

Community Resources



COVID-19 Education

What You Need to Know Now About COVID-19

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

GET VACCINATED OR CONTINUE TO WEAR YOUR MASK

Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, or local regulations, including business and workplace guidance. If you are not vaccinated, you are not safe. Please go get vaccinated or continue to wear your mask. **Only unvaccinated people are at risk by unmasking, according to the CDC.**



COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID 19 VACCINE: An Informed Choice

Authorized COVID-19 vaccines can help protect you from COVID-19. You should get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to you. Once you are fully vaccinated, you may be able to start doing some things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

Everyone 12 years and older is eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine:

- All 12-17 year olds must have parent/guardian consent
- Vaccines are provided free of charge
- Insurance information will not be collected
- Thousands of vaccines are available daily
- In-home vaccination now available, call (414) 286-6800 to schedule

Learn more about COVID-19 vaccine, walk-in clinics or schedule your appointment online. If you live in the City of Milwaukee and have questions, please call the Milwaukee Health Department COVID-19 Hotline at (414) 286-6800. If you do not live in the City of Milwaukee, please call 844-684-1064.

Sources:

<https://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/need-to-know.html>



Celebrating New Opportunities



Mary Stuckey shared this photo of “Team Gump” who walked in honor of their mom, Pat Byrne. Pat was a past executive director at HOPE Network.

Celebrating Moms

We are so very excited to announce our first ever Walk With HOPE Virtual 5K Fundraiser took place the first week in May. Thank you to all who participated, donating a total of \$6,100.

This fun and exciting event was virtual so that participants could choose to do this event at a time and location that was not only convenient to them, but safe. Having this event virtual was a very great way to stay socially distanced while coming “together” with a community of teams to support a great cause. Walk With HOPE made an impact and supported single mothers.



WALK WITH HOPE
VIRTUAL 5K♥2021

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Meet New Board Member Rita Saavedra

We are excited to have Rita Saavedra join our board. She is currently the marketing manager for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, as part of the Medicaid team. In her role, Rita collaborates with local partners to address social determinants of health in the communities that are impacted the greatest. Her contribution to bring on board; resources, health education, health services, and educational events to the community will be a great benefit to our community.

Prior to her time at Anthem, Rita, worked for Molina Healthcare as a communications specialist. She was the primary

communications liaison for the Wisconsin Plan. Rita was also responsible for all internal and external channels of communications and marketing material. Her role required a high level of collaboration with employees, corporate teams, members, partners, community, and The Department of Health Services (DHS).

Rita is passionate about HOPE Network’s mission and states, “I am interested in participating on the HOPE Network for Single Mothers board, my goal is to contribute to this organization mission in providing resources and support for single mothers”.



Will you make a difference?

Serving on our Board of Directors is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about HOPE Network Inc’s mission and who has a track record of leadership. If this is of interest to you, please contact Babette Honore at 262-251-7333.

Celebrating Education

Scholarship Recipient Spotlight

HOPE Network scholarships address the unique challenge of our single mother's education. Recipients use the scholarship funds for tuition or for childcare while they attend school. In this issue, we continue to share the testimonies from the ladies who received scholarships in 2020.



Simone Tatum

**MOUNT MARY
UNIVERSITY**

Biology-Health

I am Simone Tatum. I go to Mount Mary University and I am majoring in Biology-Health Science. I plan to receive my bachelor's in biology health science and receive my master's as an anesthesiologist assistant. I originally wanted to go out of state for college but after having my beautiful daughter in June 2019 I knew that was kind of impossible, especially being a first-time mom. After having my daughter, I applied last minute and was lucky to get into Mount Mary. I have the mindset that having a daughter while starting college is just extra motivation to not give up. The financial aspect has been the hardest part of continuing college. Being a single mother, I pay for everything for my daughter. Diapers, formula, clothes, and all the necessities add up. I get stressed about paying for college. Knowing that I have some type of financial help gives me a little stress relief. I try to balance spending time with my daughter, working and going to school. It gets hard sometimes, but I know it will pay off in the end. This scholarship will pay towards my tuition for the upcoming school year. It gives me encouragement to keep going and get this degree for my daughter. When she gets older, she will see how hard I tried and how determined I was. I appreciate receiving this scholarship and send congratulations to the other recipients.

—Simone Tatum

For More Information ...

To learn more about HOPE Scholarship opportunities for single mothers, go to our website at hopenetworkinc.org.

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Celebrating Helpful Resources

A RECIPE FOR GOOD HEALTH

FoodShare Wisconsin

FoodShare Wisconsin was created to help stop hunger and improve the overall health and wellness within our communities. FoodShare helps people with limited financial resources to buy the food they need for positive and healthy living.

Each month, people across the state of Wisconsin get assistance from FoodShare. These are people of all ages who have a job but have low incomes, are living on small or fixed income, have lost their job, and are retired or disabled and not able to work.

To apply for FoodShare, visit [Apply for Benefits](#).

For current FoodShare income limits, visit [FoodShare Monthly Income Limits](#).

COVID-19 UPDATES

FoodShare is committed to protecting the health and safety of FoodShare members during the COVID-19 pandemic. To stay informed about the latest program updates, limitations to in-person contacts, general COVID-19 resources, and more, please go to the [COVID-19: ForwardHealth Program Updates for You and Your Family](#) webpage.



JOB SEARCHING AND CAREER SKILL BUILDING

W-2: Wisconsin Works



W-2 is a program that provides employment preparation services, case management and cash assistance to eligible families. Low-income parents and pregnant women may participate in W-2. Both you and your child's other parent may be eligible for W-2, even if your child only lives with you.

W-2 can help you get a job and provide for your family. W-2 can help you find a job, provide you with work experience, connect you with education and training, and provide case management services to help you stay employed and advance in your career. A worker at the W-2 Agency determines if you are eligible for W-2.

You are required to participate in work, or activities to help you get ready to work, in exchange for cash assistance. A worker at the W-2 Agency will determine which activities

are appropriate for you and if you need additional services to participate.

W-2 PROVIDES:

- Help in finding a job;
- Work experience, through supervised worksites
- Vocational education and training
- Case management services
- Assistance with searching for housing, child care, and employment
- Assistance applying for SSI/SSDI

You must apply for W-2 at your local W-2 Agency. Please visit the ["Find a W-2 Agency"](#) page for contact information.

Source: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/index.php/w2/parents/w2>



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Being a single mother gives me precious moments when I'm looking into the eyes of my baby and I see my reflection – a woman who chose to unconditionally love and care for this beautiful little human. I get to witness all the firsts: first smile, first laugh, first word, and so on. It is tough yet so rewarding.

5/3/21

Covid-19 Vaccine
WALK-IN CLINICS
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED



<p>Wisconsin Center 500 W. Wells Street Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm Saturday 9am-3:30pm</p>	<p>Northwest Health Center 6431 N. 76th Street (former library building) Southside Health Center 1639 S. 23rd Street (tented area) Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10am-4pm Tuesday, Thursday, 10am-6pm</p>
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