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HOPE Network offers Greater Milwaukee single mothers connections, resources, and opportunities to build self-reliance and strong families.

Transform lives in 2020 with a gift to HOPE Network

This issue of *HOPE Network News* details our program successes for 2019. Our generous donor community has played a critical role in each of these success stories. In fact, after 37 years, the success stories of HOPE Network are legion. With your help, many more families can begin a new chapter in 2020 from a place of strength and resilience.

Your gift means:

Safe sleep and strong starts for infants

HOPE Network continues to provide cribs, infants supplies, and education to new single mothers

Resources for the parenting journey

Events and enrichment, information and connection all build community among families.

Education for the future

Scholarships are awarded each spring and can be used for college tuition or for childcare while the mother is in school.

Help write a happy ending to every family's story. Donate using this form or at hopenetworkinc.org.



“Our summer picnic was a hit with HOPE Network families in 2019. Make 2020 even better by donating today. Use this coupon or give online at hopenetworkinc.org.



\$21,800 in scholarships awarded to 8 single mothers



288 member families received 2,317 tickets to local events



16,303 read *Network News* quarterly and 218 agency partners distribute it



593 Trading Post visitors benefited from in-kind donations worth \$68,466

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

Frosty Free Week at the Zoo

Free admission to all for 8 days: Dec. 25 - Jan. 1

Besides the indoor exhibits, visitors can check out the polar bear, snow leopards, and caribou and elk herds that are most active during cold temperatures. Also, Zoo admission is free on Family Free Days Jan. 4, Feb 1, Mar 7. Parking is the standard \$12 on free days.

Read the entire story of our successes in 2019 at: www.hopenetworkinc.org/about/annual-report/

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Consumer Rights Clinic with Legal Action of Wis

Free legal clinic for people who have unresolved debt issues, have frequent contact with debt collectors, or are considering bankruptcy as a debt solution. Consumer rights attorneys are on site to educate on consumer rights and answer debt-related questions. There are income restrictions to participate. Call 278-7722 to learn more and schedule to attend a session. Dec. 17, 3-5 pm, Zablocki Library, 3501 W Oklahoma

Free Expungement & Pardon Clinic

9am-noon Wed, Dec. 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5. Questions about your criminal record? Attend this Clinic at the Milwaukee Co. Courthouse, Milwaukee Justice Center, Room G-9. Contact us to schedule an appointment: expungemke@gmail.com Check in 30 min. before your appointment time. A project of Marquette & Milw. Bar Assn.

Car seats: purchase, help to install

-- **Children's Hospital of WI car seat program:** Low-cost car seats may be purchased through the Children's Hospital Car Seat Clinic. Supplies are limited, dependent on grant funding. For info & to make an appointment, call Central Scheduling: 607-5280.

Great Lakes Pet Expo 10am-5pm Feb. 1, State Fair Park. Adults: \$7 10-3pm, then \$5 from 3-5pm. Kids 12 & under: free. Pet adoption available; entertainment, vendors, and birds of prey exhibit. \$6 park/or park free on street. 484-0416

Waukesha Co. energy assistance Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides help to meet home heating costs. Contact Energy Services, 217 Wisconsin Ave, Ste 401, Waukesha. 262-549-9666. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30-5pm. Tues, Thurs 8:30-6pm.

Problems with public benefits?

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

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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. Closed in Dec.

House of Peace 4-6pm Tues. Child support: 5-7pm 1st/3rd Tues 1702 W Walnut, 933-1300

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

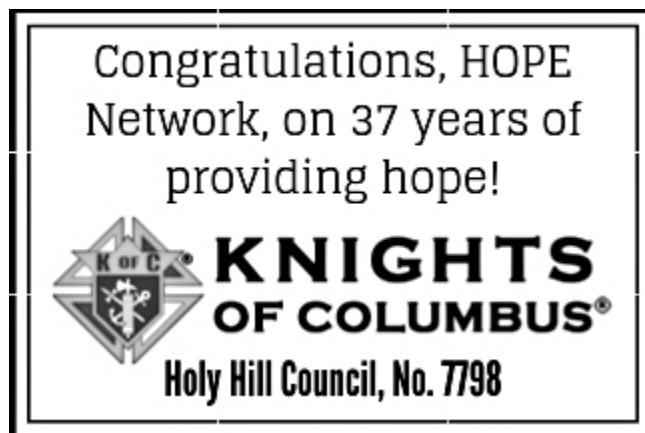
Milw Justice Center: 901 N 9. Rm G-9. Th 1:30pm and Fri 8:30am sign in; list fills fast; for Milw. Co. only. Th. 2-3pm landlord tenant matters 278-2910

Well Badger Resource Center: You have questions, we find answers. The Well Badger Resource Center provides health-related information and referral services to individuals, families, and health professionals. Certified specialists are available 7am-6pm M-F. Assistance is also available via email, text, online live chat, and Facebook Messenger. Call Well Badger at 1-800-642-7387, or email help@wellbadger.org. An online directory is available at www.wellbadger.org

DivorceCare for Kids is a free 13-week program created for children, ages 5 to 12, of divorced or separated families. It offers a safe, caring, fun environment where children can explore healthy life skills to maneuver through the rough places of family fracturing and divorce. 2-4pm Sundays Jan. 12-Apr. 5. (Can start after Jan. 12, if needed) DivorceCare for Adults will be held at the same time. Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 W. Janesville Rd. Free child care for 2- to 4-year-olds. Must pre-register. Contact Mary Steinbrenner, 529-6700 or email mjsteinbrenner@hcl.org

Museum Swap Day on Jan 26

If you have an annual membership to Betty Brinn Children's Museum (or the other sites listed below), you can visit other museums for free on Swap Day, Jan 26. Go to the Charles Allis Art Museum, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum, or Villa Terrace Art Museum. (Discovery World is not included).



Second Saturday family gathering Jan. 11

Join the fun Jan. 11, Feb. 8, and Mar. 14! 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.

Where to call for food, help

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

24-hour helpline: IMPACT 2-1-1 To find food pantries, shelter, meal sites, family resources, health & social services: Dial 2-1-1 (at pay phone, dial free: 1-877-211-3380) 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.

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!

Family Yoga, 5-5:45pm Thurs. Jan. 30-Mar. 19. Beulah Brinton Community Center 2555 S. Bay St. For ages 6 & up. Parent must register, pay, and attend with child. \$15. Milw. Rec Dept. 475-8811

Urban Line Dancing: 3-4pm Mar. 3, Center Street Library. Mind, Body & Soul Dancers provide step-by-step instructions to urban line dances like the Wobble, the Cha Cha Slide, and the Cupid Shuffle. Bring the family, get fit, have fun! 2727 W. Fond du Lac.

Beginner Yoga at Hawthorn Glen: 5:30-6:30pm four Wed. March 4-25. 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 Feb. 22, Feb. 29, March 21, & March 28. Winter is the perfect time to get outside and experience the healing powers of nature. Walking outdoors has benefits including reducing stress, enhancing the immune system and lifting spirits. Meet outside Nature Center, 1130 N. 60 St.

Fit Saturdays: free fitness classes at Southridge Mall by Innovative Health & Fitness. Workout at 8:45-9:30am the first Saturday of the month is geared to mall employees, but everyone is welcome.

On the 3rd Saturday of the month, the workout is open to everyone, 10:30-11:15am. Instructors and formats change each class. First floor, center of the mall in front of JCPenny's near Starbucks.

Wellness Meltdown

9am-noon Feb. 8 at Hamilton High School. Fitness classes, community resources, and health education will be provided by local organizations. Healthy snacks, warm refreshments, and raffle prizes. Free, drop-in program. (Enter door #5 off south parking lot.) 6215 W. Warnimont Ave. Erica, Milw. Rec. Dept. 475-8775.

Twilight Centers

Safe places for teens to hang out with their friends; open to students ages 12-18. On Sat. eves. families may attend (all ages, but enrolled in school). Mon. and Wed.: 6-9pm. Sat.: 6-10pm Drop-in activities include include: Game Room • Open Gym • Dance • Weight Room • Digital Music Production • Pop-up Art Studio • Saturday Family Nights • College and Career Help for Teens. Select sites include: Open Family Swim • Cooking Classes. Free.

Sites: Washington, North Division, South Division, Pulaski, Obama, Bay View, and Madison. New: Twilight Center Andrew Douglas (ages 10-15; not open Sat. eve.) 475-8811.

Activities for boys

Operation Dream aims to provide a safe space and opportunities for learning and fun for boys from K4 through 8th grade. This free program includes transportation, meals, field trips, academic support and mentoring. Meets every Saturday (9am-2pm) at Holton Youth + Family Center, 510 E. Burleigh, through May 16. To register, visit operation-dream.org.



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.



Bike Bazaar

9am-3pm Feb. 29
Riverside University
High School.

Purchase new and used bikes, parts, tools, accessories, arts & crafts, and clothing from local vendors for pennies on the dollar. \$10 for 9am early VIP entry. \$5 for regular 10am-3pm entry. \$3 with MPS/college student ID. Kids 12 and under are free. Visit mkerec.net/bike for more information. 1615 E Locust St.

\$5 Swim classes

Seven-week swim classes are being offered for only \$5 through Milwaukee Recreation and the Red Cross at Madison HS, Milw. HS of the Arts, North Division HS, and Vincent HS. For youth and adults. Only \$5 for both Milw. city residents and non-residents. Register online at mkerec.net/five. Info: 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 Center Swim; Mon, Wed, Sat; Jan 6-Mar 11; 6:05-8:35pm

Gaenslen Elementary Family Swim Session; Wed Jan 22-Mar 11; 6:45-8:15pm;

MacDowell Montessori Family Swim Sessions; Sat; Jan 18-Mar 7; 3:15-4:15pm

North Division Twilight Center Swim; Mon, Wed, Sat; Jan 22-Mar 11; 6:05-8:35pm

Pulaski Twilight Center Swim; Sat; Jan 18-Mar 7; 6:05-8:35pm

South Division Twilight Center Swim; Mon, Wed, Sat; Jan 6-Mar 11; 6:05-8:35pm

South Division High School; Wed; Jan 23-Mar 12; 6:45-8:15pm
Vincent High School; Wed; Jan 22-Mar 11; 6:46-8:15pm

Maple Sugaring

Learn how to identify and tap a maple for sap (to boil into syrup). Parent must register, pay, and attend with child. Ages 5 & up. Dress for an outdoor hike. 10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm Mar. 7. Hawthorn Glen, 1130 N. 60th St., \$5. Milw. Rec. Dept. 647-6050

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 Community Memorial Hospital service area, which in addition to areas in Waukesha and Washington Counties, also includes Milwaukee zip codes 53218, 53222, 53223, 53224, 53225. wccdentalclinic.org 262-522-7645

Christmas Family Feast

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

St. Ben's Community Meal, 930 W. State St., will host a Christmas Eve meal on Tuesday, Dec. 24 2-3:30pm.

UWM Planetarium: Physics Bldg Rm 139, 1900 E. Kenwood Blvd. *Scale of the Universe:* 7-8pm and 8:15-9:15pm Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 28. 2-3pm Jan. 26. Become familiar with the structure and size of the enormous, expanding universe. Purchase \$6 tickets at www.uwm.edu/planetarium, or in person half an hour before show starts. Shows sell out so online purchase recommended.

Stars, Stories, & Rhythms: Feb. 5, planetarium shows at 6 and 7:30 p.m. with live music and dancing at 7pm. Groove to the beat of African drums as we explore African culture under the stars. Free.

Open House: 1:30-3:30pm Jan. 11. Free, fun and family-friendly. Stargazing shows. Cake for the Planetarium's 54th birthday!

Cosmic Creatures: 2-3pm Mar. 7. Ideal for young children (above age 4). Bring a favorite stuffed animal to tour the night sky with. \$6 Tickets are available at uwm.edu/planetarium.



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.

Urgent need: wipes and 0-3 month sleepers

...for HOPE Network's Trading Post and new moms!

The families at our Trading Post also have a need for gently used winter coats, hats, and waterproof mittens. Bring donations to our office: Room 201 at Good Shepherd Church, N88 W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls. For other Trading Post needs, check out our wish list: <https://amzn.to/2HhyOdf> Don't forget to select us as your Amazon Smile charity



Let your voice be heard – vote!

The spring primary for Milwaukee mayor and other local positions will be held Feb. 18.

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

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 more information or to have her speak at your book club, church or civic group, contact her at gailgrenier-sweet@gmail.com

Free Saturday Clinic for the Uninsured

(1121 E. North Ave.) provides free health care through a team of physicians, pharmacists, & students at 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, mammograms, well-women visits, referrals to specialists, eye screenings, psychiatry, and dermatology. Call 588-2865 for pediatric appts (<18 yrs) 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.



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Resources in Waukesha County

Retzer Nature Center fun: p 13



Waukesha JanBoree
Jan. 17-26.
See some festival events on p. 14; complete info janboree.org

Free tax preparation is offered for low-to-moderate income families in Waukesha at La Casa de Esperanza. Their VITA Program helps clients take advantage of all the tax credits for which they are eligible. They E-File taxes to get returns quickly (usually 7-10 days). Must have appointment; call 262-832-1534 after Jan. 1 for day, eve., or weekend appt. (beginning Jan. 20). 202 E. Broadway.

Fast Forward Program: **Paid On-the-Job Training** at La Casa De Esperanza, Waukesha. Nine-week training leads to certification in one of 5 areas: WI Lead Renovator, CPR/AED, HBI/PACT, OSHA 10 or Forklift. Help offered to find and retain a job, continue additional education, and manage your finances to maximize your income. Info: Vanessa Arenas, 262-899-6790.

Get OSHA 10 & Forklift certified in 2 weeks -free! Introduction to Construction Training will help you gain entry into construction, manufacturing & warehouse/distribution. Construction math, tools/materials, and safety training. Classes start every Monday. La Casa de Esperanza, 134 Wisconsin. Vanessa, 262-899-6790

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

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

Love & Logic Early Childhood, practical, effective parenting techniques. 5:30-7:15pm For parents of children age 5 & older: Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28. For parents of infants through age 5: Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 3 & 10.

Co-Parenting, redefining the relationship with your co-parent for the sake of the kids. 5:30-7pm Feb. 3, 10, 17.

Kids Managing Anger, 5:30-7pm Mar. 2, 9, 16. Parents meet with a facilitator while children meet separately.

Connected Parenting and the CALM Technique, 5:30-7pm Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 or on Saturday 9am-noon Feb. 8. Learn to de-escalate tantrums, contain and correct difficult behaviors, and help your child become more confident and emotionally resilient.

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program): Sit down with a Triple P accredited parent coach to problem-solve & get advice on a specific behavior problem. One-on-one or small group. Call for appointment.

Triple P Workshop: **Dealing with Tantrums**, 5:30-7pm Feb. 24.

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 other group members. Free childcare by appt.

-- **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. Dec. 14, Jan. 25, Feb. 15 or Mar. 14 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 Pammie



Help is on the way...

Just this past August, I was invited to a conference in Wisconsin Dells. The event was sponsored by DCF, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, and the Coalition for Children, Youth and Families.

This conference was statewide, and recognizes the growing need of caregivers for relatives. Mainly due to the opioid epidemic.

This event was open for anyone in Wisconsin that is a family caregiver, either through child welfare and/or informally.

Our keynote speaker was United States Senator Tammy Baldwin. She was raised primarily by her grandparents due to the issues that her own mother had, that made her unable to care for Tammy when she was a child. She thanks and recognizes all the sacrifices her grandparents had made for her.

The all-day conference featured speakers and many workshop presentations, as well as a resource room.

The workshops included topics such as legal resources, child mental health issues, the impact of drug abuse on the family, coping with grief...and the list goes on...

The conference was an adult-only event, and was held at the Kalahari Resort. There was a special rate for the families, but you had to have your own arrangements for childcare during the meetings.

During the conference, we had a chance to meet and speak with other family caregivers. The stories of these families were amazing and my heart goes out to each and every one of them. Especially the ones that are new to this situation.

I have not heard from this group since the conference, but I am looking forward to hearing from them again. I thank Governor Tony Evers and his group for bringing this crisis to light.

If they have another one, I will definitely be there. The information was very valuable.

I will keep you all posted.

From the Editor: Speaking of keeping our readers posted... Pam found out that we were running an article about *Earn and Learn* (right) and commented on her family's participation:

"A few years ago my granddaughter Brooklyn was hired through Earn and Learn. She worked at City Hall. Now for 2020, we are waiting to sign up my grandson Brillyon, hoping to get him on this wonderful program. It not only exposes them to job opportunities, but great jobs with great potential. This is a wonderful program for our Milwaukee youth."

She said to check city.milwaukee.gov/EarnandLearn later for 2020 information, or email: earn.learn@employmilwaukee.org at Employ Milwaukee Workforce Development, 270-7550. Programs are up to 20 hrs/week for 6-8 weeks in summer.

Last year, applications were due in mid-March.

Resources for family caregivers, foster parents, adoptive parents

You can find out more information about the Coalition for Children, Youth and Families featured in Pam's column at <https://coalition-forycf.org/>



You can sign up on the website for their weekly email newsletter. It's filled with information on programs, events, resources, tips, and more for foster and adoptive parents, and caregivers of relatives.

The Coalition offers many resources, including a free lending library. This is a collection of books, tapes, and DVDs, as well as instantly downloadable newsletters and tip sheets. Families and professionals are welcome to check out physical materials from the library for free. Materials requested will be shipped to you with a postage-paid return envelope. Other items are available online, for free.

Every child needs a champion. Every champion needs support.

The Coalition offers four types of support through the Champion Classrooms Catalog:

- 1) Resource Tip Sheets and Guides. Free. Quick tips that will be helpful as you navigate certain challenges.
- 2) Recorded Webinars for training and educating foster and adoptive parents. \$5
- 3) Live Webinars, some featuring participant discussion. \$20
- 4) On-line courses \$10-\$20

If the fees are a financial hardship, contact the Coalition.

Here's one of the upcoming Live Webinars:

Lying as a Trauma-Driven Behavior. 6-8pm Jan. 14
Lying is a common - and challenging - protective behavior for all people, but can feel especially baffling in children who have experienced trauma. Families often get stuck in a vicious cycle of difficult behavior, parent reaction, and then more difficult behavior. Wisconsin licensed foster parents can receive 2 training credits for participating in this webinar.

Regular price: \$20 but HOPE Network News readers
may register for \$5 with this code: HOPE0114

Foster & Adoptive Parenting Workshops

6:30-8pm at Bay View Community Center. **Feb. 4:** Ten Things You Should Have Learned in Pre-Placement Training (But Didn't). Workshop will cover items that foster parents may still have questions about. **March 3:** What Your Foster/Adoptive Child Wishes You Knew. The last part of each session will be discussion and connecting with other parents. 1320 E. Oklahoma, 482-1000.

Earn & Learn: summer youth employment program initiated by Mayor Tom Barrett in partnership with local business, non-profit, and community- and faith-based organizations. It helps youth make a successful transition from adolescence into adulthood through job skills and work experience. Community Work Experience (CWE) is for ages of 14-24 living in the Metro Milwaukee area. Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) gives youth ages 16-19 job assignments within city government.

Paid internships for Teens Grow Greens: apply by Dec. 20 at www.teensgrowgreens.org/ Must be in high school.

Program is 7-30 hrs./week Feb. 4-Nov. 3. Combines work, education, leadership skills.

Grant winner: Nigeria Smith-Beckom



My name is Nigeria Smith-Beckom. I am a single mother of an amazing three-year-old girl. I found out I was going to be a mother at the age of 19. There were so many emotions going through my head. I was happy, sad, scared, and confused.

I had so many plans and goals before deciding to have a child. The moment I found out, I knew all my plans had to be put on hold. One of the most important goals that I chose not to put on hold was going to col-

lege. I made the choice of continuing school because I wanted to provide a great life for my daughter. There was a moment when I wanted to give up because everything just seemed so hard. I am currently enrolled at MATC working towards a degree in surgical technology.

I chose this program because I am a people person. I LOVE being able to help others and put a smile on their faces. Becoming a surgical technician will allow me to do something I love every day.

Another reason I chose this program is because being in the medical field has been my dream since I was a young girl. I know for sure this field will allow me to gain the skills I need to make a good contribution to my community.

My goals are to continue to go to school for surgical technology and one day work at a world-renowned hospital. Eventually, I would also like to further my education and take the next step in becoming a general surgeon. I know that this task will take hard work and dedication as I work part-time to provide for myself and my daughter.

If there is ever a moment when I feel like giving up, I know that my mom will be there to help encourage me. My mom has always been my biggest supporter and given me advice with my best interest at heart, even when I did not want it. My family has been a very good support system throughout my life and continue to support me today.

Even with a good support system there are trials and tribulations that I face. I considered dropping out of college when I found I was pregnant and just work, to provide for my

daughter and myself. But after talking to my mom, I realized I can do both.

Passing with a C+ or better to receive credit for my class was not an easy task when taking multiple classes, working, and taking care of my daughter. I decided to reduce the number of classes I take per semester for now, to help ensure I receive the grades I need to earn credit for my classes.

My daughter Naomi Smith-Beckom is the best thing that has ever happened to me. My baby girl is a very smart three-year-old who like her mom, knows what she wants. Naomi enjoys spending time with her family, going to the park in the summer, reading books, coloring, dancing and watching movies.

Balancing my life can become exhausting so in my free time, I like to relax and get rest to help me re-energize. I love to spend quality time with my family on holidays and other celebrations. I enjoy going to the movies and spending time with my friends to catch up with each other.

My advice for other single mothers is that small steps make BIG accomplishments. Create goals and a routine and tackle them one at a time. Never give up on your goals; if you fail the first time, take that experience and try again. It is okay to ask for help when needed. To overcome obstacles, I learned that I need to take one step at a time, stay focused and committed.

Take care of yourself and your children and stay positive. Anything is possible if you just believe in it.

*Every issue features profiles
of our scholarship winners.*

Education resources, scholarships, local Book Read and Talk Back

\$1,000 scholarship

Offered by the General Federation of the Women's Club of Wis. Lakeshore District. You must be starting sophomore, junior or senior year in Sept. 2020. Applicants must send proof of GPA of 2.5 or better, be a Milw. or Ozaukee Co. resident; send 2 letters of recommendation and personal statement; be full-time student in art, education, international or health.

Include name, address county, name/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 St., West Allis, WI 53219

College Workshop for high school students and their parents. Learn from the experts about financial aid, essays, career planning, college admissions, and college athletics. Sun. Mar. 1. 11:30-3:30. Concordia University, Mequon. More info and registration at www.gmcollegeworkshop.com

MATC free tuition for adults

Eligible adult students (see below) can apply for up to 75 credits of free tuition – after other scholarships and grants are applied – to complete an “in-demand” associate degree. Visit matc.edu/promise for time-sensitive financial aid, transcript, and application requirements. The submission deadline for the completed application is Jan. 8 to get started this spring. The Promise also provides sup-

port to help students stay on track to graduate and connect to a career.

Women's Fund Community Book Read & Talk Back

In honor of National Women's History Month in March, the Women's Fund coordinates a Community Book Read that culminates with a Community Talk Back focused on the book. The book, *What I Told My Daughter; Lessons from Leaders on Raising the New Generation of Empowered Women* is a collection of essays, edited by Nina Tassler. Read alone or discuss with friends or your book club...and attend the Community Talk Back in March. Check the Event tab later on womensfundmke.org/ for date, reservations.

Grant winner: Margie Albizures



Hello, my name is Margie Albizures and I'm a single mother of one boy, Jeremiah, who is 20 months. I am a standing sophomore at Marquette University, majoring in Criminology and Law studies.

I chose this major because I want to reform the criminal justice system and find alternatives to decrease incarceration rates. I believe the focus should be to keep people out of detainment and take preventative or less punitive measures.

My end goal is to graduate from Marquette Law School and become a criminal lawyer to fight for those without a voice -- more specifically, for those in the Milwaukee area. Being able to exercise your rights is very important because it may prevent you from being taken advantage of and put into an unfair system. I want to use my career to help others and make people aware of their rights.

Ever since I became a mother, so many obstacles were thrown at me constantly, and it became harder to pursue my education. Especially when I was pregnant and still in high school, I didn't want to become the stereotypical pregnant teen that drops out. I dealt with depression through most of my pregnancy,

lost support from my family, was talked down on, and I knew I had to grow up fast. Through all this hardship I ended up graduating top 10 of my class. Two days after, I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy.

As a freshman in college, I also had impeccable grades and was put on the dean's list. It was not easy, and I had to work twice as hard as other students. I had to find a time and place to study, figure out time schedules, pump breastmilk in between classes, and find someone to take care of my child because I couldn't afford daycare. It was a hard first year, but I kept looking forward.

I may not have everything figured out, but what always keeps me going is a strong mindset. If you ever feel like giving up remind yourself of your dreams and goals. If you are ever feeling down, look at the human being that you created, and see your happiness. Being mothers means we have gone through pain, criticism, struggle, and so much more. Its is because of this that we are made stronger.

-- Margie Albizures is the
2019 Rachel Holley
Sciortino Educational
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Take in a play or concert this winter

First Stage www.firststage.org

Elf: The Musical, Based on the beloved 2003 holiday film. Through Jan 5. Ages 8-18+. Tickets start at \$19. Todd Wehr Theater
Sign Language Interpreted Performance - 1pm Dec 22

A Wrinkle in Time. It was a dark and stormy night. When a mysterious stranger arrives at Meg Murry's home, she embarks on a wild, empowering journey of self-discovery. Jan 24-Feb 23. Todd Wehr Theater. Ages 8-17+. Tickets start at \$12.

Sign Language Interpreted Performance - 3:30pm Feb 23
Pay-What-You-Choose - 7pm Jan 28

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

Mar 6-Apr 5. Ages 4-10+. Todd Wehr Theater.

Sign Language Interpreted Performance - 3:30pm Apr 5
Pay-What-You-Choose - 7pm Mar 10

A Winter's Tale, False assumptions. Lost children. Truths revealed. Redemption found. Wonders appearing. First Stage's award-winning Young Company brings us this genre-defying tragicomedy from the Bard. Dec 6-15. Ages 13+. Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 325 W. Walnut St. Tickets \$14

Gretel! Her mother is gone. Her father is absent. Her stepmother and stepsister berate her and waste all of their food. 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. Feb 21-Mar 22. Ages 8-15+. Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 325 W. Walnut St. Tickets \$16

Sign Language Interpreted Performance - 3:30pm Mar 22
Sensory Friendly Performance - 3:30pm Mar 7
Pay-What-You-Choose - 7pm Feb 25

The Snowy Day. Oh, the magic of a snowy day. This imaginative ode to childhood brings to life the heartwarming stories by Ezra Jack Keats. Jan 11-Feb 9. FS Main Stage Hall, Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 325 W. Walnut St. For ages 3-7+. Tickets \$14.

Sensory Friendly Performance - 3:30pm Jan 25
Sign Language Interpreted Performance - 1pm Feb 2

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).

Sensory Friendly Performances provide a welcoming environment with lower sound levels, lights up, and quiet areas. Contact the First Stage Box Office to reserve your space at 267-2961 or email ticketmanager@firststage.org

Children's Theatre of Wauwatosa

Dec 7: *Captain Bree & Her Lady Pirates*. **Jan 25:** *The Elves & The Shoemaker*. **Feb 15:** *Junie B. Jones, The Musical*.

Mar 7: *Rock N Roll Mole*. 2pm. \$5. Ages 2-12. Longfellow Middle School, 7600 North Ave. Groups welcome, inc. birthday parties, but call in advance 527-0198

Sunset Playhouse: *Rock N Roll Mole*. Carolyn Crimi's fabulous book is brought to life. 10:30am & 2pm Feb 19-22. 800 Elm Grove Rd, Elm Grove. 262-782-4430

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

Milw Rep: *Legend of Georgia McBride*, Jan 14-15. *Eclipsed*, Mar 3-4. 108 E Wells .Box office opens 5:30pm; 7:30pm show. 224-9490

Milw. Chamber Theatre: *No Wake*, Mar 4. This world premiere by Wisconsin writer Erica Berman is a humorous and poignant tale of two individuals learning to take back control of their lives. Show at 7:30pm. Tickets on sale an hour before performance.

Studio Theatre, 158 N Broadway. 276-8842.



Classical pops concert for children -- FREE!

7-8pm Feb. 12

Free interactive concert by the Festival City Symphony
Winter Jamboree: Let the Symphony help cure your winter blues as the orchestra performs music to cheer up an especially dreary time of year! Feb 12. 7pm. Geared to children K4-Grade 5 and their families. Casual attire, pajamas, blankets, teddy bears welcome. Bradley Pavilion of the Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. 365-8861

Milwaukee Symphony Mondays at Colectivo. Free live music by members of the MSO. 7pm Feb. 3, 2301 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View 744-6117; 7pm Mar. 3, 4500 N Oakland Ave., 312-8295

Colectivo Gospel Brunch features traditionally inspired local gospel groups. Sunday 11am-1pm Dec 8 & Mar. 8. Free to attend; suggested donation of \$5. All donations collected at Milwaukee Gospel events benefit Progressive Community Health Centers which provide medical, dental and behavioral health services to people of all ages and incomes 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

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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; p. 1 for free week.

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

Harley-Davidson Museum: Visit for free as part of Gallery Night 5-9pm Fri. Jan 17. \$10 Tuesdays thru April: \$10/adults and children are two for \$10. Reg. cost: \$22 adults; \$8 kids 5-17; and under 5 free. 400 W. Canal. 287-2789.

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. *Gluten, Glucose, & Glyphosate: The Chemistry of Bread:* Jan 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 7pm and Jan 12 at 2pm. *Crispr Critters: Genome Editing Decoded:* Feb 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 7pm and Feb 16 at 2pm. *What's It Tuya?: Fire & Ice Interactions on Earth & Mars:* Mar 6 & 13 at 7pm and Mar 15 at 2pm.

Milwaukee continues long tradition of Dr. King Day celebrations

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



King Day celebration at the Marcus Center

Sunday Jan 19, 1-3pm. Highlights the youth in our community who every year interpret Dr. King's words through art, speech, and writing contests. Also, performances by various cultural arts organizations. The 36th annual celebration concludes with a free reception in Bradley Pavilion. Arrive early; seating is first come, first served. 929 N. Water.

King Day Morning of Service for families with children of all ages. 9:30-12:30pm Jan. 20. We'll share a story, learn, and complete a group service project. Afterwards, we'll share a soup lunch and the Children's Room will be open for free play. Bay View Community Center, 1320 E. Oklahoma. Registration: 482-1000

Milwaukee Public Museum Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 20: Find our Educators on the Museum floors 11am-3pm.

Last year, 15 local museums, including the Milwaukee Public Museum, had **Free Youth Day** on King Day, as part of Milwaukee Museum Week. Check www.mkemuseumweek.com later to see if that deal will again be offered in 2020. See more information on MKE Museum Week on page 14.

Cool Fool Kite Festival Jan 1, 11-5pm Veterans Park. Free event with free parking. Free hot chocolate, coffee, snacks. Bring your kites or buy one at Gift of Wings store at the park. Featuring ice carving with lessons available, and learn to fly a kite. See giant kites. Sponsors: B93.3, FM 102/1, 100.3 FM, KSWI FFI, Scott Fisher at 305-3145



César E. Chávez 2nd Annual Birthday Celebration

at the Marcus Center, 1-3pm Mar. 8. Celebrate the life and legacy of Civil Rights Leader César Chávez with a program of youth art, essays and spoken word. Music, singing and dancing by area cultural organizations, with a reception to follow. 929 N. Water. Free.

Celebrate Kwanzaa: UMOJA (Unity), 6-9:30pm Dec. 26, Wisconsin Black Historical Society, 2620 W. Center. 372-7677. Call them later in month for locations of Kwanzaa events Dec. 27-31.

IMANI (FAITH) It's a Family Affair! Jan. 1. Noon-5pm: shop with the vendors. 1-5pm Program: candle lighting ceremony, singing, poetry, African dance & drumming. Food, fun & activities at the Wis. African American Women's Center, 3020 W. Vliet. Call 933-1652 for vendor opportunities (non-food).

Martin Luther King Day at the library

Jan. 20, 9am-5pm Martin Luther King Library, 310 W. Locust.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a change agent. His actions and words still live on to inspire people to change themselves, their community and the world.

9am-noon Craft stations, LEGOs, games, art.

Noon-12:35pm Welcome, performers, and 414 Life team presents their violence interruption success stories

12:35pm Ton Ko Thi African drumming and dance

1:15pm Ex Fabula Storytelling: true personal stories to ignite change

2:20-3:45pm Dance, trivia contest, live painting and spoken word

...and end the day with a piece of Dr. King's birthday cake (while supplies last).

Three events that are held every year could not be confirmed by press time. Look for info in January on websites or Facebook.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center

Jan. 20: King Day program with guest speakers, spoken word, and music. In past years, could purchase annual memberships at a discount that day for youth, teens & adults. 1531 W Vliet. 344-5600.

19th Annual King Fest: Last year it was held at the Wisconsin Black Historical Museum. Event featured a national keynote speaker and a program with drumming, spoken word, songs, and praise dancers. For info: email janetteherrera@aol.com She may also have information on how youth can apply for the essay contest (two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to the winners - male and female).

For 18 years, the **Dr. Martin Luther King Justice Coalition** has sponsored a M.L. King Day Justice Program and March. Last year, it started at 1 pm at St Francis of Assisi Church, 1927 N. Vel Phillips Ave. The March to Dr. King's statue followed the program at 2:30 pm with an open mic.

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. Not held during winter break (Dec. 21-Jan. 1).

- **Afternoons with Art** On days when MPS is closed (Feb 18 & Mar. 20), programming is offered from 1-5pm for ages 6-12. The workshops are fun and give students an extensive session on art and expression. Cost: \$5-\$20 depending on what is being offered.

Class size is limited; advance registration is highly recommended oscar@wpca-milwaukee.org or 672-2787

- **Community Coffee Hour & Winter Showcase** of student artwork, 11:30am-1:30pm Dec. 20. Free.

Milwaukee Art Museum

Free to all 1st Thurs. of the month 10-8pm. Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 5 Reg. admission: \$19 adult; ages 12 & under free.

Family Sunday: 10am-4pm Mar. 8 **Make it Modern.** Be inspired by Monet, Van Gogh, Degas, Picasso, and all the famous artists featured in "A Modern Vision: European Masterworks from the Phillips Collection." Tour the exhibition using the free Family Guide. Then, step up to an easel and create your own drawings and paintings.

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.

Lab on Haitian Art: 10am-5pm Tues.-Sun; 'til 8pm Thurs. Immerse yourself in the art and culture of Haiti in this exhibit drawn from MAM's collection of Haitian art. Learn about the importance of family, religion, and more through music, photography, and activities.

Visit the Lab for special performances at 1pm in February, followed by a tour of Haitian art.

Feb 1: Jam Ak Jam

Feb 8: James Finlayson

Feb 15: Ko-thi Dance Company

Feb 22: Kantara Souffrant

Feb 29: Crossing Borders Music

Create art in this Lab, and in the Kohl's Art Generation Studio.

\$20 Family Access Membership

Making membership possible for more families.

For just a dollar more than the price of an adult ticket, the Family Access membership offers a year of unlimited Museum admission for two adults and children 17 and under.

One of the membership benefits (for adults) is attending the popular MAM After Dark events for free.

Who is eligible? Anyone who uses WIC, FoodShare, BadgerCare, or Medicaid. Sign up at the admission desks or by mail (form available at mam.org) Info: 224-3284

"Eight reasons you & your kids will love the Milwaukee Art Museum"

This blog by HOPE Network's executive director, Liz Beaudoin, is a "must read"! Filled with practical, fun tips to get the most out of your visit. On HOPE's website at <http://bit.ly/2XquOTE>

Above the Clouds free classes

Various sites Jan 20-May 22; no classes Apr 6-13. Offers Christian-based free arts education programming for ages 5-17. 344-3019.

-- Greater Life Community Center (2432 N Teutonia, Condo 2) starts Jan 20; No classes Wed Feb 12.

- Hip Hop on Wednesdays: Beginner: 5:30-6:30pm;

Advanced: 4:30-5:30pm; ages 9-15

- Beg./Int. Martial Arts: Wed. 5:30-6:30pm; ages 9-15

- Beginner Ballet: Thurs. 5:30-6:15pm; ages 5-8

- Modern Dance 1: Thurs. 4:30-5:30pm;

- Seven classes of ballet levels 1-8: Mon. thru Th. Call for info

-- Eastbrook Academy (5375 N. Green Bay Rd) Classes start Jan 27; No classes Feb 17 or Mar 16

- Ballet Level 1: Mon. 4-5pm

- Ballet Level 2: Mon. 5-6pm

-- Holton Youth + Family Center (510 E Burleigh Street)

Vocal Music: Thurs. 4:30-5:30pm; ages 9-14

--New Beginnings Are Possible (6100 N 42)

Beg. Ballet: Tues. 5:30-6:15pm; ages 5-8

--Silver Spring Neighborhood Center (5460 N 64)

Beg. Hip Hop: Wed 4:30-5:15pm; ages 5-8

True Skool After-School Urban Arts Program



MUSIC~ART~DANCE~COMMUNITY

True Skool offers students (ages 14-19) skill-based art classes and workshops on music and video production, visual arts, breakdance, the art of emceeing and deejaying. Also, sessions on community building, film screenings and guest presenters on such topics as social justice and professional development. Spokesperson said that website mistakenly said that spring registration is closed. It is not, and students may register for spring 10-week class. Visit trueskool.org.

Art program at the libraries

A drop-in program designed for children in Grades K5-5, although older siblings are welcome. Each visit begins with an A.W.E. artist reading aloud a story or two and then discussing the book or illustrator. Participants will then work on imaginative art activities relevant to the book or artistic theme for the day. Families are encouraged to attend and make art together!

Artists Working in Education winter & early spring schedule:

Bay View - Thursdays, Feb 13, 20, 27, Mar 5, 4-5:30 pm

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

Center Street - Saturdays, Feb 22, Mar 21, 28, Apr 4, 1:30-3 pm

Central - Wed. Mar 25, Apr 22, 4-5:30 pm; Sat. Feb 29, 2-3:30 pm

Martin Luther King - Sat. Feb 15, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, 2-3:30 pm

Mitchell Street - Wednesdays, Feb 12, 19, 26, Mar 4, 4:30-6 pm

Tippecanoe - Fridays, Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 6, 4-5:30 pm



Waukesha JanBoree, Jan 17-26

Free outdoor & indoor fun for the whole family.

Fri Jan 17 Opening Ceremonies Obstacle course, yard games, broom ball, GaGa Pit, music, sledging, ice skating & a bonfire, 5-9pm, ice sculpting demos 5-7:30pm, balloon glow 5:30-7pm, Arctic Avalanche 350 ft. lighted toboggan run 5-8pm (also on Jan 18, 19, 25 & 26, 1-4pm), 8pm fireworks, free hot chocolate & popcorn, food for

purchase. All activities at Lowell Park. 2201 Michigan Ave

Also Jan. 17: Carnival of Curiosities circus entertainment shows 5:45-6:15 & 7-7:30pm Waukesha No. High School. Limited seating; get free tickets after Jan 6 at Schuetze Rec. Center.)

Sat. Jan. 18 Retzer Nature Center: Guided Winter Wildlife hikes at 1pm, 2pm & 3pm, follow trails by foot or use free snowshoes Planetarium free shows every half hour, noon-3:30pm.

Ice skating at Eble Park, Free to first 300, 2-4pm (doors open at 1:45) Skate rental \$3. 19400 W. Bluemound

YMCA Adventure Fun 4-6pm, games, sports, fitness activities, cookie decorating, arts & crafts, open gym, swim & virtual vault, Waukesha YMCA, 320 E. Broadway

Sat. Jan. 25 Airplane Rides at Crites Field. 10-2 pm. FREE for ages 8-17. Offered by EAA Young Eagles on a 1st come-1st served basis (weather permitting). 2545 Aviation Dr.

Penguin Egg Hunt 12:15pm ages 4-5 & 12:30pm ages 3 & under. Cutler Park. *Preschoolers Have a "Hoor"*, 9-noon, hike, nature crafts, games, prizes, hot cocoa. Christ the Life Preschool 3031 Summit Ave. *Ice Sculpting* 10am-2pm, Downtown Waukesha

Alaskan Malamute Dog Pull, 11am-3:30pm (approx) Competition with dogs pulling up to 3,000 lbs. on a wheeled cart (snow not needed). Minook Park. Free.

Ice Fishing Clinic drop-in 10am-2pm; equipment/bait provided. Minook Park. *Indoor Ice Skating* at Naga-Waukee Park Ice Arena 3-5pm, Free admission; skate rental \$3 (sizes limited). 2699 Golf Rd

***NOTE: Dog pull is Saturday this year.

Wehr Nature Center

Whitnall Park, 9701 W College Ave; \$3.50/day to park; 425-8550. Free admission; fees apply for some programs.

Naturenauts are \$10 for Milw. Co. residents. For ages 4-6 and caregiver. Registration required. Jan 19, 1-2pm and Jan 20, 9:30-10:30am. Feb. 9, 1-2pm and Feb. 10, 9:30-10:30am.

Little Wonders \$10 for Milw Co. residents. Caregivers must accompany child. Jan. 6, 9:30-10:30am for 2-year-olds; 11-12pm for 3-year-olds. Feb. 3 & 17, 9:30-10:30am age 2, 11-12pm age 3. Mar 9, 9:30-10:30am for age 2, 11-12pm for age 3.

Pop-Up Nature \$5 per family. 1-3pm. Reservations recommended. Walk-ins as space allows. Naturalist-led activity from 1-1:30pm, followed by self-guided activities at your own pace. Dec. 30, Winter's Gifts. Jan 25, Who Was Aldo Leopold?

Events below: \$10 Milw Co residents + \$3.50 to park. Register by Wed. before. Dress warmly; bring flashlights for evening walks

- **Owl Prowl for Adults**, Jan 4, 7-9pm, Wehr Nature Center

- **Owl Prowl for Families**, Jan 18, 5:30-7:30pm. Grant Park Clubhouse



FREE admission

to Betty Brinn Children's Museum 5-8pm Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 19:

Enjoy access to all of the Museum's hands-on exhibits, and stop by the Be A Maker space to find tools, materials and techniques for endless ways to experiment and create.

New Year's Eve at Noon, 9am-noon Dec. 31. Celebrate 2020 early! Guests can make a party hat, create something festive in the Be A Maker space and be wide awake when they count down to the Museum's annual New Year's Eve at Noon ball drop.

Some Assembly Required, special exhibit thru Jan. 5, created in partnership with Build-A-Bear Workshop. Fun, challenging activities for children to achieve, collaborate, celebrate, give, learn, embrace

Be A Maker: Parent Studio, noon-2pm Jan. 20. Families can learn how to make a custom journal, highlighting skills like measuring and hand sewing. Free with reg. admission; register ahead.

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.

- **Tot Time** for ages 1-3, 10:30-11am Thurs. songs, stories, games.

- **Be A Maker Art Studio** for ages 4+, 2-4pm Dec. 21 and Jan. 25

Other activities listed at www.bbcmkids.org. Register for programs when you arrive; space is limited. Closed Dec. 24-25. 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 ext. 228.

Retzer Nature Center

S14 W28167 Madison St, Waukesha. Also see JanBoree *left*. Register ahead at waukeshacountyparks.com or 262-896-8007

Citizen Science: Recommended for ages 13+. Free. Register ahead. *Birding for Beginners* Jan 11 9am-noon. *Wild in Waukesha* Jan 16, 6:30-8pm. *Wetland Monitoring Orientation* Feb 15, 9-11am or Feb 19, 6-8pm Be trained as a citizen scientist to monitor wetlands, birds, reptiles, butterflies; no experience needed.

Wild Winter Night Feb 8, 6-8:30pm. \$4 per person or \$15 per family (ages 2 & younger free). Guided hikes, free snowshoe use, campfire sing-along w/ S'mores, hot cocoa. Explore winter sky with telescopes. Planetarium showings at 6, 6:45 & 7:30pm

Wee Wonders ages 2-4. 9:30-10:30am. \$4 per child. Jan 14 & 15; and Feb 11 & 12. Must be accompanied by parent. Register by Fri prior to program

Retzer Rangers Ages 5-7. 4:30-5:30p.m. \$4 per child. *Tracking Travel Patterns*, Jan 13, Look for tracks in the snow and for other signs of animals. *Owl Prowl*, Feb 10. Register online by Fri before Must be accompanied by a parent.

Spring Workshop Mar 14, 9-3pm; adults, free. Presentations will highlight rain gardens, native plants, composting, citizen science & other outdoor topics. See website for more details

Zoo discounts & special events

Family Free Days Jan. 4, Feb 1, Mar 7 Must pay \$12 to park. See front cover for Frosty Free Week: Dec. 25-Jan. 1 (free admission to all).

March 14 & 15: Behind the Scenes Weekend. Visitors can see behind-the-scenes life of their favorite zoo animals

Admission before Dec. 25: Adult \$13; 3-12 \$10; 2 & under free; 60+ \$11.50. Reduced admission on Weds. for Milw. Co. residents w/ID is \$9.25 adults and \$6.75 ages 3-12. Other days, Milw. Co. residents w/ID save \$1.75 off reg. admission. No discounts on parking

Admission after Jan. 1: Adult \$13.75; 3-12 \$10.75; 2 & under free; 60+ \$12.25. Reduced admission on Weds. for Milw. Co. residents w/ID is \$10 adults and \$7.50 ages 3-12. Other days, Milw. Co. residents w/ID save \$1.75 off reg. admission. No discounts on parking.

Parking \$12. Hours: Through Feb. 9:30-2:30pm M-F and 9:30-4:30pm Sat/Sun. Then 9am-4:30pm daily. 256-5466



MKE Museum Week January 18-26

The second annual MKE Museum Week will offer special programs, behind-the-scenes tours, and discounts and deals at some locations.

The 17 museums participating are:

Wis. Black Historical Society	Jewish Museum Milwaukee
Villa Terrace	Harley-Davidson Museum
The Warehouse	Haggerty Museum of Art
Pabst Mansion	Grohmann Museum at MSOE
North Point Lighthouse	Discovery World
Mitchell Park Domes	Chudnow Museum - Yesteryear
Milwaukee Public Museum	Charles Allis Art Museum
Milwaukee Co. Historical Society	Betty Brinn Children's Museum
Milwaukee Art Museum	www.mkemuseumweek.com

Urban Ecology Center

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

Candlelight Walk Dec. 14. Families 4:30-6pm. Walks start every 15 min. Registration for walk time required. Starts at \$7. Guided candlelit walk. Warm up inside by fire with cider, snacks and music.

Winter Adventure Days: Preregistration required. Dress for the weather & bring a bag lunch. Sliding fee starts at \$35.

-Wis. Winter Extravaganza Dec 23, 9am-4pm. 1st-6th grade. Learn about native animals, winter games/activities, build your own shelter

-Wilderness Exploration Dec. 26. 9am-4pm. 2nd-4th grade. Learn how to snowshoe, complete a scavenger hunt.

-Winter Survival Challenge 9am-4pm Dec 27. Make a shelter, build a fire, learn how to find your way in the woods. 2nd-4th graders

Winter Snowshoeing for Beginners & Hike Jan. 11 9:30-11:30am. For adults. accompanied kids 7 yrs+. Learn basics of snowshoeing & enjoy snowy hikes this winter. Equipment, hot cocoa provided. Dress in layers/wear waterproof footwear. Register ahead. Sliding fee: \$14

Winter Family Night Jan 11, 4-6 pm All ages. Puppet show, games, make your own winter crafts, hot cocoa, snacks, stories in our teepee. Registration required. Sliding fee starts at \$7 per person

Owl Prowl Feb. 8, 6:30-8 pm. For families. A winter night hike through the forest to hear the hoots of our nocturnal raptors, the owls. Learn how behaviors and adaptations make these birds amazing survivors, then head to the woods to listen for the calls of our neighborhood owls. Pre-registration required. Sliding fee starts at \$10

Nature Rangers 4-5:30pm every Mon. or Tue. for ages 5 & up. Bimonthly fee \$10

Animal Feeding 1-2:30pm Sundays in Dec, Sat. in Jan, Feb, Mar

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

Winterfest, 10am-2pm, Jan 25. Arts, crafts, homemade pies, sledging, ice skating (weather permitting), guided nature walks. Free.

Winter Adventure Day Outdoor Sports 9am-4pm Dec 28, winter fun, learning, adventure for 3rd-5th graders. Sliding fee starts at \$35

Nature Arts & Crafts Night, 5:30-6:45pm Jan. 16. For adults and accompanied children. Free. Create with all kinds of materials!

Young Scientist Club. Weekly on Tue, Wed or Thur 4-6, Sat 1-4. For children ages 5-12 interested in science and nature. Hiking, gar-

dening, help with research, caring for the Center's animals. \$15 annual membership. Not on Dec. 24, 25, 26, 28, 31, Jan 1, 2.

Snowshoeing for Beginners and Hike Feb. 8, 9:30-11:30am For adults and accompanied children. Learn the basics of snowshoeing and enjoy a wintry hike. Equipment provided. Dress in layers and wear waterproof footwear. Register ahead. Sliding fee starts at \$14

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

Young Scientists Club inc. hiking, to helping with research, to caring for the Center's animals. Weekly 4:30-6:30pm Tues & or Thurs; 1-4pm Sat. for ages 5-12; \$15 annual membership. Not Dec. 20, 22, 25, 27 Dec. 21, 24, 26, 28, 31, Jan. 2

Urban Candlelight Hike, Three Bridges Park 5:30-8:30pm Feb 22 Two miles of candlelight for hiking, roaring fires & marshmallow roasting, hot chocolate. Free, but may be a cost for refreshments.

Winter Adventure Day Animals in Winter 9am-4pm Jan. 2, fun, learning, adventure for 1st-3rd and 4th-6th graders; register ahead. Dress for the weather, bring a bag lunch. Sliding fee starts at \$35

Piñata Making Workshop Feb. 1, 10-11:30am. Adults and families. All materials provided. Pre-registration required. Sliding fee starts at \$7.

Milwaukee Public Museum

Free admission to all on 1st Thursday of the month. 278-2728 Open 'til 8pm that night (although butterfly wing closes 4:30pm) Milw. Co. residents w/ID get \$2 discount every day. 800 W Wells.

Spiders Alive! thru Jan. 12. Explore this exciting eight-legged exhibit with 17 species of live spiders from around the world.

Winter Break Programs: Dec. 23-31 (closed Dec. 25): Find our Educators on the Museum floors with fun activities!

Snow Day: Jan. 11 Learn how people and animals adapt to frigid conditions to live, work, play, and celebrate during the winter months. Meet the Door County Sled Dogs! Take photos with the team; get your questions answered by their mushers 11:30am-1pm.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 20: Find our Educators on the Museum floors with activities 11am-3pm.

Family Fun Day Feb. 18 Explore all three floors of the museum with hands-on activities for all ages 11am-3pm

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

Parenting groups, fun activities at family centers

The Parenting Network



FREE Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Seminars and discussion groups:

- The Power of Positive Parenting, Feb. 13, 5:45-7:15pm. Oak Creek Library, 8040 S 6th St. To register: <https://oakcreeklibrary.org>
- The Power of Positive Parenting, Jan. 29, 6-7:30pm. Tippecanoe Library, 3912 S Howell Ave. Register: Parent Helpline 671-0566
- Raising Confident, Competent Children, Feb. 26, 6-7:30pm. Tippecanoe Library, 3912 S Howell. Register: Parent Helpline 671-0566
- Raising Resilient Children, Mar. 25, 6-7:30pm. Tippecanoe Library, 3912 S Howell Ave. Register: Parent Helpline 671-0566
- Tantrums, Mar. 12, 5:45-7:45pm. Oak Creek Library, 8040 S 6th St. To register: <https://oakcreeklibrary.org>

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 Cafes provide parents the opportunity to come together to share the joys and challenges of parenting, to recharge and be validated. 5-7:30pm Tues. at different sites. Attend one or attend all. To register contact Andrea Libber at The Parenting Network, 671-5575 x 12. Free. Registration required for childcare.

- Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 17. HeartLove Place (St. Francis Parish) 1927 N. Vel R. Phillips Ave.
- Feb. 4, Mar. 3, Urban Ecology Center, 1859 N 40 St.
- Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Alexander Mitchell Integrated Arts School, 1728 S. 23 St.
- Jan. 28, Feb. 25. 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 County and at our home site, 7516 W. Burleigh St. Check website for additional program sites and dates: www.theparentingnetwork.org or contact us directly at 671-0566.

Doula Roundtable is a safe space for Black Doulas in Milw. Co. to gather for support, foster collaboration and fuel birth work innovation. Members of the Doula Roundtable build community and commit to working on projects to further support pregnant moms Kenya Johnson, kenyata.johnsonaavn@gmail.com 617-1222

Learn about becoming a doula Are you interested in becoming a doula birthworker & have questions? Are you a doula who is interested in joining a network of dynamic visionaries?

“Let’s Talk: Doula 101” will be hosted by Birthworkers United, Inc. Dates/location TBD. Email vanessajohnson@nurturingmiracles.com or follow FB & IG @birthworkersunited for details.

Journey House 2110 W. Scott St. Program info: 647-0548

THRIVE Workforce Career program: call Ritchie for info..

Youth Education / 5-8pm programming: call JC for info.

See p. 21 for GED & other classes at the Family Learning Center.

COA Youth & Family Centers

- *Riverwest Family Resource Center* 909 E. Garfield

Contact Shay Knox with questions and/or concerns: 290-7908
All programs are free. Closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 1.

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! Great indoor fun for cold winter days

- *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-12:30pm Mon, Wed, & Fri. 11am-3pm Tues & Thurs. Check for holiday closing dates. Free playtime, snack, arts & crafts, and opportunity for new parent connections. Cozy Closet Clothing Bank: during Drop-In hrs & by appointment.

CenteringParenting and PregnancyCare Groups

Are you or your partner pregnant? Wish you had more time with your doctor? Have questions about pregnancy, delivery, or having a newborn? Join us for CenteringPregnancy: Prenatal care in a group setting & CenteringParenting: Family centered care in a group setting. To register or for info: 444-0077 or Centering@aurora.org

Neighborhood House

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

Family Fun Nights: Register with Tasha 933-6161 Ext.142

Sweetheart Night! 5-6:30pm Feb. 13. Put on your best Valentine’s Day outfit and walk the catwalk. Dancing, crafts and light snack. Fashion Show starts at 5:30pm.

The Story of Us: African American History Program. 5-7pm Feb. 28. Neighborhood House students’ annual presentation of “The Story of US!” Learn the history through music and movement. Followed by a potluck. Please register your traditional African American dish!

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 Basket Ball. Call for more details.

Family Adventures: Register with Tasha 933-6161 Ext.142

Art of Cooking: 11am-2pm Jan. 11. Families will learn how to prepare a cultural dish using in-season produce and share stories of family cooking and recipes. Includes recipe swap and snacks.

Adventure Rock: After learning about climbing and how people live in mountain terrains, families will scale Adventure Rock’s climbing walls. They’ll also create climbing logs, featuring written reflections and sketches. Ages 6+ . Space is limited. Transportation provided. Call for date (in February).

Maple Sugaring: 9am-2:30pm Mar. 21. Participants will learn about the history of maple syrup and maple trees. They will identify, tap, drill, collect sap, and see syrup being created. Includes art activity and a hike. Lunch will be provided, as well as transportation to NH Nature Center in Neosho.

FREE Baby Box to provide safe place for newborn baby to sleep for ALL parents and caregivers. No residency restriction. Appointment encouraged, Greenfield Health Dept 329-5275.



A sacred gathering for families experiencing pregnancy and infant loss

10-11am on the first Saturday of the month

Childcare provided

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. For more information, contact Dalvery Blackwell, 617-3441 or visit AABNetwork.org

Pregnancy and Child Loss Support Circle at Bay View Community Center

6-7pm Second Monday of the month. 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. Share as much or as little as you would like as we gather in a quiet, respectful atmosphere and talk through the many faces of grief during the individual journey through bereavement.

Babies in arms and young children welcome as you see fit. Supervised play available for children over 2 in our adjoining Children's Room with advanced registration only.

Bay View Community Center, 1320 E. Oklahoma. 482-1000

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 Edward Swims. Registration encouraged, but not required: 617-3441. Two monthly educational sessions:

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

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

-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 Dec 19, Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 11. \$20; scholarships available. Attend while pregnant. *Breastfeeding & Beyond the Hospital* 1:30-3pm Dec 18, Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 25. \$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 Dec 19, Jan. 6, Mar. 30. Best if attend at 7th/8th mo. \$20 fee waived for WIC moms. Register: healthcare.ascension.org 477-2622 Classes also at Elmbrook Hospital, 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. To request set-up for English, call 897-5289

- 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. Does not meet Dec. 25, Jan. 1. 231-9640

- Mothering the Mother, Inc. www.motheringthemotherrinc.org Free breastfeeding help can be scheduled online: see *Services* tab Breastfeeding & childbirth classes, see website for dates. Classes in person or virtual. All classes on a sliding scale: \$10-\$40 (pay what you can afford). 1588 S. 81 St. West Allis. 378-9524

Waukesha Co. classes: Breastfeeding with Confidence classes \$15 6:30-8:30pm at Oconomowoc Hospital Dec. 18.

- Waukesha: Breastfeeding class 12:30-2:30pm Dec. 18 and 4:30-6:30pm Dec 10. Jan. 28: English only. Also in Spanish only one-on-one. Register, Waukesha Co. Public Health Dept: 262-896-8440.

- Breastfeeding groups at 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.



Exuberant graduates from the YWCA adult education program. See page 21 for more information on YWCA classes.

Our Daily Bread Community Outreach Center

6040 W Lisbon #203, 301-3732. *Prenatal/new moms p. 18-19; breastfeeding support, p. 16*

A Better Us Support Group for Mothers: for expectant mothers and new mothers meets Jan 27, Feb 10, Feb 24, Mar 9, Mar 23 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

Bay View Community Center

1320 E. Oklahoma. www.bayviewcenter.org Register at least 1 week ahead of classes: 482-1000

Drop-in play groups (Not Jan. 10 or 11)

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 between Jan. 1 & June 30.

First Year Circle for expectant mothers and families with children 1 and under, 10am-noon Fridays (not Jan. 10). Free. Guest speakers on pregnancy, postpartum care, parenting, infant health, and more. Supervised play available for ages 2-6 in adjoining Children's Room.

Toddler Years Circle for families with children 1-4 (older/younger siblings welcome), 9:30-11:30pm Mon. Free. Guest speakers on this stage of child development.

Saturday Circle for Working Parents for families with children under 6 (older siblings welcome), 10am-noon Jan. 25, Feb. 29. Special guests, resources, networking.

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

Milwaukee Babywearing Meet-Up: 2-4pm 4th Fri.

Pajama Storytime with craft, 4:45-5:30pm Jan. 16, Feb. 27. Best for children under age 6.

Intergenerational Storytime for children and adults of all ages, 3-4pm Feb. 25. Story, snack, and activity (art, music, or a game). At Howard Village, a senior living community. Free, but must register.

All-Abilities Playgroup: activities for children, parents, grandparents (adults of all ages), 10-11am Feb. 19, Mar. 18. At Milw. Center for Independence. Free, but must register.

Stories for Spike: 1-2pm Feb. 15, Mar. 7. Young readers are paired with a canine reading buddy. Snacks, book to take home. Also helps children learn dog etiquette. Free, but RSVP ahead.

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, 4925 N. 24 Place, 378-4031
- Ascension Columbia St. Mary
- Ascension St. Francis Campus
- Ascension St. Joseph Campus, 5000 W. Chambers, 793-0328
- 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
- Meta House
- 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. 12 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 Tuesday, Ebenezer COGIC. Blanket of Love creates a community of support through the combination of a welcoming meal eaten together, an educational program and time for sharing with staff and other members of the group. For young women, their spouse or friend and family. Free. 3132 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Does not meet Dec. 24 or 31. Pre-registration is required. To register, or for other locations offering this program, call 793-0328.

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 Jan. 7, 14, 21. 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 At 1032 S. Cesar Chavez Dr: Every Tues. car seat class English/Spanish 10-11am. Parenting Skills Class, 10am-noon Thurs. Call Sarahi to schedule: 897-5296

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 provides information, resources and support to pregnant women & mothers of newborns (2 mos. or younger) who receive Medicaid/BadgerCare. Referrals given to financial resources, quality healthcare, quality childcare, computer lab, resume prep, and parenting classes. 4200 N Holton St Ste. 110. Contact: Ms. Torrie Moffett, 933-6768

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.motheringthemotherrinc.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

Childbirth Preparation series at St Joseph Hospital and Elm-brook 6:30-9pm Mondays are listed at: www.healthcare.ascension.org. \$80 fee waived for WIC moms. Info: 447-2622

Childbirth education: free classes (**Easter Seals Safe Babies**

Healthy Families) at **Aurora Sinai**, 960 N. 12, 4:30-6:30pm 4 Thurs Call for dates. Receive diapers by attending all 4 classes Register: 449-4444

Childbirth classes for Teens and Young Adults – ongoing – call for dates. 4:30-6:30pm Aurora Sinai Medical Center 960 N 12. \$20 262-548-4000

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

UnitedHealthcare 1-800-599-5985 free to anyone with Medicaid. Provides ongoing prenatal support over phone re: Healthy 1st Steps

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

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

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

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

Easter Seals, Safe Babies Healthy Families 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, Childbirth education class in Milw Co. 262-548-4000

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. 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

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 Dec 21, Jan. 5, Feb. 22; 1:30-3pm Jan. 8. 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 Concepts 8-wk parent series Wed 10-noon or Th 5-7pm Register 1st day; only 30 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 Elmbrook Mem. Hospital'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.

Vent Wednesday support group: 1:30-3pm first Wed. of the month (not Jan. 1). Drop-in. Free. Columbia St. Mary's, 2323 N. Lake Dr 585-1025

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 1-800-642-7837 7am-6pm M-F

Infant CPR classes at Ascension Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital Sat. Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 14; 9-10:30am and 11:30-1pm, \$15. Must register: 585-1025 babyclasses@columbia-stmarys.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 first, as it's the foundation for other workshops. CE: 3.0 hrs. East, Jan 25, 10:30-1:30pm. 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. Center Street, Feb 29, 10:30-1:30pm. 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

Facts are Fun: Be introduced to great non-fiction books and how they add fun and interest. CE: 2.0 hrs. Villard Square, Feb 8, 10:30-12:30pm

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

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. \$10. 6-8pm. Dates for 2020: Jan 13, March 9, May 11, July 13, Sept 14 and Nov 9. Classes are held at 4C office: 1736 N. 2nd St. Call for registration info: 414-562-2650.

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 you 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

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 Jan. 14, 21, 28 or Feb. 11, 18 & 25, Central Library
- 10am-4pm Jan. 18 or Feb. 22 WWBIC, 1533 N. Rivercenter Dr.
- 9am-noon Feb. 4 & 11 at Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club, 3000 N. Sherman Blvd

"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 Feb 1 at Housing Resources, 7830 W Burleigh.

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

English Part 1 Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 5,

Part 2 Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 12

Spanish Part 1 Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 19,

Part 2 Jan 30, Feb 27, Mar 26

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 sessions:

- 4:30pm Jan. 7, Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin.
- 1:30pm Jan. 23, Atkinson, 1960 W Atkinson Ave.
- 4:30pm Feb. 4, Center Street, 2727 W Fond du Lac.
- 10:30am Feb. 22, Villard Square, 5190 N. 35 St.
- 1:30pm Mar. 5, Mill Road/Good Hope Branch, 7717 W Good Hope Rd. (opening in 2020)
- 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!)**

Own a new home, for less than you pay in rent

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity partners with low and moderate income families to build homes in the city. Families will work alongside volunteers to put 300 hours of "sweat equity" into building their home. Monthly mortgage payments (with very low interest) can be \$500-\$800 (inc. taxes/insurance) -- less than most families pay in rent. Orientations 5:30pm Jan. 14, Feb. 11; noon Jan. 15, 29; Feb. 12, 26; Mar. 11; 10am Jan. 25, Feb. 29. Must register at milwaukeehabitat.org/housing/ 255-3565

Kindergarten enrollment fair Feb. 1. Learn about early childhood education for ages 3-5 and enroll. Get info on Head Start, Montessori, kindergarten, bilingual education. Visit mpsmke.com or call 475-8448 in 2020 for location and other details. Seats will fill quickly!



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.

This New Year, earn your high school diploma and land your dream job

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

Journey House hosts PNC Bank training program

Interviews for acceptance into training program 3rd week of Dec. Orientation starts Jan. 6; training completed Feb. 28, with job fair/hiring event. Job seekers will be 18+, have high school diploma or GED, have basic computer skills, and preferably, cash handling skills and customer service experience. 2110 W. Scott St.

Call ASAP to check if deadline has passed to apply. 647-0548

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. (Next date is Jan. 9 after holidays.) The instructor will provide detailed instructions for next steps during orientation. Deadline for the next HSED class is Feb. 12. 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.

Job help

Professional Development at COA, 2320 W. Burleigh: 1-1:30pm Tues/Thurs. 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

One-on-one tutor support is offered at a place that is quiet and comforting. 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.

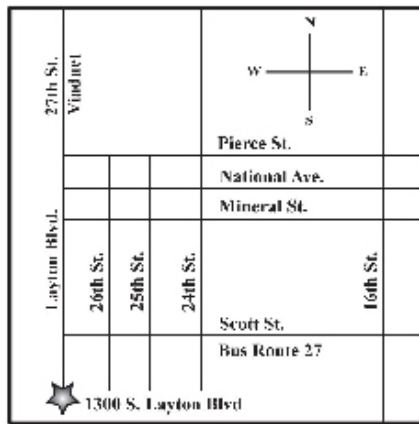
Free clothing at Single Mother's Trading Post

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 disposable diapers are available for each child in diapers.

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

When: 9:30-11:30am (MUST arrive by 11:15) **NO Post Jan. 2**
1st & 3rd Thurs: Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 6 & 20, Mar. 5 & 19



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.



Boerner Botanical Gardens

9400 Boerner Dr. Hales Corners. 525-5653

Winterfest 10am-2pm Jan. 19. Conquer cabin fever with special nature walks (in any weather!), indoor & outdoor activities, and family fun. Free admission; \$5 per person for 1-hr. family nature walk led by educator. Food for purchase.

Winter Wonder Woods at Hawthorn Glen

18,000 lights illuminate the beauty of the Glen, winding you through the woods & past displays. Features a selfie station, Hiking Santa, educational facts along the trail, and more. Warm yourself at the outdoor fire pit & purchase a s'mores kit.

Indoors: seasonal music and warm drinks and cookies available for purchase. 5-9pm Dec. 13, 14, 20, 21. 1130 N. 60. \$2 per person (ages 2 & under: free) Info: 475-8811

Winter Carnival at Lynden Sculpture Garden

10am-4pm Jan. 26. Day of outdoor art-making, studio activities, scavenger hunts, tours, tree-walks, and whatever other winter activities - ice skating, crosscountry skiing, snowshoeing - the weather permits. Adults: \$9; \$7 students & seniors. Kids under 6 are free. Family passes available at the door for \$20 (nonmember price). Lynden Sculpture Garden, 2145 W. Brown Deer

West Allis Winter Week

Jan. 19-25 All times 6pm-8pm unless listed otherwise
Visit bit.ly/34DOCzZ online for locations.

A whole week dedicated to celebrating winter and embracing the coziness and contentment of hygge.

Jan 20: Night Hike & Bingo Jan 21: Winter Wonderland

Jan 22: Soup-er Soup Crawl - \$5 ticket gets 10 tasting tickets and coupons for free cup of soup for each participating restaurant.

Jan 23: Ice Skating at Liberty Heights

Jan 24: Window Wonderland - Windows with winter scenes painted by local artists, and free s'mores!

Jan 25: Winterfest - Inflatables, face painting, food, music, raffles, and more! Reasonably priced tickets for non-CAAD members. Nathan Hale High School.

Milwaukee Winter Farmers Market: 9am-1pm Sat. thru Mar. 28 in the Greenhouse Annex at the Domes. Nearly 50 vendors with local produce, meat, cheese, eggs, bakery, honey, maple syrup, canned goods, prepared foods. Quest/FoodShare accepted at the Info Booth. Operated by Fondy Food Center. www.mcwfm.org

The Domes

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

Holiday Garden Floral Show captures the look and feel of a classical Christmas. Thru Jan 5.

New Year's Eve Family Celebration 6-9pm Dec. 31. Live music, magic, fire dancers, face painters, balloon twisting, DJ dance party, light shows, balloon drop at 9. Food and beverages for purchase. \$10; age 2 & under free. Tickets for sale at gift shop or online at www.milwaukeehomes.com/new-years-eve.

Attack of the Giant Monsters Train Show. Jan 18-Mar 29. This G-scale model train garden will feature spoofs of your favorite classic giant movie monsters. Watch for creatures lurking in the plants and hidden surprises!

All-Scale Train Exhibit: 9-4pm Feb. 8 & 9. A weekend of exhibits and unique train layouts of all types and sizes of collectible model trains, from ones you can ride to those that are miniature sized.

Hearts Under Glass: 6-9pm, Feb 14. Stroll the softly lit Domes, take a walk in the moonlit Desert Dome, spend a romantic moment in the Tropics and enjoy a spectacular light show. Food available for purchase. Special event price: \$10

Adults \$8, Ages 6-17 \$6, 5 & under Free.
Hrs: 9am-5pm M-Fri. 9am-4pm weekends & holidays.
524 S. Layton. 257-5611. MitchellParkDomes.com



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 an official 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 information 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, 10am-2pm Tues. & Wed; 1-4pm & Sat 444-0440

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

United Methodist Children's Services 3910 W. Lisbon, noon-4pm 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. (see p. 15) or by appointment. 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/unsorted. 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 location 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 and pregnancy statement. Toddler clothing every 6 months. Mon. 12:30-6pm, Tues. noon-4pm, Wed. 10- 2pm, Thurs. noon-4pm, closed Fri, Sat, 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 clothing, shoes, furniture, electronics, housewares, etc. 464-9099

Well-Rounded Maternity Center 2455 S. Howell Ave, Bay View Maternity clothing resale and classes. See info on p. 18. 744-7001

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

Resale Shop run by Christ Child Society 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 St. Charles Youth/ Family Services program

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 w/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

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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, 9am-noon Tues & Fri. Identification needed for 1st visit. Meals: 5:30-6:30pm 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

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Single mothers may place an ad here or in bi-monthly Updates for \$1. Free to HOPE members. Send ad to admin@hopenetworkinc.org

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- MATC Downtown, 6-9:30pm Thurs. Feb. 6-April 2 (closed Mar 19) First floor atrium of the Student Center, 700 W. State St
- MATC South, Oak Creek 8:30 a.m.-noon on Saturdays Feb. 8-Mar. 28. Room A120 in the A Building, 6665 S. Howell Ave

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Nadiyah Groves

The HOPE Network board welcomed Nadiyah Groves to the role of board president in November. She has served on the Board of Directors since 2016 and has been a HOPE member since 2013.

Nadiyah is a committed organizer and non-profit

professional, with years of service in executing programming and operations management. She previously worked as the Deputy Milwaukee Director on the 2018 reelection campaign for Senator Tammy Baldwin.

As Milwaukee prepares to host the Democratic National Convention, she is serving as the Director of Grassroots Activation for the Milwaukee 2020 Host Committee. She is overseeing the committee's advocacy and volunteer engagements by forming partnerships with community organizations. She's also mobilizing diverse population segments through relationship and community building.

Nadiyah is a proud fighter for more women and young girls in STEM fields, particularly technology. She is co-founder of CODE24, a grassroots organization that provides opportunities in coding for young girls of color. She has a six-year-old daughter, Kaylah.

Other board officers elected Nov. 11 include Gail Grenier Sweet, vice president, and Ally Spaight, secretary.



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- Resources - 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, makeovers, Brewers tickets, Bucks tickets, museum passes, and more!
- Classified advertising in *HOPE Network News* – for free!
- Opportunity to apply for annual scholarships

Current members: watch the mail for your renewal form this month. New members: join and pay \$5 annual dues at hopenetworkinc.org. Or call 262-251-7333 to be mailed an application.

Thank you to all who joined us Oct. 4 to “Get Your Country On!”

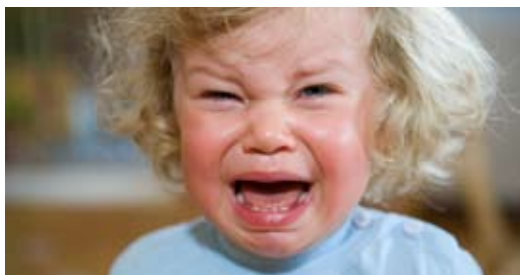
With the help of guests, sponsors, auction donors, and bidders, we raised more than \$40,000 for all of HOPE Network's programs for single mothers. In 2020, HOPE Network will be able to do more than ever to serve single mothers and their families at birth and beyond.

We're already planning for 2020! New this year: we're moving to September!

Save the date for September 25, 2020



Office volunteer Kathy Wambold enjoyed the country-themed celebration.



Don't let this be your last issue!

We are cleaning up our mailing list. Contact 262-251-7333 or admin@hopenetworkinc.org to continue receiving the *Network News*.

(Current HOPE Network Members who have paid \$5 annual dues will continue to receive the *News*.)