

# DMARC E-Bulletin

For the week of February 16, 2009

Here are this week's announcements. Please help publicize these events in your congregation's bulletin, newsletter or bulletin board or pass the information to someone who can benefit from it.

## DMARC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DMARC PREFERRED PERSONAL PRODUCTS DONATION SITES:

Needed items include: *diapers, baby wipes, baby powder, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bars of soap, razors and feminine hygiene products.*

**BIDWELL RIVERSIDE CENTER**, 1203 Hartford Ave., DM 50315 244-6251

Contact: Josh/Cassie

**CITY OF WEST D.M. HUMAN SERVICES**, 318 5<sup>th</sup> St., WDM 50265 222-3660

Contact: Tammy Lage

**COMMUNITY SERVICES SITE ON 6TH**, 1618 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., DM 50311 248-6241

Contact: Danita Parker

**DOWNTOWN FOOD PANTRY SITE**, 701 Grand Ave., DM 50309 243-1381

Contact: Sherry Kepner

**IOWA HOMELESS YOUTH CENTERS**, 1219 Buchanan St., DM 503126 265-1222

Contact: Nikki Dempsey

**RED ROCK COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM**, Neveln Resource Center, # 305, 406 SW School St., Ankeny, 50023 965-0433 Contact: Sharon Brooks

**ST. MARY FAMILY CENTER**, 1815 Hubbell Ave., D.M. 50316 262-7290

Contact: Susie Paloma

**SALVATION ARMY SOCIAL SERVICES**, 1300 6<sup>th</sup> Ave or 1216 E 25<sup>th</sup> Ct., DM 50314/ 50317- 282-3422/ 266-3156 Contact: Shireen Braman/Joanne Norelius

*All preferred sites report collections to DMARC which allows us to track distribution and to better serve those in need.*

### Sack Saturday Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the community? Each month the Des Moines Area Religious Council seeks volunteers to participate in Sack Saturdays.

Participants are asked to commit two hours to greeting shoppers at local grocery stores and encouraging either their purchase of sacks of food items costing \$5.00, individual items of food (such as peanut butter, cereal, pasta, soups) or cash. The food items collected are used to supply local food pantries in the Des Moines area. Money collected is used to purchase additional food items. This is an ideal opportunity for church, business or civic groups to work together to help meet a need in our community.

*Please contact Cindy Morton, DMARC Red Barrel Coordinator at 277-6969 or 238-4593 to sign up for a sack Saturday.*

## **DMARC Emergency Food Pantry Needs Paper Grocery Bags**

DMARC's nine food pantries are in need of paper grocery bags in good condition. The pantries reuse paper sacks for packing food items to be given out to those in need. Large quantities of these paper sacks are consumed in the process, and the need is ongoing. Purchasing paper grocery sacks is not possible due to cost, and therefore, recycling paper sacks for this purpose is our only option. If you have extra paper sacks, you can drop them off at DMARC or any of our nine pantry locations.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### ***FEBRUARY***

#### **Monday, February 16**

##### **YOUTH CHOIR**

Stacy Nichols and Aneesha Sahbazz will direct a youth choir practice at Creative Visions, 1343 13<sup>th</sup> St., in Des Moines. A teaching at 6:30 p.m. will help discover the importance of lyrics and songs that youth listen to and sing. The rehearsal will run from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*More information, email [stacy-nichols@hotmail.com](mailto:stacy-nichols@hotmail.com) or call 423-1349.*

#### **Thursday, February 19**

##### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Learn how to apply for homeownership with Habitat for Humanity. An informational meeting will be held at 6:40 p.m. at Gatchel United Methodist Church, 1909 MLK Jr. Pkwy, in Des Moines.

*Attendance and Sign-in are required in order for your application to be accepted. You must stay the entire 2 hour session.*

#### **Saturday, February 21**

##### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Learn how to apply for homeownership with Habitat for Humanity. An informational meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Gatchel United Methodist Church, 1909 MLK Jr. Pkwy, in Des Moines.

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## **Saturday, February 21**

### **REGIONAL WINTER GATHERING: FOOD IS EVERYONE'S MISSION**

Plymouth United Church of Christ at 4126 Ingersoll Avenue in Des Moines is hosting this conference from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The moderator will be Mark Pearson, Host of IPTV's *Market to Market*, and the presenters are: Cheryl Tevis, Farm Issues Editor, *Successful Farming*; Craig Lang, President, Iowa Farm Bureau; Marv Baldwin, President and CEO, Foods Resource Bank. Foods Resource Bank (FRB) is a grassroots to grassroots organization that provides access to resources that allow small farmers around the world to grow their own food in a sustainable way. This event is an opportunity for growing projects to gather, network, and go home inspired. It is an invitation to others as well to visit with FRB volunteers and staff, to learn more about our work, and to get connected if you would like to join in.

*To RSVP or for more information, call 563-589-0718 or 563-542-2870 or email [ginger@foodsresourcebank.org](mailto:ginger@foodsresourcebank.org).*

## **Sunday, February 22**

### **DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL FOOD PANTRY**

DMARC's third annual Soup Supper at will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a free ceramic bowl made by a local artist.

## **Sunday, February 22**

### **TALK: "SEEKING PEACEMAKERS IN THE HOLY LAND"**

Kathleen McQuillen, Iowa Program Coordinator of the American Friends Service Committee, will present this talk at Valley Church, 4343 Fuller Rd., beginning at 2:00 p.m. The talk is sponsored by Holy Trinity Catholic Church and by the Holy Trinity Social Justice Committee.

*For more information, contact Barbara Hans at 255-8174 or [barbarahans4300@msn.com](mailto:barbarahans4300@msn.com).*

## **Thursday, February 26**

### **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRINCIPLES IN SCHOOLS**

This training opportunity will provide a brief overview of restorative justice principles followed by a focus on practical applications of these concepts in classrooms and schools. Strategies for practical and immediate implementation will also be offered. The training will be presented by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MSW. The cost is \$35 including lunch, and runs from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Register at <http://register.rjworkshop.efr.org> or call 244-2297.*

## **Saturday, February 28**

### **GIFTED YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT**

Westminster Church features this exciting concert featuring Chelsea Wang (age 15) on piano, Alan Zhou (14) on violin, and Jeremy Edouard (age 12) on violin. This free family-friendly concert begins at 3:00 p.m. Also featured, the Westminster Orchestra directed by guest conductor Jonathan Sturm, concertmaster of the Des Moines Symphony. A reception will follow. Childcare is provided.

*For more information, call 274-1534 or email [jdavison@westpres.org](mailto:jdavison@westpres.org).*

## **Saturday, February 28**

### **CONCERT**

Westminster's Anchor Coffee House welcomes accomplished guitarist, singer/songwriter and humorist Vance Gilbert. Gilbert offers a mix of well-crafted, touching lyrics and whimsical wit. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:00 p.m. Desserts and coffee available for purchase, and free childcare will be offered. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door and are available at UpTempo Music, 2614 Beaver Ave.

## **Saturday, February 28**

### **BIDWELL RIVERSIDE ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Served at Grace United Methodist Church, 2700 Cottage Grove, this delicious pancake breakfast runs from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 4-12. Children under 4 eat free. Tickets will be available at the door.

## ***MARCH***

## **Thursday, March 5**

### **TAKE FIVE DAY IN IOWA**

This day is proclaimed by Gov. Culver a day for parents to take five minutes to talk with their kids about drugs. Teenagers who learn at home about the dangers of drugs are up to 50 percent less likely to use drugs. For tips on how to begin, visit the Partnership for a Drug-Free Iowa website at [www.FaceItTogether.com](http://www.FaceItTogether.com).

*For immediate help, call the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center at 1/866-242-4111.*

## **Thursday, March 5**

### **COOKING FOR A HEALTHY LIFE STYLE**

Join chef Robert Lewis, known as the *Happy Diabetic*, as he demonstrates his cooking techniques, dishes out advice on health eating and shares his own health concerns. This exciting event is located at the Kelley Conference Room at Iowa Methodist Medical Center and runs from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Register by Tuesday, March 3 at [www.iowahealth.org/livewell](http://www.iowahealth.org/livewell).

## ***UPCOMING***

### **June 25-28**

#### **CONFERENCE: NAINCONNECT'09**

The North American Interfaith Network (NAIN) is a non-profit association with membership of interfaith agencies and organizations throughout Canada, the United States and Mexico. Its purpose is to provide communication, understanding and mutual strength among interfaith organizations, agencies and offices of denominations, religious, and educational institutions. The purpose of this conference is to bring together representatives of interfaith communities to inform each other, to share stories, ideas and strategies for interfaith education so that we can all become more affective.

The conference is held at Unity Village, approximately one hour from the Kansas City airport (MCI). There is no registration fee for high school or college students. For adults, registration prior to May 15 is \$249 and after May 15, \$299.

*For more information or to register, call 866-348-6489 or email  
SpiritPathCS@unityonline.org.*

### **July 12 – July 17**

#### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITES**

The forum is designed to reinforce and teach skills towards transition from high school to work and/or college. Iowa High School sophomores, juniors and seniors with any type of disability are urged to apply. There is no cost.

*Apply online now at [www.state.ia.us/dhr/pd](http://www.state.ia.us/dhr/pd) or contact the Division of Persons with Disabilities at 888/219-0471 or [dhr.disabilities@dhr.state.ia.us](mailto:dhr.disabilities@dhr.state.ia.us).*

### **September 16-20**

#### **WOMEN'S GLOBAL INITIATIVE**

Sponsored by the 4<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, this conference seeks to bring together women from all over the world. Change occurs when Spiritual Christian Women come together under the uniting power of the Holy Spirit to pray. Join together with women from around the world.

*Register online at [www.fourthdistrictame.org](http://www.fourthdistrictame.org) or email [fourthdistrictwmswgi@gmail.com](mailto:fourthdistrictwmswgi@gmail.com)  
for more information.*

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **OFFICE ASSOCIATE – Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

Position will be approximately 25 hours per week. Duties include but are not limited to greeting parishioners and guests in person and on telephone. Handling inquires, light bookkeeping, accurate record keeping, data entry and problem solving within various software programs and other general office duties.

*Send resume to Parish Office, Attn Pam Bailiff, Office Mgr.*

*1627 Grand Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50265*

*Email [pbailitt@dowlingcatholic.org](mailto:pbailitt@dowlingcatholic.org)*

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church – Kid’s Connection** Before and after school Childcare program. Part Time. 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Previous child care experience preferred.

*Contact Jenith Burry at 515 255 3162 x 1134*

*Send resume to Jenith Burry, 2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310*

*Or email Jenith at [jburry@htschool.org](mailto:jburry@htschool.org)*

## **CENTRAL IOWA WORKS**

### **Workforce System Liaison, Contract Status.**

Central Iowa Works, an initiative focused on creating an improved and integrated workforce delivery system to meet the needs of employers and unemployed workers in Polk, Dallas and Warren counties. This is a key position serves as the direct and primary liaison between education, training, workforce and community based services.

Full time position, three year grant. Desire self starter, strong leadership and problem-solving skills. Bachelor’s degree with significant experience. Minimum 5 years working with complex, multi-component programs.

*To apply, submit cover letter, resume and references to Jane Fogg, Dir. Of Financial Stability, United Way of Central Iowa at [jfogg@unitedwaydm.org](mailto:jfogg@unitedwaydm.org)*

*Deadline Feb 27*

## **CENTRAL IOWA WORKS**

### **PROJECT MANAGER, CONTRACT POSITION**

A Project Manager for the successful development, oversight and facilitation of the strategic plan for the Central Iowa Works program. Funded by a 3 year grant from National Fund for Workforce Solutions and local funding partners. Part time 20-30 hours per week.

Bachelor’s degree in business, community development or human services with minimum 5 years proven success in project management, working with budgets and working with complex, multi-component programs. Proficiency in word processing, spreadsheet and database management in a Windows based environment including Microsoft Office Suite.

*To apply, submit cover letter, resume and references to Jane Fogg, Dir. Of Financial Stability, United Way of Central Iowa at [jfogg@unitedwaydm.org](mailto:jfogg@unitedwaydm.org)*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Call me Mister Program**

Several black colleges are looking for future black male teachers and will send them to universities/colleges for four years for free. This program combines the special strengths and resources of Clemson U. with the individualized instructional programs offered by four historically black colleges in South Carolina. Students have the option of first attending one of two year partner colleges before transferring to a four year college. An academic support system is in place to help assure success. There is a cohort system for social and cultural support.

*For more information and online application visit <http://www.clemson.edu> or call 1/800 640-2657.*

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## **CITY OF DES MOINES HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

The City of Des Moines is currently looking for volunteers interested in participating in Fair Housing Training and Education programs. Volunteers will be part of a city-wide education and outreach campaign to spread the word about Fair Housing laws in the “Des Moines metro area. Volunteering with the Commission is not a great time commitment, but its capacity to impact the lives of your fellow Des Moines residents is remarkable. Not only is this an excellent way to have an active role in your community, but it’s a great way to keep your resume current and diverse.

*Contact Jordan Homer, Des Moines Human Rights Commission  
602 Robert Ray Dr., Des Moines, IA 50309 515 237-1483  
[jahomer@dmgov.org](mailto:jahomer@dmgov.org)*