

DMARC E-Bulletin

For the week of July 20, 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 at the I-Cubs

All summer long at Sunday home Iowa Cubs games, fans can bring three canned food items to donate in exchange for a free general admission ticket. For \$3.00 more, tickets can be updated to Reserve Grandstand Seating. **The dates of the games are August 23, August 30 and September 6.**

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 5th St., WDM 50265 222-3660

Contact: Tammy Lage

COMMUNITY SERVICES SITE ON 6TH, 1618 6th Ave., DM 50311 248-6241

Contact: Danita Parker

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

Contact: Phil Werner

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

Contact: Toni Nicol

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 6th Ave or 1216 E 25th Ct., DM 50314/ 50317- 282-3422/ 266-3156 Contact: Shireen Braman/Joanne Norelius

YOUNG WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER, 705 E. 2nd St., Des Moines, IA 244-4901 Contact: Heather Soener.

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.

To sign up for a Sack Saturday, contact Cindy Morton at 277-6969 or 238-4593.

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 re-use 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

Next deadline August 1

JULY

Wednesdays in July

“GREEN” SUMMER FUN NIGHTS

Capitol Hill Christian Church is sponsoring nights of crafts, service projects, snacks and storytelling at Fairmont Park. There will also be some adult discussion around the circle during some of the children's activities. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, July 22

I-CUBS SILENT AUCTION

The Iowa Homeless Youth Centers and the Des Moines Area Religious Council's Compassion in Action Program will host their annual silent auction at the I-Cubs game. The auction is a fundraiser for our programs and proceeds will go toward helping youth and families in need. Items to be auctioned off include sports memorabilia and fun packages.

With questions, please contact the DMARC office at 277-6969.

Saturday, July 25

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center is having a five year anniversary celebration from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. featuring a silent auction, wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres, and special guest speaker Maj. Gen. James A. Cheatham, U.S. Army Materiel Command assistant deputy commanding general for Reserve Affairs. Tickets cost \$25 per person. Ad space in the program is available. Contact Adriene for more info.

Reserve tickets by calling 282-8060

Saturday, July 25

SHARP CHEF CULINARY COMPETITION

Illahee Hills in Urbandale is hosting a competition for Executive chefs of the Holiday Retirement Corp. (over 300 communities) to compete for the national competition finals. There will be a panel of special guest judges from the Des Moines area to determine a winner. The event is open to the public and admission is an item of non-perishable food for the DMARC food pantry.

For more information, contact Valerie Delmege at 251-4604 or at flutinaround@msn.com.

Saturday, July 25

CHARITY BASEBALL GAME

An amateur baseball team will square off with the Des Moines Fire Department in a charity baseball game beginning at 1:00 p.m. Spectators and players are being asked to bring food items for donation to the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry. The game will be played at the Cownie Complex at S.E. 22nd and Hartford on field # 8.

For more information, contact Jim Trotter at 277-6969.

AUGUST

August 3-7

CHILDREN'S FINE ARTS CAMP

Discover God's Story through the Arts! The Children's Fine Arts Camp will be held August 3-7, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Children will be treated to learning about a variety of musical instruments and prepare for a finale musical, *David and Goliath*. The musical will be held on Sunday, August 8 at the 8:30 worship service. The camp is open to the public; there is a small registration fee. The camp is for students who are K-6th grade.

Contact Mark Babcock at mark@stmarkwdm.org for more information.

Tuesday, August 4

CONCERT AT FORT DES MOINES MUSEUM: FLYING PIG FIDDLE AND BANJO

The Fort Des Moines Museum is hosting a summer concert series. All shows are free and open to the public and begin at 6:00 p.m.

Call 282-8060 or visit www.fortdesmoines.org for more information.

August 6-7

BACK-TO-SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

CROSS Ministries is planning for the 17th Annual Back-to-School Giveaway to be held on August 6 and 7 at Cottage Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church. Last year they were able to assist more than 800 children from low and no-income families with the supplies they needed to begin school. With the challenges of the current economy, the demand could be even greater this year. They would appreciate any help you might be able to give.

Because of the need to package the supplies for various grade levels prior to the giveaway, they are asking for the donations to be made by Friday, July 31.

For every \$12.50 you donate, one child living in poverty in our community can receive a backpack filled with grade appropriate school supplies.

Donation can be sent to: CROSS Ministries, 1050 24th St., Des Moines, IA 50311

Wednesday, August 19

FILM: YOO HOO, MRS. GOLDBERG

Aviva Kempner, award winning filmmaker will introduce her new film, the humorous and eye-opening story of TV pioneer, Gertrude Berg, creator, principal writer and star of “The Goldbergs.” Berg received the first Best Actress Emmy in history and paved the way for women in the entertainment industry. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El. General admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Patrons and producers are invited to attend a private showing of Kempner’s award winning film, “the Life and Times of Hank Greenberg,” on Monday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information call 248-865-0617

LOOKING AHEAD

Fall Concert Series

First Methodist Church located at 10th & Pleasant in Des Moines is hosting these free concerts beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Sunday, Sept 20 – the Iowa State Wind Ensemble will be featured with Dr. Tin-shi Tam, organist. The program will include Widor’s *Salvum fac populum tuum* and Ron Nelson’s *Pebble Beach Sojourn* for organ and wind ensemble.

Sunday, October 18 - Organist Timothy Albercht will present a recital. Professor Albercht is the University organist and Chair of the graduate organ degree program at Emory University.

Sunday, November 15 will feature Mahlon Darlington, violin, Jonathan Sturm, violin/viola, George Work, cello, and Tin-shi Tam, organ. This program will include Dupre's *Quartet, Op. 52*, and Sammartini's, *Concerto No. 1 in A Major*

October 14-15

PASTORS CONFERENCE

Vermeer Corp will present a day-long conference with Pastor Jack Hayford. The event is specifically for pastors, focusing on leadership advancement for increasing ministry effectiveness and facilitating personal growth and renewal. On October 14, there will be an evening presentation open to the general public. Registrations will be required for the Oct. 15 conference. More details to follow.

October 10-13

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY COALITION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2009 annual conference will include a special one-day gathering of state and local food policy council organizers and practitioners as well as plenary sessions on building networks for food system change, labor and immigration policy and strategies for change of the industrial food system. Also featured are 50 workshops, a food-film festival, six field trips, etc. Overlapping the Conference is the Iowa Hunger Summit on October 13 followed by the 2009 World Food Prize, "Borlaug Dialogue" symposium on October 14-16.

For more information go to www.worldfoodprize.org

Thursday, October 22

IOWA DIALOG CONFERENCE

This all-day conference presented by Iowa Dialog Center seeks to create a dialog between Christianity and Islam. The conference runs from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The opening address will be given by Dr. Scott Alexander, Dir. Catholic Muslim Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Speakers include Dr. Marcia Hermansen, Director of the Islamic World Studies Program, Prof. of Theology at Loyola University and Scott Alexander, author of *Sisters: Women, Religion and Leadership in Christianity and Islam*. Registration is \$35.

For more information, email Harun Parpu at Dialogforall@iowadialog.org or call 319/230-7408.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Personal Kits Needed for Refugees

The Bureau of Refugee Services in Des Moines is in constant need of personal kits to give to newly arriving refugees. Items needed are: Pens, Towels, Washcloth (gently used), New-- bar soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, men's shaving cream, men's deodorant, razors, pad of paper, Kleenex, Lotion, shampoo, laundry detergent. Furniture donations or any other type of basic household/apartment set up items are also needed. Pick-up service is available if needed. There are also many volunteer opportunities.

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If interested, call Amber at 283-9129 or 283-7999.

Drake Farmers' Market

The market is open Wednesday from 4:00 -7:00 p.m. beginning June 3 and running through September 24 in the First Christian Church parking lot. You can find Iowa grown produce, baked goods, flowers and plants, snacks, meals, sandwiches and crafts. On opening day, the Rev. Tim Diebel will offer a blessing of the market. The Des Moines Menace are guests; Anderson Erickson will offer free treats. Music will be provided by Arnie Williams. Also Jerry and the Moonlighters will play live at 5:00 -6:30 p.m.

Calling All Gardeners

The Urbandale Food Pantry is asking for your help in providing fresh, nutritious produce to our clients this summer. As you plant your garden this spring, please consider planting a little extra and donating your surplus fruits and veggies to the Urbandale food pantry. Donations will be accepted during the URBANDALE pantry's normal operating hours of 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you are unable to deliver it during these hours, please call 251-6688

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Free Store Needs

The Free Store helps CFI Domestic Violence Services clients. This year through May they have had 109 requests, including 164 children who have received 151,000 lbs of furniture worth \$165,000. They have a need for strong people who can pick up furniture on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and help move furniture for clients on Saturday mornings.

For more information or to schedule a pickup call 225-2020 x4 or www.thefreestore.org.

PEER Advocate Program

This program is seeking volunteers age 60 or older to serve as advocates for seniors in Polk County. PEER advocates help seniors live independently in the community by connecting them with existing services. Duties may include delivering meals to someone

who was recently hospitalized, sharing information or assisting in applications for community programs. PEER Volunteers empower themselves by helping others. Training provided.

Call Ranae at 286-2112 for more information.

Iowa Homeless Youth Centers

IHYC is looking for a volunteer or group to provide yard work on weekly or bi-weekly basis at the Lighthouse Host Home. Needs include mowing, weeding, raking. Supplies are provided. Lighthouse is at 1216 MLK Pkwy.

Contact Toni Nicol at 262-1222.

Des Moines Parks and Recreation

DATA BASE ENTRY – Assist with data base entry to better match volunteers with open opportunities that can utilize their skills. Hours & Location flexible.

Save the lilacs – Time has taken its toll on this historical area. Volunteers needed to save and restore lilacs. Work together to remove old blooms and mulch lilacs. Schedules flexible.

Help Gray's Lake Go Green – Restore the lakeshore, river edge and view to downtown by helping remove invasive trees that are blocking the landscape. Weed, remove old growth and help plant for the future.

Cemetery Stewards – Glendale, Oak Grove, Sims, Laurel Hill, Woodland, St.

Ambrose. Pick up litter, trim around monuments, cut back dead flowers, monitor for holes, sunken stones and vandalism. Monthly or weekly basis. Blocks range from ¼ acre to an acre. Schedule a regular time that works best for you.

Saturday, August 15 – 9:00 a.m.

Join fellow volunteers removing trash from river or along the edge of the newly dedicated Des Moines Water Trail. Volunteers will be invited to join in a riverfront celebration following the event at 6:00 p.m. with FREE food & music provided by Community Jazz Center Big Band at the Simon Estes Amphitheater. Door prizes.

*To register or for more info – www.riverstewards.org
Des Moines Parks & Recreation Volunteer Coordinator
2501 Maury, Des Moines, IA 515 248-6380*

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SECRETARIAL POSITION AT ST. JOSEPH EDUCATIONAL CENTER

This is a part-time position lasting for 9 months from September 15 – June 15.

The position requires strong interpersonal/communication/organizational skills, computer literacy and proficiency in Microsoft Word/Exel. The schedule is flexible from M-F, 15 hrs per week, \$12.00/ hr. E-mail cover letter and resume to Dr. Tom Neal

neal@dowlingcatholic.org by Aug 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

This is a half-time position at Windsor Presbyterian Church for someone experienced and patient in handling church matters with compassion and discretion.

Verbal, written and visual communication skills are required as well as the ability to manage a diverse range of tasks and people. They're seeking a self-starter capable of initiative and independent work. Proficiency with computers and ability to learn new skills/applications is required. Church administration and/or tenant management experience a plus.

Email resume to windsorpresby@yahoo.com.

Describe facilities with computer apps – Word, Excel, Publisher, Web design, etc.