades 10 & up (as of Sept. 2020): Drawing July 20-24; Sculpture July 27-31; Digital Art Aug. 3-7. For 9th graders, 2-4pm July 20-24. Supplies included; bus pass as needed. Field trips & workshops: \$5 each. Cost per course, with scholarship: \$30 MPS students, \$75 to \$85 non-MPS. If you need more financial aid, email artseco-precollege@uwm.edu noting your circumstances. Scholarships available to all students; application sent after registering at: uwm.edu/arts/arts-eco/?target=pre-college

Wild Space Dance Company: Get wild with your creativity at Wild Arts Camp at Lincoln Middle School. Participants (ages 10-14) create dances, artwork and theater scenes to share in a final show. Runs 9-noon; Mon-Th, June 22-July 23. Wild Arts is FREE to Milwaukee Public School students. Contact info@wildspacedance.org, or visit wildspacedance.org. 271-0307

Casa Romero: Art Club or Music Day Camp offer experiences for ages 10-13 to create art or music projects to express their message for their community. Art Club is June 22-26 or Aug. 10-14. Music Camp: July 27-Aug. 7. M-F 9am-4 pm. Scholarships available; contact 224-7564 or info@casaromero.org

Xalaat Africa Drum & Dance for Life offers African dance & drumming for ages 12-19. 10am-2pm Mon.-Thurs June 8-19. Milw. High School of the Arts, 2300 W. Highland Blvd. 231-0313

Family Arts Days: free workshops with all supplies provided. 10am-12:30pm Saturdays at Arts@Large, 1100 S. 5 St., 763-7379. Check calendar at www.artsatlargeinc.org

March 14: create your own 3D puffy paint wonderland using shaving cream, glue, and food coloring.

March 21: make and decorate paper mache bowls. Then, stay to enjoy a workshop with our March featured performing artist.

March 28: paint using bubbles, on paper or canvas to take home.

Sherman Park Arts Festival Community Arts Day

Sun, Mar 22, 2-5pm. Free fun-filled day to gather and create art & music using a variety of arts media. For all ages. Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club, 3000 N. Sherman Bd, 367-4890

Art program at the libraries

Drop-in program for Grades K5-5. An A.W.E. artist reads story and then discusses the book or illustrator. Participants then work on imaginative art activities relevant to the book or artistic theme for the day.

Atkinson - Tuesdays, Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19, 4-5:30 pm

Capitol - Wednesdays, Mar 11, 18, Apr 1, 15, 5-6:30 pm

Center Street - Saturdays, Mar 21, 28, Apr 4, 1:30-3 pm

Central - Wed. Mar 25, Apr 22, 4-5:30 pm; Sat. May 2, 2-3:30 pm

East - Fridays, Mar 13, 20, 27, Apr 3, 4-5:30 pm

Martin Luther King - Saturdays, Mar 14 Apr 11, May 9, 2-3:30pm

Mill Road - Thursdays, Mar 12, 26, Apr 9, 23, 4-5:30 pm

Villard Square - Mondays, Apr 20, 27, May 4, 11, 4:30-6 pm

Washington Park - Mondays, Mar 23, 30, Apr 6, 13, 5-6:30 pm

Zablocki - Saturdays, Apr 18, 25, May 9, 16, 2-3:30 pm

Havenwoods

6141 N Hopkins/1block west of Sherman on Douglas/527-0232. All events are free. Most are not for day care centers or organizations.

Nature Center Drop-Ins: Apr & May, come see educational exhibits and activities; 8:30-4pm; Closed Sundays.

Family Hikes: Geocaching: 10:30-11:30am Apr 4; Spring Birds: 10:30-11:30am May 2.

Nature Time for Preschoolers ages 3-5 w/adult. All classes 9:30 -10:30am; Salamander Spring: Mar 17; Windy Days: Mar 31; What's Hatching: Apr 14; Celebrate Earth Day: Apr 28; Sprouting Seedings: May 12; Could You Be a Fawn: May 26.

Wehr Nature Center

Whitnall Park, 9701 W College Ave; \$3.50/day to park; 425-8550. Naturenauts & Little Wonders children's programs are \$10 (if Milw. Co. resident); check dates on Center's calendar.

Maple Sugar Days for Families: 1-4pm Mar. 28 & 29. Short walk to the sugarbush, a visit to an old-time sugarin' camp, a boil-down demonstration, hands-on kids' activities, and end with a pancake with real maple syrup. \$7 + \$3.50 to park; free for ages 2 and under.

Pop-Up Nature: Awesome Amphibians 1-3pm Apr. 18. \$5 per family. Reservations recommended. Naturalist-led activity from 1-1:30pm. Explore Nature Center with a scavenger hunt, and more.

Frog Folics: \$10 Milw Co residents + \$3.50 to park. Register by Wed. before. Dress warmly; bring flashlights for evening walk.

- Frog Frolics for Adults (ages 13+), 7-9pm Apr. 17.

- Frog Frolics for Families (ages 5+), 7-9pm Apr. 18.

Reptile Day: 1-4pm June 14. Meet colorful snakes, turtles, and strange lizards and salamanders. Guided hike to look for turtles and listen for frogs. Crafts for kids. \$3, + \$3.50 to park



FREE admission to Betty Brinn Children's Museum 5-8pm Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21, June 18

Enjoy access to all of the Museum's hands-on exhibits. Plus, special workshops in the Be A Maker space, which has tools, materials and techniques for endless ways to experiment and create. Note:

Open Making in the space is 10am-noon and 2-4pm every Mon-Sat

Sendik's Day, Mar. 14: Get one free admission with receipt showing purchase of one of these products at Sendik's (red bag stores): loaf of Breadsmith bread, Kemps Simply Crafted super premium ice cream or flavored half gallon of milk, or any Sargento Snack Bites. If buy multiple products, will get multiple free admissions.

RIGAMAJIG: Mar. 20, Apr. 3 & 17: 10:30-11am. Open play with large-scale building kit helps children develop problem-solving skills and imagination through hands-on exploration. Age 3+.

Reptiles: Apr. 4, May 2: 10:30-noon Experienced reptile handlers encourage hands-on learning w/ live reptiles, educational resources

Weekly programs encourage caregivers and young children to interact and have fun together. Learn tips about supporting your child's development during the critical years from birth through age 5.

Other activities listed at www.bbcmkids.org. Register for programs when you arrive; space is limited. Closed Apr 12. Admission: adults & children age 1 and older: \$9. Age 55+: \$8. Children younger than 1 year: free. Parking lots that have discounts are shown on bbcmkids.org; get voucher at museum desk. 929 E Wisconsin. 390-5437

Family Focus free memberships provide free access to the Museum, along with support for caregivers, including free parent engagement programs and transportation assistance. Qualifying families may apply for membership by signing up for an orientation: bbcmkids.org/family-focus-membership or call 390-5437 x 228.

Retzer Nature Center

S14 W28167 Madison St, Waukesha.

Register ahead at waukeshacountyparks.com or 262-896-8007

FREE events during Earth Week:

Kids Hike: Apr 20; 9-10am. ages 2-5, with an adult; register by Apr 17. **Radical Reptiles:** Apr 21. 6:30-7:30pm. Ages 5+. Register by Apr 17

Wealth of Nature: Apr 22; Ages 8+; 6:30-7:30pm; learn about the parks in SE WI, local adventures and how to protect them.

Candlelight Hike: Apr 22. 7:30-9:30pm. Start at trailhead just outside of parking lot.

Earth Day Celebration Finale: Apr 25. 10am-2pm. Learn how you can help protect our planet through fun, hands-on activities, interactive booths, exhibits, guided hikes, demonstrations, planetarium shows, and more.

Regular Programming: Registration suggested, as space may be limited. Dress for the weather for all programs.

Wee Wonders: Ages 2-4 with an adult; 10:30-11:30am; \$4 per class; Apr 14/15 Hurray for Spring! May 12/13, I Spy with My Little Eye, June 9/10 Water Wonders. Register by Fri before.

Retzer Rangers: Ages 5-7 with an adult; 4:30-5:30pm; Arrive by 4:20pm; \$4 per class; Apr 13 Need That! May 11 Building Dirt. June 8 Two Words.

Zoo discounts & special events

March 14 & 15: Behind the Scenes Weekend. Tour areas not normally open to the public: 10am-2:30pm

Egg Day: Apr 11; crafts, entertainment, egg hunt, and a parade

World Penguin Day Apr 25; learn about fun penguin facts

Mother's Day: May 10. All mothers admitted free. Parking \$12

Father's Day: June 21. All fathers admitted free. Parking \$12

Regular admission starting Apr. 1: Adults \$16.25; Ages 3-12 \$13.25; 2 & under free; Parking \$12.

Reduced admission on Wed for Milw Co. residents with ID for adults is \$10; ages 3-12 \$7.50. Other days, Milw. Co. residents w/ ID save \$1.75 off regular admission. Hrs: 9-4:30pm daily. 256-5466

Earth Day events

-- **Earth Day of Service at Urban Ecology Centers** at Riverside Park, Washington Park, and Menomonee Valley. Apr 18, 9am-noon. Help pick up trash and beautify the waterways.

-- On Apr. 18, **Milwaukee Riverkeeper** is organizing 65+ clean-up locations across the Milwaukee River Basin. Find a site: milwaukeekeeper.org

-- **Free Rock the Green Earth Day Celebration** for cleanup volunteers and the community. A live concert on a pedal-powered stage, with leg power provided by Black Girls Do Bike, The Velo Femmes, and Cadence Cycling Milwaukee. Eco-education resource booths and local and sustainable tasty fare for purchase. Apr. 18. Check for location at: www.rockthegreen.com

Milwaukee Public Museum

Free admission to all on 1st Thursday of the month. 278-2728

Free for mothers on Mother's Day, for fathers on Father's Day.

Open 'til 8pm that night (although butterfly wing closes 4:30pm) Milw. Co. residents w/ID get \$2 discount every day. 800 W Wells.

Hidden MPM-Apex Predators 11am Mar 21 & 28. Tour explores the relationship between humans and other apex predators who are at the top of the food chain, such as lions, tigers, T. Rex, and bears.

Streets of Old Milwaukee Alive! 11am-3pm Mar. 14. Travel back in time with costumed interpreters. Learn about the fascinating people, places, and products that made Milwaukee famous.

Dino Days: 11am-3pm Mar. 23-27 and 10am-2pm Mar. 28. Learn about the important tools that help paleontologists unearth fossils. Decorate your own dino crown, and other hands-on fun.

414 Day: 10am-2pm April 14. Celebrate Milwaukee history!

Earth Day: 10am-2pm April 22. Join MPM Educators and investigate the rich variety of plants and animals that share our world.

MPM Affordable Adventure membership costs \$65: inc. all benefits of Classic membership (\$115). Apply at mpm.edu

Earn Zoo coupon at Great American Cleanup

9am-noon Apr. 25 at Hawthorn Glen, 1130 N. 60. Help clean for as long as you like (but at least 1 hour). Other locations at www.kgmb.org All participants receive coupons to several Milwaukee County attractions – and for the past number of years, that's included a coupon good for one free admission to the Zoo!

Urban Ecology Center

UEC-Riverside Park 1500 E. Park Place. 964-8505

Bat House Workshop, Apr 25 10-11:30am. Register by Apr 17. One bat house per household. For all ages; children must be accompanied by adult. Sliding fee starts at \$12.

Nature Rangers: For children ages 5+. 4-5:30pm. \$14 fee covers all 4 Monday sessions in the month - March, April, May. Example of activities: Play games, make forts and build animal shelters.

Spring Adventure Days: 9am-4pm. Grades 1-6. Must register. Dress for the weather & bring a bag lunch. Sliding fee starts at \$35.

-Survival Challenge. Apr 6. Make a shelter, build a fire, and more
- Earth Champions. Apr 13. Build shelters, learn the Leave No Trace practices of camping, and head out on an orienteering course!

Spring Family Night Mar 28. 4-6 pm. All ages. \$7/person. Guided hike to search for buds, signs of animals. Plant a seedling. Register.

Story time for grandparents with grandkids under 7. Apr 4, 10-11:30am. Sliding fee: \$7. 1 child per adult registration.

Family Feather Fest May 10. 10am-noon. All ages. Sliding fee \$7/person. Guided search for birds & a bird-themed quest. Learn the science behind our avian friends, create a fun craft for Mother's Day. Register by Apr 10 to get t-shirt. Can register later, but no t-shirt.

Outdoor Rock Climbing on a three-story open-air wall. May 17 & 31 2-4pm. For adults & accompanied children. Sliding fee: \$10

Young Scientists Club for ages 5-12: hike, help with research, care for the Center's animals. 4:30-6:30pm Tues & Thurs; 1-4pm Sat. \$15 annual membership

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

More info on these **free parenting programs** on p. 15:

Parent Community Cafés: Apr. 7, May 5, June 2. 5pm-7:30pm.

Triple P-Positive Parenting Program: May 5. 5:30-7pm.

Snowshoeing for Beginners and Hike. Mar 14. 9:30-11:30am. For adults & accompanied children age 7+. Sliding fee: \$14. Equipment provided. We will hike, snow or no snow. Must register.

Spring Adventure Days: 9am-4pm. Grades 1-6. Must register. Dress for the weather & bring a bag lunch. Sliding fee starts at \$35.

-Outdoor Exploration. Apr 9. Exploration and inquiry through outdoor play, hiking, games, crafts & more.

-Outdoor Sports. Apr 10. Games, sports, scavenger hunt.

Young Scientists Club for ages 5-12: hike, help with research, care for the Center's animals. 4-6pm Tues-Thurs. 1-4pm Sat. \$15 annual membership.

Environmental & Social Justice **Film Series** with discussion. Mar. 18, Apr. 21, May 19. 5:30-7pm. Free.

Healthy Cooking by local chefs. Demos, tastings. 5:30-7pm. For adults/teens. \$10/ session. Vegan Cooking. Apr 9. Learn how to incorporate vegan and vegetarian options into everyday meals. Register: bit.ly/2NH797W Vegan Cooking for the Soul. May 14. Plant-based alternatives to meat. Register: bit.ly/2RDSVG6

Canoeing for Beginners. May 27, 5-7pm. For adults and accompanied children age 7+. \$14.

UEC-Menomonee Valley 3700 W Pierce St, 431-2940

Terrarium Making Workshop Apr 25. 10-11:30am. All ages. Sliding fee starts at \$7. Materials provided. Registration required.

Spring Adventure Days: 9am-4pm. Grades 1-6. Must register. Dress for the weather & bring a bag lunch. Sliding fee starts at \$35.

-Animals in Spring. Apr 7. Exploration and inquiry through hikes, games, crafts & more.

-Spring Adventure Day: Nature Designers. Apr 8. Design your own shelter, play games, make home homemade journals and crafts.

Parenting groups, fun activities at family centers

The Parenting Network



FREE Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Register for these seminars/discussion groups with Parent Helpline, 671-0566, unless otherwise indicated.

- Raising Resilient Children, Mar. 25, 6-7:30pm, Tippecanoe Library, 3912 S. Howell
- The Power of Positive Parenting, Mar. 31, 6-7:30pm. Bay View Library, 2566 S Kinnickinnic.
- Coping with Stress, Apr 9, 5:45-7:45pm. Oak Creek Library, 8040 S. 6 St., Oak Creek. To register: oakcreeklibrary.org
- Raising Confident Competent Children, Apr. 14, 6-7:30pm. Bay View Library, 2566 S Kinnickinnic
- Raising Resilient Children, Apr. 21, 6-7:30pm. Bay View Library, 2566 S Kinnickinnic
- Raising Confident Competent Children, Apr. 28, 5:30-7pm, Urban Ecology Center-Washington Park, 1859 N 40 St. To register: urbanecologycenter.org or contact Terry, 344-5460

At Zablocki Library, 3501 W Oklahoma:

- The Power of Positive Parenting, Apr 29, 6-7:30pm.
- Raising Confident Competent Children, May 27, 6-7:30pm.
- Raising Resilient Children, June 24, 6-7:30pm

For the most up-to-date schedule go to: <https://www.theparenting-network.org/classes> or contact the Parent Helpline 671-0566.

Parent Cafés

Join us for conversations with other parents! Share your wisdom, learn from others, and act together to create change. Parent Cafés provide parents the opportunity to come together to share the joys and challenges of parenting, to recharge and be validated. Attend one or attend all. To register, contact Andrea at The Parenting Network, 671-5575 x 12. Free family meal, transportation, and child care provided (registration required for childcare). Tuesdays, 5-7:30pm.

- Mar. 17. HeartLove Place at St. Francis Parish, 1927 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave.

April 21 & May 19: HeartLove Place at new location: YWCA, 1915 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

- Apr. 7, May 5: Urban Ecology Center, 1859 N 40 St.
- Apr. 14, May 12, Alexander Mitchell Integrated Arts School, 1728 S. 23 St.
- Mar. 24, Apr. 28, May 26. Hephatha Lutheran Church, 1720 W Locust St.

The Parenting Network seeks to empower anyone in a parenting role to provide a safe and nurturing home for their children -- parents, grandparents or other relatives raising children. Programs are held throughout Milwaukee Co. and at our home site, 7516 W Burleigh.

"I've gone for about 2 years. A meal is a bonus for my picky eater. Seeing others eat everything is a good influence (compared to her only liking certain things). And she gets to play with other kids while I get to actually talk with other adults without kids present!"

HOPE Network member Jessica commented on the Parent Café:

COA Youth & Family Centers

- *Riverwest Family Resource Center* 909 E. Garfield

Contact Shay Knox: 290-7908 All programs are free.

Family Drop-In 9:30-11:30am Mon-Fri. Join us for a free play time, a healthy snack, an art activity, and finish off the morning with circle time filled with nursery rhymes.

Lunch Bunch, 11:30am-1pm Mon.-Th. Bring a lunch to enjoy and play in the gym afterwards! When weather permits, we go outside to play on our playground.

- *Gill Family Resource Center*, Goldin Center 2320 W. Burleigh See Professional Development p. 21. For more information or questions: LaDonna Walton, 265-7698, lwalton@coa-yfc.org

Daily Family Drop-In 9:30am-3:30pm Mon-Thurs Free play-time, snack, arts & crafts, and opportunity for new parent connections. Cozy Closet Clothing Bank: during Drop-In hrs.

Free Urban Line Dance Classes at both Centers. See p. 4

Health Fair: 9am-11am and 3:30-5:30pm Apr. 30. Auer Ave. School, 2319 W. Auer Ave. In collaboration with COA: 265-7696.

Neighborhood House

2819 W. Richardson Place, off 27th St., one block south of W. State

Also see: yoga & roller skating on p. 4, camps on p. 26, and Head Start on p. 20.

Register: 933-6161 Ext.142

March Madness, 5-6:30pm Mar. 17. Tournament-style fun for all. Join our Teens on the Move who will host this event. Activities will range from connect 4 to 3-on-3 Basketball.

Maple Sugaring: 9am-2:30pm Mar. 21. Tap, drill, collect sap, and see syrup being created. Includes art activity and a hike. Lunch & transportation to Nature Center in Neosho provided.

Milwaukee Art Museum, 9:30-2pm Apr 18. Learn how artists and cultures view the concept of family, then create family portrait. Pack a lunch. Transportation from NH provided.

Mother/Daughter Painting Party, 6-9pm May 8. Spend an artistic evening with music, food & fun; register by Apr 30.

Betty Brinn Children's Museum, 11:30-2pm, May 16. Pack a lunch. Transportation from NH provided.

Spring Picnic, 9-12pm May 21. Join our International Learning Program for their annual potluck. Located at Washington Park; no registration required.

Annual Juan Bernal Poetry Slam 6-8pm June 5. Evening of poetry, peace & love; come share or listen. Info: Blanca bgonzales@nh-milw.org

Family Camping Trip, June 6-7; enjoy a weekend of fun with the family outdoors; leave at 9am on Saturday and return by 2pm on Sunday; S'mores and camping supplies provided; register with Niki at 933-6161 Ext 156 or nespy@nh-milw.org.

Sail on the Denis Sullivan 3-masted schooner: learn about marine challenges; take photos to create a visual journal while on board. Pack a lunch. June date be determined. Transportation provided.

After School & Off Day ages 6-12. WI Shares accepted; scholarships available. Spring Break: \$35.18/day. At Neighborhood House and Albert Story School. Snacks, homework help, roller skating, interest clubs, basketball, computer lab. Phan Sanford 993-6161 x 139



A sacred gathering for families
experiencing pregnancy and infant loss
10-11am on the second Saturday of the month

Childcare provided upon request
Sojourner Family Peace Center, 619 W. Walnut St.

Facilitator: DeeAnna Brown, RN
Nurse and Grieving Mother

Over the last decade, the African American Breastfeeding Network has celebrated the beauty of birth and breastfeeding with more than 1,000 families. Unfortunately, we have also heard the many voices of despair from families who have lost infants.

We've made a commitment to end suffering in silence due to infant loss. Healing Waters supports families who have experienced infant loss of a pregnancy at any stage or death of a baby up to 12 months of age. The pain families experience is insurmountable, traumatizing, and unbearable. Our trained facilitators and volunteers welcome families to join with others who share in grief. Healing Waters is a safe space to help mothers and their loved ones begin or continue their healing journey. Visit aabnetwork.org to complete required registration form. Info: 617-1222.

Pregnancy and Child Loss Support Circle

6-7pm second Monday of the month at Bay View Community Center. Facilitated by Ana Nicolson, a bereaved mother and full spectrum (conception to death) doula.

A supportive group for bereaved parents and families who have experienced the loss of a child through stillbirth, pregnancy loss, or infant death. Opportunity to share and process your grief, connect with others, and find support in a culture that often avoids talking about death and grief. Babies in arms and young children welcome as you see fit. Supervised play available for ages 2+ in adjoining Children's Room with advanced registration. 1320 E. Oklahoma. 482-1000

Second Saturday family gathering

Join the fun Mar. 14, April 11, and May 9! 11am-1pm. All Saints Church cafeteria, 4050 N 26. Fun activities, tasty lunch, new friends, free books and gifts. Enter on south side between 25th & 26th. Bus lines 26/62. Free bus picks up at 10:35am at 16th St. Comm. Health Center, 1032 S Cesar Chavez Dr. Returns at 1:30pm

A program of the Christ Child Society of Milwaukee.

Breastfeeding resources

African American Breastfeeding Network Community Breastfeeding Gatherings for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. For fathers, there's a discussion led by father and community leader Brooks Griffin. Registration encouraged, but not required: 617-3441. Two monthly educational sessions:

Every 2nd Thursday: Northside YMCA, 1350 W. North Ave. 5:30 p.m. registration & dinner; 6pm program.

Every 3rd Saturday All Saints Family Health Center, 2400 W Villard. 11am lunch; program at 11:30.

Our Chat Room 10am 4th Saturday, All Saints Family Health Center, 2400 W. Villard. Safe space for mothers of color to gather for support, encouragement and to share tips on nutrition, parenting, and ways to achieve breastfeeding success.

-Breastfeeding Support Group at Our Daily Bread noon-2pm 2nd Sat. of the month. Discussions on: skin to skin, latching, breastfeeding position, and basic benefits. Free snacks, gifts. Info: 755-0535 (leave name and phone number). 6040 W. Lisbon # 203

- Ascension Columbia St. Mary: Breastfeeding Getting Started 6-8:30pm Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, June 10. \$20; scholarships available. Attend while pregnant. *Breastfeeding & Beyond the Hospital* 1:30-3pm Mar. 25, Apr 22, May 27, June 24. \$15. 2323 N. Lake Dr. Register: **585-1025** 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 Mon Mar 30, Apr 20, May 7, June 1. Best if attend at 7th/8th mo. \$20 fee waived for WIC moms. Register: healthcare.ascension.org/477-2622 Classes also: Elmbrook Hosp, Brookfield, St. Francis. *Breastfeeding & Beyond*, 3-4pm every Thurs. Meets in the NICU lobby. Free. Registration not required. 447-4459

- 16th St. Community Health Center at 1032 S. Cesar Chavez Dr. Every Thurs. breastfeeding class 11am-noon. Spanish & English.

- Breastfeeding Resource Group: noon-1pm Wed. at Authentic Birth Center/Wellness Collective, 530 N. 108 Place, Ste. 100. Free informal lactation group to weigh babies and check latch and positioning, as well as discuss nursing questions and possible complications. Bring a lunch or a snack if you wish. 231-9640

- Mothering the Mother, Inc. www.motheringthemotherrinc.org Schedule free breastfeeding help online: see *Services* tab. Breastfeeding & childbirth classes, see website for dates. All classes on a sliding scale: \$10-\$40. 1588 S. 81 St. West Allis. 378-9524

Waukesha: Breastfeeding with Confidence classes \$15 6:30-8:30pm ProHealth Waukesha Mem. Hosp. Mar 24, Apr 7 & 29 & May 7

- Waukesha: Breastfeeding class 9:30-11:30 May 11; 12:30-2:30pm Apr 28, June 9; 4:30-6:30pm June 9. Also in Spanish one-on-one. Register, Waukesha Co. Public Health Dept: 262-896-8440.

- Breastfeeding groups Pewaukee ProHealth West Wood Health & Fitness 1-3pm Wed; Oconomowoc Hospital 1-3pm Thurs. Breastfeeding helpline: 262-928-7650



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.

Our Daily Bread Community Outreach Center

6040 W Lisbon #203, 301-3732. *Prenatal/new moms and Free Pampers Program on p. 18-19; Breastfeeding support, p. 16*

8th Annual Resource Fair: Prenatal & Babies Noon-3pm May 2, Villard Square Library, 5190 N. 35. For pregnant women and new mothers with babies up to 3 yrs. Baby clothing/items, door prizes, food, and free resources from community vendors. Info: 301-3732.

A Better Us Support Group for Mothers: for expectant mothers and new mothers meets Mar 23, Apr 13, Apr 27, May 11, May 25 at Our Daily Bread's office, 6040 W. Lisbon Ave, Suite #203. 5:30-6:30pm (arrive by 5:45pm and receive free Pampers). Candid discussions on AODA, depression, and mental health, and working towards healthy living and decreasing stress. Attendance incentives available after attending two sessions.



Be sure to count everyone who is living in your household. Visit www.milwaukee.gov/2020Census to learn about census jobs (\$20-22/hr.)

Bay View Community Center 1320 E. Oklahoma.

www.bayviewcenter.org Register at least 1 week ahead: 482-1000

Drop-in play groups Mon: newborn to age 3, 9:30am-12:30pm

Tues. & Wed: newborn to age 6, 9:30am-12:30pm

Wed: After Lunch Bunch, ages 3-8, 1:30pm-4:30pm

Thurs, Fri & Sat: newborn-age 6, 9:30am-12:30pm

All \$1 per day or \$25 for unlimited visits thru June 30.

First Year Circle for expectant mothers/families with babies 1 and under, 10am-noon Fri. Supervised play for ages 2-6 in Children's Room

Toddler Years Circle for families of ages 1-4, 9:30-11:30am Mon.

Sat. Circle for Working Parents of children under 6 (older siblings may attend), 10am-noon Mar 28, Apr 25. Special guests, networking

Pregnancy/Child Loss Support Circle 6-7pm 2nd Mon. See p. 16

Milwaukee Babywearing Meet-Up: 2-4pm 4th Fri. Also, Safe Babywearing Practices class 1-2:30pm Mar. 21. \$15.

Pajama Storytime with craft, 4:45-5:30pm Mar. 26, Apr. 30.

Intergenerational Storytime for kids & adults of all ages. 3-4pm Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23. Story, snack & art, music or a game At Howard Village senior living community. Free, but must register.

All-Abilities Playgroup: activities for children, parents, grandparents (adults of all ages), 10-11am Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 20, June 17. At Milw. Center for Independence. Free, but must register.

Family Chefs: For families (age 9 & under). Mar. 21: Chili; Apr. 18: Breakfast for Dinner; May 16: Pizza with Pizazz. 10-11:30am. \$10 per workshop/per family; or \$30 for all three. Cook a meal to enjoy together

Family Language Lab: 10-11am Apr 25. Learn Spanish words and phrases thru hands-on activity/toddler friendly exercises. For families w/ children 2 yrs. and up. \$6 per family. Inc. snack & Playgroup admission.

Make & Take Workshops for parents/caregivers and children 1-6 yrs. 10-11am Apr. 2 & May 7. \$5 per family, per workshop. Storytime, snack, and Playgroup admission included.

Blanket of Love Sanctuary

Are you pregnant or have you recently given birth? Contact a Blanket of Love Sanctuary to learn about community resources to support you and your family. The 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, 2429 W. Hampton Ave. 231-3254
- Ascension Columbia St. Mary, 2323 N. Lake Dr. 447-2678
- Ascension St. Joseph Campus, 5000 W. Chambers, 447-2678
- Bethel CME Church, 3281 N. 26 St., 315-0272
- Bethel Temple Church of God in Christ, 2576 N. 5 St., 397-5833
- Bountiful Harvest Church of God, 3300 N. 39 St., 871-3881
- Bradford Memorial AME Church, 4260 N. Teutonia, 445-2189
- Calvary Baptist Church, 2959 N. Teutonia, 372-1450
- Catholic churches/eastside/St Hedwig 1716 N Humboldt 271-6577
- Divine Temple C.O.T.F.B., 5532 W. Hampton, 617-3300
- Ebenezer Church of God in Christ, 3132 N. King Dr., 793-0328
- 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
- Little Community C.O.G.I.C., 2025 W. Hampton, 514-5151
- Mt. Zion Healing Temple, 4300 N. Green Bay Rd., 856-4492
- Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2207 N. 2, 372-7811
- New Covenant Baptist Church, 2315 N. 38, 873-1221
- Newport Missionary Baptist Church, 2237 N. 11 St., 265-5881
- Northwest Baptist Church, 4373 N. 92, 463-3630 ext. 603
- Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, 3456 N. 38 St., 873-1045
- Reformation Lutheran Church, 3806 W. Lisbon, 444-0440
- St. John Concordia CME Church, 300 W. Concordia, 264-9881
- St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, 128 W. Burleigh, 372-3090
- St. Matthew CME Church, 2944 N. 9 St., 213-5091
- Trinity CME Church, 1601 W. Clarke St, 204-9528
- True Love Missionary Baptist Church, 210 W. Keefe, 264-6869
- Unity Gospel House of Prayer Apostolic Church, 1747 N. 13 St. 574-1245
- Unity Evg. Lutheran Church, 1025 E. Oklahoma Ave., 744-6311
- Village Ministries Inc., 2614 W. Center, 535-8227



Blanket of Love
Wrapping young women & families in support from pregnancy through early parenting

Blanket of Love prenatal & parenting program

5:30-7pm every Monday, Ascension St. Joseph, 5000 W. Chambers. Blanket of Love creates a community of support through a welcoming meal eaten together, an educational group setting, and time for sharing with staff and other members of the group. For young women, their spouse or friend and family. Free. Registration is required. To register, or for other locations offering this program, call 447-2678 or 465-3637

FREE home visit & items provided for child-proofing your home. Must live in City of Greenfield. Appt required, 414-329-5275

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 on April 7, 14, 21, 28. 12:30-2:30pm Free. Participant receives free baby gift after each class attended. 514 Riverview Ave. Register: 262-896-8479 www.waukeshacounty.gov/pregnancy

UWM Community Nursing Centers Prenatal care coordination services. Contact our PNCC Liaison at Silver Spring Community Nursing Center, 5460 N. 64; call 535-0432 for info or to schedule at appointment. Family Planning Only Services are also provided at this site.

Next Door Head Start and Early Head Start home visitation provides weekly home visits for pregnant moms & families with children up to 5 yrs. Site-based programming for children 6 wks. up to 5 yrs. Services available for special needs children. 2545 N. 29 St. & 5310 W. Capitol 376-8902 x2534 www.nextdoormke.org

16th St Community Health Center 1032 S. Cesar Chavez Dr. Tues **car seat class** English/Spanish 10-11am. **Parenting Skills Class** Spanish 10am-11:30 Thurs. Sarahi, 897-5296. **Prenatal Class** 8am-noon 1st Sat. every mo. for pregnant women 27+ wks. Bilingual. Breakfast, childcare provided. Activities, learning, fun. May bring a labor partner along. Must register: 897-5294 897-5286

Mommy & Baby-Live Well Be Well supports expectant mothers & mothers with newborns (30 days or less). AODA/mental health assistance, parenting classes, nutrition education, community activities, breastfeeding training, lifestyle management (stress relief techniques) clothing incentives, and \$25 client referral program. Our Daily Bread Community Outreach Center, 6040 W Lisbon, #203. 301-3732.

Encompass Solutions: provides free & confidential support to pregnant women and families with newborns (8 wks or younger) who receive Medicaid (BadgerCare). Services inc. prenatal, childbirth & parenting education, nutrition & breastfeeding support, healthy living & lifestyle management, employment training, Welcome Baby gift, and referrals to community resources. Contact: 722-3274 www.encompass-solutions.org

Kingly Community Resource Center: resources, support to pregnant women & mothers of ages 2 mos. or younger receiving Medicaid/BadgerCare. Referrals to financial resources, healthcare, childcare, computer lab, resume prep, parenting classes. 4200 N Holton St. Ste. 110. Contact: Ms. Torrie Moffett, 933-6768

Childbirth education at Aurora Sinai, free classes by Easter Seals Safe Babies Healthy Families. 4:30-6:30pm 4 Thurs starting on the first Thurs. of each month. Receive diapers by attending all 4 classes Register: 262-548-4000. 960 N. 12,

-- **Other Easter Seals, Safe Babies Healthy Families programs:** pregnancy & parenting home visits for Waukesha and Milwaukee Counties (plus some areas of Walworth Co.) Education, support, resources, adoption information. English/Spanish mom's groups. Baby Buddies. 262-548-4000

Mothering the Mother childbirth & breastfeeding education. Classes in person or virtual, on a sliding fee scale: \$10-40; pay what you can afford. 1588 S. 81 St., West Allis. 378-9524. www.motheringthemothertinc.org.

Prepared Childbirth classes at Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital See www.healthcare.ascension.org/Events \$80, but partial or full scholarships available. Must register. 2323 N Lake Dr. 585-1025

Inner Peace Doula Services provides birth and postpartum doula services along with non-judgmental support, resources. Will work with you on various payment options. Contact Tonia, 915-0308 or Innerpeacedoulas@gmail.com to set up free consultation

A Miracle Happened Wellness and Birth Services offers prenatal, birth, and postpartum education, workshops, inc. breastfeeding & doula support. Various payment options. Contact Vanessa Johnson, RN, Certified Lactation Specialist, Doula, IG & FB @nurturingmiracles, 768-2268, vanessajohnson@nurturingmiracles.com

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

MHS Health Wisconsin Start Smart Program: 1-888-713-6180. Includes pregnancy education and care management.

If you have *Dean Health Plan*, call 608-830-5908 re: the Strong Beginnings program

iCare for Mom and Baby: free prenatal program for pregnant *iCare* BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid SSI members. Help to find a health care provider, obtain baby supplies, community resources, help to find housing, other support. 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. 4957 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Call or text 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.wiadopt.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. Layettes given 3-4 wks before due date; bring photo ID, pregnancy statement. Clothing newborn to 4T. Always call before coming. 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; also financial classes, and counseling. 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 limited Ob/ultrasound (appointments required), 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

APS Medical unintended pregnancy consultation, free pregnancy tests, limited ultrasounds. Loving Parents Incentive Program, newborn gift pack, diapers, post-abortion support. 8501 W Lincoln. Call helpline for walk-in hrs or appt. 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

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. Call or text our 24-hr. crisis cell phone at 414-573-5899 for immediate assistance

Pregnancy Support Services of ECFA provides free in-home services inc. pregnancy counseling & support, goal setting, community resource referrals, safe sleep, car seats & other baby needs, parenting support, adoption services. 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

BABIES and CHILDREN

Mommy & Baby Live Well Be Well Care coordination (CCC) for mothers with newborns (30 days or less). Continued CCC services until child is age 7. Access to AODA/mental health educational classes, social activities, employment, clothing incentive for both mom & baby, \$25 client referral program, community resources. **Community Free Pampers Program:** Pampers available on a monthly basis to mothers in need when funds are low. Call 755-0535 and leave a clear message with name and telephone number for appointment. Your call will be returned in 24-48 hours. Our Daily Bread Community Outreach Center, 6040 W Lisbon #203, 301-3732

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

Parenting Classes 6-week series covers a different topic each session. Contact the Parenting Resource Center for info: 897-5296. 16th St. Community Health Center, 1032 Cesar Chavez Dr.

New Parents Network Newborns & infants 11am-1pm Wed.

Toddlers 9-11am Wed. Registration not required. Columbia St. Mary Hospital/Milw. Women's Hospital/Nicholas Family Education Cntr, 2323 N Lake Dr

Infant Massage 9-10:30am Mar 21, Apr 25; 1:30-3pm Mar 11, May 13. Bring baby 4 wks to pre-walker. \$21 (includes *Loving Touch Massage* booklet), but can ask for scholarship. Columbia St Mary, 2323 N. Lake Dr. 585-1025

Coalition for Children Youth & Families provides information, resources, and support for foster, adoptive, and relative families, helping them become strong and resilient. www.wifostercareandadoption.org 1-800-762-8063

Women's Care Center Material assistance (diapers, car seats, cribs, etc.) when enrolled in Center services. Classes: one-on-one birth preparation, baby care basics, breastfeeding, & goals 634 W Mitchell St, 645-4050/1441 N Farwell 223-2610

New Concept 8-wk parent series Wed 10-noon or Th 5-7pm Register 1st day; only 20 in class. 1531 W Vliet 344-5788 x22

Children's Hospital Community Services adoption services, foster care, parenting programs 620 S 76, Ste 240. 453-1400. Child & family counseling, 620 S. 76, Ste 120, 292-4242.

Baby Connection 10:30-noon Wed. free mom's group Brookfield Ascension Elmbrook's Pavlic Center, 19305 W. North Ave. 447-2622

Safe Families for Children Provides a secure, temporary home for children whose parents are in a crisis situation. Families in need may also be connected to Family Friends and Family Coaches. Info: 345-8715 8:30-5pm M-F

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

WIC provides food, as well as nutrition information, to help keep families healthy. See listing of WIC clinics on page 3.

Postpartum resources, support

Not feeling yourself while you're pregnant, or after the birth of your baby? Are you feeling depressed, anxious, not sleeping, isolated and overwhelmed? You're not alone! Here are resources that can provide a safe and caring place for connection and recovery.

- **Postpartum support group** 1:30-3pm first Wed of the month; drop-in. Free. babyclasses@columbia-stmarys.org Columbia St Mary's, 2323 N. Lake Dr.

- **Mindful Moms Group** follows book: *Breathe Mama Breathe*. Noon 1st & 3rd Fri. Authentic Birth Center/Wellness Collective, 530 N 108 Place, Ste. 100. Participants will feel supported as they share their struggles & successes. www.authenticbirthcenter.com 231-9640

- **Call the Postpartum Support International HelpLine:** 1-800-944-4773 or text 503-894-9453.

- Well Badger Resource Center (see below)

Well Badger Resource Center provides health-related information and referral services to individuals, families, and health professionals. Certified specialists available 7am-6pm M-F, via phone, email, text, online live chat, or Facebook Messenger. Call 1-800-642-7387, or email help@wellbadger.org. Online directory: www.wellbadger.org

Classes for child care providers, budgeting, home buyers

Ready to Read with Books2Go

Continuing education workshops for child care providers by Milw. Public Library; approved by the WI Registry. Free. Registration required, begins 3 wks. ahead. Register early; classes fill up fast: call 286-3011 or register online at www.mpl.org/childcareworkshops. Adults only; no children. All Tier 2.

Six Skills for Early Literacy: Attend this one 1st, as it's foundation for other workshops. CE: 3.0 hrs. Washington Park, Mar 28, 10:30-1:30pm

Start Right, Finish Bright: Building foundations in infant & toddler classroom. Learn about great books/activities that promote early literacy skills. CE: 3.0 hrs. Villard Square, Apr 18, 10:30-1:30pm

Literacy and Play: Learn to guide children's learning through structured play. CE: 2.0 hrs. Capitol, Jan 18, 10:30am-12:30pm

Hidden Treasures: Learn simple but creative story time props using recyclable material. Bring your camera. CE: 2.0 hrs. Central, Community Room 1, Mar 21, 10:30am-12:30pm

Using Books to Encourage Positive Behavior and will help redirect children's behavior. CE: 3.0 hrs Mitchell Street, Apr 25, 10:30-1:30pm

4C For Children

Agency provides training for existing and new child care providers and helps parents find quality child care. It's the official Child Care Resource & Referral Agency for this six-county area.

Child Care Info Sessions: for those interested in becoming a regulated child care provider. Learn about the different types of regulated child care in Wis. and the steps you need to take to start the process for each type. Call for 2020 dates: 562-2650. Classes are typically \$10, 6-8pm. Classes are held at 4C office: 1736 N. 2nd St.

For more info about **Child Care Trainings** or **child care continuing education**, see class listings under the "Training" tab at the website: www.4C-forchildren.org

Referral Line: 562-2676 for parents seeking child care options. Or, start a search at above website 4C maintains a database of regulated child care programs. Along with a list of customized child care referrals, families will receive resources and tip sheets on selecting quality care, sample interview questions, and a checklist to help families with their search. 562-2650

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. Services are available for children with special needs. Must meet income guidelines. Thirty-five city sites. Info: 252-0350

- **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** Free Head Start and Early Head Start. Nine locations in Milw. Co. provide a free Head Start education for children 6 weeks to 5 years old. All centers are 5-star Youngstar rated. Diapers, wipes, and nutritious meals for all enrolled children. Acelero is a full year program and is always enrolling. For a list of centers: www.acelero.net. 616-5000

- **Next Door Head Start** offered at various sites, or as home visits. To enroll your child, call 376-8902 x2534 or complete an interest form at www.nextdoormke.org and a staff member will contact you. Walk-ins welcome for enrollment at 2545 N 29 & 5310 W. Capitol

Prom dress donations needed: gently used, clean prom or bridesmaid dresses, shoes, accessories are being collected thru May 2. Sponsor: Big, Beautiful & Blessed. Info: 553-3255 or calendarbbb@gmail.com

Home buyer workshops

Housing Resources, Inc., a HUD approved organization offers workshops for homebuyers or homeowners below.

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

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

-- 5:30-7:30pm March 17, 24 & 31 at MLK Library or April 7, 14 & 21 at Capitol Library or May 12, 19 & 26 at Bay View Library

-- 10am-4pm May 16 at Light House Youth Center, 5641 N. 68, or April 18 at Journey House, 2110 W. Scott St.

-- 9am-noon April 7 & 14 or May 5 & 12 at Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club, 3000 N. Sherman Blvd. or June 2 & 9 at Northcott Neighborhood House, 2460 N 6th St.

"I bought a house! Now What?" Maintenance basics, home retention tips, how to get involved in the community, and learn how to qualify for local home improvement or foreclosure prevention resources. 9am-3pm May 2 at Housing Resources, 7830 W Burleigh.

NeighborWorks Week Homeownership Fair

10am-1pm June 13, Greater New Birth Church, 8237 W. Silver Spring Dr. Meet a variety of real estate professionals and learn about available down payment assistance resources. Info HRI: 461-6330

Spring Home Improvement Fair April 8, 6-7:30pm Journey House 2110 W Scott. Connect with lenders, home improvement & repair resources and other organizations to learn about buying or improving a house. Free. Info: Cinthya 944-6007.

Take Root Milwaukee Spring Homeownership Fair

May 2. Learn about resources that can help you buy, fix and keep a home. Workshop: *Getting Credit-Ready for Homeownership*. Sign up for one of the Neighborhood Home Tours which will take you inside of three homes up for sale. Learn about down payments, mortgage loans, and the home purchase and purchase/rehab process. Check www.TakeRootMilwaukee.com later for time & location.

Homebuyers Seminars United Community Center. Learn the process of buying, get pre-qualifies for a mortgage, loan, homebuyer certificate, learn about grants. 6-10pm. 1028 S. 9, 384-3100

English Part 1 Apr 2, May 7, June 4, July 2

Part 2 Apr 9, May 14, June 11, July 9

Spanish Part 1 Apr 23, May 21, June 18, July 23

Part 2 Apr 30, May 28, June 25, July 30

Free Rent for Success training

Designed to educate and empower renters to make safe, healthy choices in their housing, and to provide helpful resources if anything does go wrong with an arrangement. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion and a 50-page manual. The City of Milwaukee Dept. of Neighborhood Services session: - 10:30am Mar. 21, Washington Park, 2121 N Sherman Blvd. Visit www.milwaukee.gov/Rent for tips about avoiding property rental scams, and more. **(Editor: very complete, useful information!)**



Computer help

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



Free adult education

By Literacy Services of Wis. thru MPS: GED prep, HSED alternative (No. Division only), reading, writing, math, ELL, citizenship, basic computer skills, resume prep, skills for helping children with homework. One-on-one or in small groups, classes or workshops at North Division High School, 1011 W. Center, Rm 158, 267-5171 & South Division High School, 1515 W. Lapham, Rm 111, 902-8388.

Earn your high school diploma: Fast-track yourself to success with Milw. Public Library and Career Online High School. Earn an accredited high school diploma and train for one of 10 high-growth careers. Learn more at www.mpl.org/cohs.

Journey House Career Opportunity Center

Information sessions: 10am Fridays. THRIVE program prepares participants for the workforce in career pathways such as retail, banking, hospitality, manufacturing, landscaping, and construction. Journey House, 2110 W. Scott St. 647-0548 ext. 124.

Health Conference of the Milw. Consortium for Hmong Health Empowering Families: *Saving Lives through Education and Screening*, 8am-2pm Apr. 11, Italian Community Center, 631 E Chicago St. Info: 446-9321 mchhconference@gmail.com

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 & GED classes have a rolling admission process with classes held throughout the year. Apply online at cr-sdc.org Classes at SDC office: 1730 W. North Ave. 906-2750.

Adult Learning Center, 1916 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave. Classes for students of all learning levels, with a focus on preparing for the GED exams. Call 263-5874 or visit "alcmke.org" to enroll. Tuition is just \$20 per semester.

The Adult Education program at **YWCA Southeast Wisconsin** offers a mix of open lab, one-on-one tutoring, and classroom-style instruction preparing students for GED testing. Also, flexible times; financial education; basic computer and keyboarding skills courses; college resources; and onsite GED testing. Orientations for HSED are offered on Thursdays, either 9-11:30am or 1-4pm, 1915 N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. The instructor will provide detailed instructions for next steps during orientation. GED preparation and testing is ongoing.

The Dominican Center is accepting enrollment in free adult education classes, held 9-11:30am Mon-Thurs. at the Center, 2470 W. Locust. The Center partners with MATC to offer free TABE testing, and creates a specialized plan for each student depending on their needs. One-on-one tutor support is offered at a place that is quiet and com-

Job help

Professional Development at COA, 2320 W. Burleigh: 10am-4pm Help individuals in becoming employed or one step toward their career goal. Also, help with resumes, cover letters, and other needs will be offered. 265-7689

Goodwill Workforce Center: Free services to help you find a job. No appt. needed. 9-5pm M-F. Job postings, workshops & help with resumes/cover letters, access to computers, Internet, printer, fax; drivers's license recovery program. 3903 N. Richards, 962-4148; 6055 N. 91, 847-4960; 153 W. Oklahoma, 847-4740; 5400 S. 60, 847-1500.

YWCA Opportunity Advancement Center resume & job search help, interview practice, computer use. Walk-in, must fill out intake form. 8am-4pm M-F. 1915 N Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr 374-1800

Other resources at YWCA Southeast Wisconsin:

Professional Image Program: helps women gain employment. Offers image guidance, free professional attire, and interview preparation. 1915 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Dr. Call for appointment. 267-3970

Personal Financial Management Provides free finance workshops one-on-one budget & credit coaching. For more information, email: jcarter@ywcawis.org

Employment counseling & life skills development

The Women's Center 505 N. East Ave. Waukesha. Call for topics for free monthly workshops. Additional 1:1 help with resumes, cover letters, interviewing. Free computer use for job search by appt. Free childcare by appointment: 262-547-4600

forting. For HSED/GED info, stop in & talk to Barbara Parker-Wells, education coordinator. 444-9930; www.dominican-center.org

Next Door provides services to all adults interested in pursuing adult education and achieving their GED. For more info: 376-8902 x2563

Literacy Services of Wisconsin: one-on-one and small groups offered for adults seeking tutoring in math & reading, English language learning, GED/HSED preparation, basic computer skills, and citizenship at 1545 S. Layton Blvd. (643-5108), and downtown at 555 N. Plankinton (344-5878)

Journey House Adult School offers Adult Basic Skills and GED in English & Spanish, prep class for 509 HSED program, ELL (English Language Learners), citizenship, & bilingual computer classes. Morn., aft, or eve. classes start in June, Sept., or Jan. Small fee for classes. Free childcare for children (walking to age 6) a.m. or p.m.. Info or to sign up for orientation: 647-0548.

New Concept Self-Development Center: adult education/GED prep free 9am-noon T/W/Th. Individualized class, transition to higher education at MATC. Visit class to register. 1531 W Vliet 344-5788

Waukesha WCTC campus provides free programs: Adult High School (credit recovery), High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) & GED, English as a Second Language classes, and more. Programs are available to everyone. To get started, call 262-695-6500 for info.

Free clothing at Single Mother's Trading Post

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

- Used clothing. You may bring items your kids have outgrown.
- Each mother may take 1 bag of clothes; also, wipes and diapers are available for each child in diapers, while supplies last.

The used clothing is free, but mothers are asked to bring 1 or 2 cans of food for the local food pantry (if getting diapers, it's a requirement). Co-sponsors: HOPE Network & Ascension Lutheran Church

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

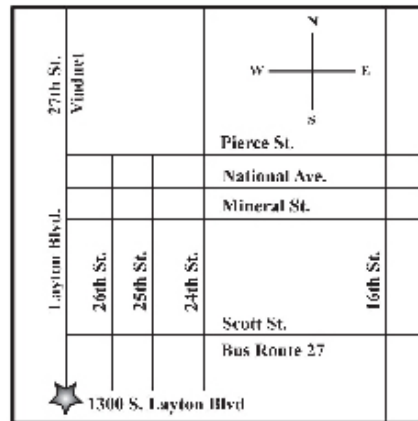
1st & 3rd Thurs: Mar 19, Apr 2, 16, May 7, 21, June 4, 18

Ascension Lutheran

1300 S. Layton Blvd. (S. 27th St. turns into S. Layton Blvd, south of the Domes)

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

In church south wing; enter southernmost entrance marked by a brown canopy and number "1300." Upstairs; take elevator.



Sanctuary offers customized care for the city's homeless

By Emily Perkins

The cold Milwaukee winters can be hard for everyone to endure, but for the homeless, they are especially harsh and even life-threatening. But there is a place where they can find a warm welcome, hope, and a helping hand.

Twice a week at the back door of the Hephatha Lutheran Church, the McCannon Brown Homeless Sanctuary hosts its Doorway Ministry. There, its volunteers distribute winter clothing, blankets, fresh produce, household items, bicycles, and more to the homeless and those at risk of it. While some of their guests may have temporary housing, many of them sleep on the streets, in tents, and under bridges. These items can be life-

saving for them.

On Fridays, the Sanctuary offers guests, free of charge, a hot, nutritious meal, games and activities, free legal assistance, medical consultations and evaluations, grooming services, literacy and math tutoring, help finding stable housing, and AA meetings.

The Sanctuary currently serves 250 guests per week and their members are growing.

Sister McCannon Brown, who leads the organization, says that MBHS is a unique model of care because both volunteers and guests come from diverse backgrounds and come together in a unified mission to help each other. The guests who are homeless, or who have been homeless in the past, take leadership roles and help make decisions as equals, which gives them dignity and allows them to see themselves as a key part in a very important mission.

Unlike publicly funded programs that provide the same care to everyone, MBHS offers customized care based on each individual's needs. This approach is very successful and helps motivate guests to take advantage of avenues that can better their lives. Sister

Brown says that private funding makes this unique model possible. MBHS recently purchased a five-story building where they plan to offer even more life-changing solutions to Milwaukee's most vulnerable residents.

Sister Brown says that many of the guests who arrive on their doorstep are mothers and their children. She urges single mothers who are homeless or at risk to take advantage of their services: "Help is there for you. Reach for it."

Two locations to get help:

Hephatha Doorway Ministry:

- 11am-1pm every Tues & Thurs,
 - Fantastic Fridays: 11:30am-5pm, with free supper at 3pm
 - Noon-1 pm Sundays, free clothing distribution and food.
- At Hephatha Lutheran Church, their temporary location (18th & Locust).

Center St. Doorway Ministry:

- 11am-12:30pm every Tues & Thurs, free clothing and food
- At 2461 W. Center St. (this will be the Sanctuary's new location, under construction).

MSO concert highlights homeless problem

Free community performance by the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra: 2:30pm Mar. 28. This oratorio-style work, titled: *emergency shelter intake form*, confronts homelessness from several angles. Includes a choir made up of community members directly touched by homelessness, eviction, or housing insecurity. Panel Discussion & Talk Back session to follow concert.

To reserve free tickets, visit mso.org. At North Division High School, 1011 W. Center St.

- A partner event at 2-3pm Mar. 25 will feature an MSO ensemble at Community Advocates & the Legal Aid Society, 728 N. James Lovell St. Patrons can learn more about these organizations that support families struggling with housing instability.

Register at mso.org/community



Always grateful for donations,

the Sanctuary needs in-season clothing, coats, shoes, blankets, sleeping bags, and hygiene products.

To volunteer, call 414-305-8997.

To donate, call or visit mbsanctuary.org

Sources for free or low-cost clothing

Children's Clothing Center: Must have voucher to shop, obtained from a school principal or social worker. With voucher, each child (grades K4-12) receives 5 tops & pairs of socks, 3 pants, a hoodie, a winter coat, gloves, a hat, 7 pairs of underwear each school year. Open 9am-noon Thursdays (except when no school), and 9am-noon 2nd Saturday of each mo, thru Apr. 30. Call Sally Lautmann, 526-2574 for info about vouchers. 1936 Vel R. Phillips Ave. Run by Ladies of Charity. Clothing donations welcome.

Reformation Lutheran Church **Neighborhood Store** 3806 W. Lisbon, high quality/low-cost clothes, household items, Call for hours: 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 2nd & 4th Wed; kids' & adult clothing. Photo ID for adults (report card, etc for kids); proof of address (recent mail). 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 2nd & 4th Sat by appointment. 934-0216

Father Gene's HELP Center, 5919 W National. For clothes, call 9:30-11am M, W, or F & tell them sizes needed. You can go a week later to pick up your order. May use every 6 mos. 258-4357.

Casa Maria, 1131 N 21 St. garage in back. 10am-1pm Mon. & Wed. Call 1st, to be sure volunteer is there to help you. 344-5745

Bethany-Calvary Clothes Closet, 7265 W. Center (use east side door). Free clothes for your family (good condition). Open 10am-noon Wed. Closed in July, except on July 21, when clothes will be available during their Share Fair 11am-3pm. 258-2868

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 11am-2pm M, T, W. 2460 N. 6 St., 372-3770

Cozy Closet Clothing Bank at COA Goldin Center 2320 W Burleigh. During Family Drop-In hrs. 9:30am-3:30pm Mon-Thurs. Bring ID & proof of address. For zip 53206. 449-1757

Risen Savior 9505 W Brown Deer Rd. for zips: 53223, 53224, 53225 2-4pm 2nd & 4th Sat Must call 1st for appointment. 839-5630

Children's Clothing Bank, newborn to size 12; diapers, wipes, a few toys: 10-noon Tues & Th or by appt. 762-0552. St Stephen Family Life Center in Oak Creek, 1441 W Oakwood Rd. Serves these zip codes: 53110, 53129, 53130, 53132, 53154, 53220, 53228, 53235

Scott Christian Youth Center, 263-3177, 2741 N Teutonia. clothing/limited supply/unordered. 11-3:30pm Mon.-Fri. 1st come, 1st served

Good Samaritan Outreach 5924 W Burnham, 10-2pm T, W, Th. Need address proof (current piece of mail), photo ID for everyone in household. Food & clothes pantry. 541-7668

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 also has furniture.

Women's Care Center: Crib Club coupon incentives if enrolled in class for crib, car seat, stroller, clothing, diapers. See class info on p. 19. 634 W Mitchell St, 645-4050 and 1441 N Farwell 223-2610

Milwaukee Birthright 2025 W. Oklahoma Ste. 125, newborn clothing to 4T, layettes: must call 1 mo. (for appt.) before due date. For layettes,

need photo ID & pregnancy statement. Toddler clothing every 6 mos. Mon. 12:30-6pm, Tues noon-4pm Wed 10-2pm Thurs. noon-4pm, closed Fri-Sun See p 18 for pregnancy services. Always call before coming. 672-5433

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

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 on Our Lady of Good Hope Church campus, 40th & Good Hope. Women, men, children's clothing. Reasonably priced housewares. Use parking lot facing Good Hope. 9:30-3:30pm Tues/Th, 9:30-12:30pm 1st & 3rd Sat. 540-0489

RePurpose, 8211 W. Brown Deer Rd., used household furnishings, office furniture, clothing, gift items. 11-7pm M-F and Sat 10-5pm, 977-4250

Wellington Park Lutheran Church 10-11:30am 1st Sat. of mo, Clothing is free; \$1 donation or a food pantry item donation appreciated. Food pantry on Sat. by appt. 7017 W Medford. 461-4061.

St. Hyacinth, 1414 W. Becher, 4-6pm Wed. serves zips 53204 & 53215. All clothing sizes; blankets, towels, sheets, hygiene supplies, toys, winter items later. Available for visit every other month.

St Vincent Thrift Store 2320 W Lincoln, 9am-7pm M-F, 9am-6pm Sat. Clothes, shoes, housewares; pay with cash or voucher. 672-2040. (To see if you qualify for a voucher, call intake: 462-7837)

St. Vincent de Paul Society: In Milw, call 462-7837. May have help for you if you live in area of a donating parish with funding.

In Waukesha, call 262-547-3281 and you'll go through a church for a voucher. In Ozaukee Co, call 262-284-4637 re: a voucher.

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

Just Between Friends sale of children's items



Spring / summer sale April 15-18 at State Fair Park

Consignors sell a huge selection of kid's clothes, toys, strollers, car seats, books, maternity clothing. Over 100 thousand items in 52,000 square ft. ...all you need for your kiddos in one place.

-- First day Apr 15, 9am-8pm, \$3 entry but free tickets available (see website). -- Apr 16, 9am-8pm.

-- Apr 17, 9am-9pm, with some half price items from 5pm-9pm.

-- Apr 18, 9am-3pm, most items half price. Items without a star on tag are discounted. \$6 parking. Or, park on the street or at Gate 6 for free and walk over to the Expo Center. www.milwaukeecounty.jbfsale.com

End-of-Winter Clearance Sale - St Jude Thrift Shop

822 Glenview Ave., Wauwatosa. Everything in store will be \$1 Mar. 14 & 18. \$3 bag sale 9-noon Mar. 21. Hrs: 9am-3pm Wed. & Sat. 259-0975.

Rummage Sale Washington Co. Humane Society, Washington Co. Fairgrounds, 3000 County Hwy PV, West Bend. 7am-4pm June 5-6; clearance sale: 7am-noon June 7. Info: 262-677-4388

Children's Resale at Greendale High School

7:30-2pm Sat. Mar. 28; half-price sale 10am-2pm Sun. Mar. 29. Spring & summer infant & kids' clothes, toys, play equipment, books, high chairs, strollers, car seats, furniture. For safety, ages 10 & under not allowed at sale until after 10am (and no strollers). 6801 Southway, 2 blocks west of Loomis. www.greendaleentertainment.com

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

Village Church Interchange Food Pantry, 130 E Juneau, 1 block west of Water. 2-4 pm Tues; 4-7pm Wed; 9-11am Thurs; need photo ID. 273-7617

53206, 53209, 53210, 53212, 53216, 53218, 53222 to 53225

Trinity Presbyterian, 3302 N Sherman, 8:30-10:30am Tues. (or until nos. are gone); closed 1st Tues. of mo.; visit 2X per mo. 871-9440

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

Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church, 5505 W Lloyd. 8:30-10am Thurs. (or until nos. are gone); closed 1st Thurs. of mo.; visit 2X per mo. 476-3189

53205, 53208, 53210, 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 and 1-3:30pm; can use 1X every 30 days; bring photo ID, proof of residence, ID for each household member. Clothes 1-3pm with photo ID. Also, free legal clinic 4-6:30pm Tues. (but best to call for appointment). 933-1300

53206

COA Goldin Center, 2320 W. Burleigh. 4-6pm Wed. 9:30-11:30am Sat. Bring ID & proof of address. 449-1757

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.

53206, 53209, 53210, 53216

All Saints Parish 4051 N 25, 9:30-noon Tues & Thurs. IDs, proof of address needed for 1st visit. Meals: 5-6:30pm M, T, Th. 292-0532

53206, 53208, 53210

Good Samaritan Church of God in Christ, 5526 W. Burleigh. Bring ID & proof of address. Tues 10am-noon; Wed 1-3pm. 444-6955

53210, 53216

Jewish Community Pantry: address on building is 2930 W. Center, but pantry is at 2900 W. Center. 9am-2pm Thurs.; 10am-2pm 3rd & 4th Sun. ID & proof of address (current mail) required. Infant formula: need proof of child's birth date. ID for all household members required by 2nd visit. 447-8901, answered only when pantry is open

53209, 53218, 53225

Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, 5460 N. 64. Food pantry: 11am-2pm M, T, W. Also, Strong Baby Sanctuary with formula and sometimes, car seats. 463-7950 ext. 70.

53212

Northcott Neighborhood House 10a-2pm M,T,W; bring proof of residence/photo ID for you, other ID for household members 372-3770

53206

Scott Christian Youth Center: 2741 N Teutonia noon-2pm 2nd & 4th

Tues. Hot meals: 10-11am M-Sat; 3:30-4:30pm M-Th & Sun. For pantry, need photo ID; age verification for kids. 263-3177

53204

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, 53215

Hope House/Friedens 209 W Orchard, 12:30-2:30pm Tues/Th 10am-noon Sat. Bring ID & proof of residency for self & kids. 645-2122

53204 (south of Greenfield Ave.), 53215

St. Hyacinth/St. Anthony food pantry, 1414 W. Becher, 4-6pm Wed; need ID of everyone in household & proof of address. Can receive to a certain amount of food (value) per month. Nurse available for medical advice; social worker on hand; and personnel to register patrons for FoodShare.

St. Peter Lutheran Church, 1214 S. 8th (Scott), 3rd Sat. 10am-noon. 763-6435.

53204, 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.

53205

Coggs Center (Friedens) 1220 W. Vliet St. Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm. Bring ID & proof of residency for self & kids 289-6030

53208, south portion of 53210

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. 344-1818

53223, 53224, and 53225

Risen Savior, 9505 W. Brown Deer Rd. 11:45am-1:30pm 2nd & 4th Sat. 839-5630

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 27th St. **Bay View Community Center**, 1320 E Oklahoma 4-6pm Tues; 2:30-5:15pm Wed; 2:30-5:15pm Fri. Photo ID, proof of residency (such as utility bill or piece of official govt. mail within past 30 days), proof of income. 482-1000.

St. Stephen Family Life Center in Oak Creek 1441 W. Oakwood Rd for zip code 53154 and 53132 for adults, children. For formula, need WIC folder. Bring proof of address, photo ID. 9am-noon Tues. & Th. or call for appt. 762-0552

ReStore Milw. Habitat resale stores often have great bargains. They post their latest arrivals on Facebook. **Greenfield:** 4150 S. 108 St. **West:** 3015 N. 114, Wauwatosa, 316-5650; this is the only store open Mondays. **East:** 420 S. 1, 316-5682. **South:** 4150 S. 108th St., 257-9078. **Waukesha:** 2120 E. Moreland Blvd. 262-662-6061

Single Mother Want Ads

NOTE: HOPE Network does not do childcare background checks

PROVIDING CHILDCARE

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Lady Bugs Little Angels 3118 N. 7 St. Owner: Glenora, State Licensed. Now enrolling 1st and 2nd 6am-11pm, 6 weeks-12yrs. Hot nutritious home cooked meals, loving environment, educational programs (reading, math, science and art). I also participate in YoungStar CPR & Frist Aid certified. I have a loving and spacious home and yard. Call or make an appointment for a tour. 892-3719

Need a babysitter? I am very good with children and will give 100% of my attention to your kids. I am trustworthy, reliable, loyal, responsible, and a great, loving person. I can do simple housework. I am looking forward to working with you. Megan, 628-6812.

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/Ajoyfulnoisechildcare

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.

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.

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.

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Clean your home - That is me! I do a walk-through before doing the work on your home. Each room is \$50, and the kitchen is more. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. Megan, 628-6812.

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

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Victorious Women's Conference - 2020 Vision for Victory: 10am-5pm July 11 in Kenosha area. \$20. Panel discussion, break-out sessions, self-care, teen girl workshops, door prizes. Doubletree by Hilton, 11800 108th St., Pleasant Prairie. Register at www.VictoriousWomenmag.org

Monthly Networking Meeting *Keys to Rebuilding Your Life While Building Your Brand*, 6-7:30pm Mar. 16 at The Retreat, 2215 N. Martin Luther King Dr. Free, but must register through Facebook or eventbrite. Sponsor: Christian Connections, hosted by Wives in Waiting Milwaukee. Info: 807-5833.

Women Empowering Women Breakfast: *Mind Over Matter*, 9am-1pm Mar. 21. Speakers: Laniece McGee & Pastor Diane Green. The Vibe, 518 E. Concordia. \$20. Info: Rlee.newhope@gmail.com

Spring Break Young Authors Workshop in Racine for ages 8-13. Apr. 13-17. Free. 3-D printing characters, storytelling, create a podcast, anti-bullying poster contest, prizes. Must register: 262-612-3986. www.VictoriousWomenmag.org Contactvwmag@gmail.com

Free tax preparation help

- **SDC:** Those with a family income of less than \$58,000 are eligible for free help preparing income tax returns. See www.cr-sdc.org and click on Services...then...Financial services...VITA...VITA Free Tax Preparation. You may schedule an appointment by calling 206-2262, or on the website: sdc.cascheduler.com

- **MATC:** First-come, first-served; can only complete a limited number of returns each day. Check MATC website; 297-7461

- **Journey House:** Call 647-0548. 2110 W. Scott St.

- **Riverworks Development Corp.** 526 E Concordia Ave. Schedule by phone at 882-7440

- **Waukesha** help on page 6.

Summer camps: some free, others have scholarships

Apply now! Some camps offer scholarships that are first come, first served. See more camps on right, and on p. 12.

PEAK Initiative summer camps are free!

Day camps are at the PEAK Program Center in Tiefenthaler Park, Cherry/Galena Sts., and other partner locations. Lake Valley resident camp is in Boscobel in western Wis. on 650 acres. Camps are free, but a refundable deposit of \$10 is required for each week of camp. Priority is given to previous participants, those attending PEAK's partner schools, and residents of 53205, but any Milwaukee resident aged 7-17 may submit an application.

New families and those attending resident camp for the first time must attend an orientation at 2480 W. Cherry St. Orientations are at 10am May 30, 5:30pm June 4, and June 13 10am, and last for 60-90 mins. RSVP: 431-4508 or visit bit.ly/2vuwk7T

Day Camp Bus Stops are at Browning Elementary School, 5540 N 64th St, and Prince of Peace School, 1114 S. 25. Pickup 8-8:40am and dropoff 3:45-4:30pm.

Summer Camp at Urban Ecology Center

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.

Preschool thru middle school week-long day camps held at all 3 branches: Riverside Park, Washington Park & Menomonee Valley.

The Urban Ecology Center accepts Wis. Shares Child Care Assistance. Almost half of their 800 spots are reserved for families in need of scholarships.

Another benefit: Yearly family memberships at UEC are free to those approved for a scholarship and registered for camp.

Spaces are limited.

To apply, visit: urbanecologycenter.org/summercamp/scholarship
Info: Lynn Anders, 964- 8505, x125 or above website.



Discovery World: Week-long camps focus on investigation and hands-on activities for children entering 1st-8th grade. Applications are being accepted for partial scholarships for families who meet or exceed by up to 35% the State of Wisconsin WIC Eligibility Guidelines. www.discoveryworld.org/learning/summer-camp

Journey House/Longfellow Summer Camp

for 1st-8th graders. 7am-6pm June 22-July 31. \$100 per child for entire camp. If register thru MPS for school in a.m. and camp in aft., \$50 per child. 2110 W Scott. 647-0548 nancym@journeyhouse.org

Summer Recreation Enrichment Camps thru MPS

Milw. Rec. 8 weeks 7am-6pm June 22-Aug. 14. Each week has a different theme of sports, games, arts & crafts, fine arts, outdoor education, math & reading enrichment, clubs, field trips. Partial or full day camps are available. Ages 3-12. Call 475-8701 or visit website later in April for camp fees: MilwaukeeRecreation.net/srec

Racine: Two free workshops July 6-29 for ages 7-14:

Sewing and Fashion Designers Workshop and Young Authors Workshop, with children publishing their own book. Aspiring authors & artists encouraged to attend. Register: Semone, 262-612-3986.

Operation DREAM: free summer opportunities for boys and young men living in the city of Milwaukee who are primarily of color, from kindergarten through high school. Programs include: a 12-session entrepreneurship camp at the Holton Youth + Family Center, summer day camps, week-long overnight camps, soccer via Simba's SC, basketball clinics and leagues, artistic enrichment and other field trips.

For consideration in these programs, call the office at 226-5305 to confirm availability, then register your son on their website:

www.operation-dream.org/registration



Camp Helen Brachman in Central Wisconsin

Archery, canoeing, camping, games, friendship, and more!

Make memories to last a lifetime, for ages 8-15.

Two 12-day sessions: Jun. 21- July 2 & July 5-16.

One 11-day session: July 19-29 & one 6-day session: Aug. 2-7.

Scholarships available. Online registration, forms & additional information at www.coa-yfc.org/camp/. Questions or in-person assistance at: 909 E. Garfield. 290-7905.

All Hands Boatworks: RiverVentures 1-week camps: June 15-19, June 22-26, and Maritime Camp: Aug. 3-7. FREE to students living in Milwaukee, ages 12-15. Boatbuilding, rowing, sailing, and on-the-water fun! No swimming required. Learn about carpentry, environmental science, and more. Visit allhandsboatworks.org for info or call 262-290-0228

Summer Day Camp – Neighborhood House:

ages 5-12. June 18-Aug. 27. Wisconsin Shares eligible; scholarships available. Priority enrollment thru March for families in the NH Early Childhood Program. Others may enroll in April, if space allows. Info: Phan, 933-6161 ext 139, psanford@nh-milw.org

Neighborhood House Teen Program:

\$5 per week during summer, with field trips \$5 extra or less. Free during school year (after school and on MPS Off Days). Sports, art, leadership groups, volunteering, environmental education, career and college prep, friendship & fun. 2819 W Richardson Place. Info: Blanca at bgonzales@nh-milw.org

Y Day Camp:

at four sites for ages 4-12. Scholarships available and Wis. Shares state and county funding accepted; call 224-9622 for info. Camp dates June 8-Aug 21.

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 morning snack, lunch & dinner. Discounted swim lessons option at Rite-Hite. Bus transportation from a pick-up site for each camp is available.

Camp sites: Northwest YMCA, 9050 N. Swan Rd.

Parkway Elementary School, 5910 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy

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

Wilson Park YMCA, 1601 W Howard

Zoo summer camps through the Zoological Society of Milwaukee are fun-filled educational programs for ages 2 to 14. Interactive, hands-on learning in addition to a trip out into the Zoo.

A limited number of financial aid scholarships are available:
www.zoosociety.org/Education/SummerScholarships.php

Wisconsin Humane Society: People & Animals Learning (PAL) program gives underserved Milw. youth ages 10-13 an opportunity to train dogs at Wis Humane Society. Free 2-week sessions run between June 15-Aug. 7. Youth must be nominated by a teacher, social worker, or mentor by Apr 10 www.wihumane.org/pal 431-6159

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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 and their children.

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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HOPE Network has awarded \$137,500 in scholarships to 116 women since 1988 – including eight in 2019! With your help, we plan to award eight scholarships of at least \$2,000 in 2020. Donate to the scholarship fund at www.hopenetworkinc.org or use the form below. Thank you for helping to build strong futures for single mothers and their families!

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The Domes

Free Day: Milwaukee Co. residents are free the first Thursday of each month and receive \$1 off all other times with ID.

Attack of the Giant Monsters Train Show thru Mar 29. This G-scale model train garden features spoofs of your favorite classic giant movie monsters.

Spring Equinox Celebration, Mar. 15. Family-friendly event with guided sampling tours, astronomy, animals, music, demos, Tai Chi, mini workshops, hands-on activities.

World of Dancing, Mar. 29. Discover the colors, music, and dance that make up Milwaukee’s ethnic and cultural heritage.

April Showers Spring Floral Show, April 11-May 25

Art in the Green, Apr. 25-26, local art, live music, kids’ activities. \$7/day includes the Domes.

Adults \$8, Ages 6-17 \$6, 5 & under Free.

Hrs: 9am-5pm M-Fri. and 9am-4pm weekends & holidays.

524 S. Layton. 257-5611. MitchellParkDomes.com

Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market: 9am-1pm Saturdays, through Mar. 28, in the Domes’ Greenhouse Annex. Quest Card accepted; visit the Info Booth to use your FoodShare benefits. Fondy Farmers Market returns May 9. www.fondymarket.org

Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service, based at Marquette University, has deep roots in the city’s underserved neighborhoods. Online subscriptions are free: milwaukeeenns.org

An upcoming new project will text news to residents, providing direct access to high-value, fact-checked data.



Remembering Patty...

The HOPE Network board voted to honor Pat Byrne with this plaque, which hangs right outside our office. Pat holds the record for longest-serving executive director of HOPE. Her generosity and gentleness are legendary. Her memory is a blessing to us.

“In Memory of Pat Byrne for her ten and a half years of service as Executive Director 1989-2000”