

DMARC E-VOICE

For the week of July 5, 2010

Formerly known as the E-Bulletin.

Watch for a new user-friendly version of the DMARC E-Voice coming soon!

Be sure to send us your updated email address if you anticipate changes.

THANK YOU! DMARC Diaper Central final count surpasses goal!



Our goal was to secure 60,000 diapers by July 1. As of this printing, we are now over this goal and still counting! Keep watching for a final count!

Many of the young families receiving food assistance through the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry cannot cover their basic needs for diapers, baby wipes and infant formula. Because inadequate address to diapers is often a symptom of a larger issue of poverty or crisis, DMARC is responding to this extraordinary and urgent community need by serving as a centralized warehouse and emergency distribution network for baby diapers and hygiene items.

60,000 diapers will help more than 1,600 infants and toddlers. We continue to collect diapers and appreciate your contributions. Most needed diapers are sizes 2-6 and pull-ups.

By partnering with DMARC to provide support for something as basic as diapers through the [Diaper Central](#) project, business, congregations, individuals and other groups can make a real and immediate difference in the lives of low-income families and their young children. [Download a printer-friendly pdf flier here.](#) Or click on: Diaper Central. Or visit www.dmreligious.org, click on Services, then click Emergency Food Pantries.

DMARC's Summer Hours

The DMARC Emergency Food Pantry centralized warehouse and office has started its summer hours, closing one hour early on Fridays. Summer hours are:

Monday ó Thursday, 8 a.m. ó 4:30 p.m.

Friday, 8 a.m. ó 3:30 p.m.

DMARC Job Posting

DMARC is seeking a part time Events Manager to promote the work of the Des Moines Area Religious Council by planning signature fundraising and other kinds of events for the organization and by coordinating DMARC's involvement in events hosted by external partners and donors for the benefit of the organization and its work. For a full

job description, [click here for a pdf](#). For more information, contact Sarai Schnucker Rice, DMARC Executive Director, sarai@dmreligious.org.

DMARC at the I-CUBS

The Iowa Cubs are once again supporting the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry this season. Fans can bring a donation of three canned good items (see most need foods list on front page of this document) to any Sunday home game and receive a free general admission ticket which can be upgraded to reserved grandstand status for \$3.00. Qualifying games begin at 1:05 p.m. The dates are:

July 11 vs. New Orleans
August 8 vs. Portland

Sept. 5 vs. Memphis
August 22 vs. Nashville

Stay Connected With Us

We update the DMARC website and Facebook, and Tweet regularly. There is so much good stuff going on and we want to keep you connected and informed.



Find us on [Facebook](#): Des Moines Area Religious Council



Follow us on [Twitter](#): @dmreligious



Follow us on [Linked In](#): Des Moines Area Religious Council

Visit our website: www.dmreligious.org

Send us your new email: info@dmreligious.org

Invite your friends to join us online too!

Don't know how to access online social media? Ask a young friend to help. It's easy. It's fun. And it's an economical way to share DMARC news.

Summer Produce Volunteers Needed

Are you handy with tomatoes? Talented with potatoes? Or would you rather drive a truckload of vegetables?

DMARC is committed to getting fresh produce to our food pantry clients and we need your help. Even if you are zucchini-challenged, we have just the right summer volunteer position for you. Lettuce tell you what we need:

Downtown Farmers Market Greeter ó We need two people to chat with visitors about DMARC at the Meals from the Market booth, every other Saturday-- July 3, 17, 31, August 14, 28, September 11, 25, October 9, 25. Shifts are 8am -1pm and can be split.

Truck Driver ó We need someone to pick up donated produce from Downtown Farmer's Market every Saturday and unload it at the DMARC central produce warehouse on Douglas Avenue. We provide a big truck, which is driver-friendly. Special license is not required. Or you may use your own truck.

Fresh Produce Processor ó We need people to weigh, sort, and pack the incoming produce on Mondays of each week. The produce is prepared for delivery to DMARC's ten partnering neighborhood food pantry sites.

Orange you willing to help? You may sign up for a one-time volunteer commitment, or sign up for the whole summer. Individuals, family groups, work teams, congregations, friends, and all other configurations of people are welcome. To volunteer, please contact Elisabeth Ballstadt, DMARC Food Pantry Director, phone: 515-277-6969, email: foodpantry@dmreligious.org.

Seriously, if you can turnip some volunteers, we'd be mighty grateful.

DMARC's Most Needed Food Item List Updated for Nutritional Value



DMARC has updated its listing of most needed food items effective immediately. The revision is based on DMARC's commitment to providing emergency food that is free, and also nutritious. We are asking DMARC supporters to please help us promote health and wellness by noting this list of most needed food items.

[Download a printer friendly pdf copy of the DMARC Most Needed Food items list.](#) Or visit www.dmreligious.org, click on Services, then click Emergency Food Pantries.

- 100% Juice (tomato, orange, or vegetable in a can or plastic bottle)
- Fruit (canned in water or 100% juice, not in heavy syrup)
- Vegetables (tomatoes, green beans, mixed vegetables, or sweet potatoes, canned with no salt added)
- Beans (dry or canned in water)
- Peanut butter
- Meat (tuna or chicken canned in water)
- Whole-grain dry pasta or egg noodles
- Brown rice (regular or instant)
- Vegetable soup (low-sodium)
- Whole grain crackers (wheat saltines)
- Spaghetti sauce
- Cereal (instant or regular oatmeal with no sugar added, whole grain cheerios, wheat chex, wheaties, granola or shredded wheat)
- Shelf-stable low-fat UHT milk (in aseptic packaging, no canned milk)
- Infant/baby formula
- Diapers and baby wipes
- Personal products (shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, or deodorant)

Fresh whole grain bread items (with generous expiration dates)
Fresh fruits and vegetables (potatoes/sweet potatoes, bananas, apples, carrots, grapes, oranges, tomatoes, melons, broccoli, or bell peppers)

Please donate far before expiration and prime ripeness. For more information, contact DMARC Food Pantry Director, Elisabeth Ballstadt, and phone: 277-6969.

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 metro 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, DMARC Red Barrel Coordinator, 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](#).

How to Hold a Food Drive

Help the Emergency Food Pantry feed the hungry in the Des Moines Metro area by holding a food drive.



Getting Started

- Call the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry at 277-6969 to indicate you are planning a food drive.
- Establish a committee to organize and market the event. Set your kick-off and ending dates. A one to two week food drive works best.
- Hold contests between offices or work units to see who can collect the most food.
- Establish drop off site(s) for donated food. We can make arrangements to provide you with a Red Barrel to hold the food that is collected and envelopes for those who wish to give cash donations.
- Be sure to publicize the success of your food drive when it is completed.

Suggested Donations

- Collect non-perishable food items in unbreakable containers (please, no glass!).
- Please see above for the revised listing of the DMARC Most Needed Food Items. Or [download a printer-friendly, pdf copy](#). Or visit www.dmreligious.org, click on Services, then click Emergency Food Pantries.

What about donating cash?

The Emergency Food Pantry can buy food at a much lower cost than individuals because we utilize the Food Bank of Iowa and local wholesalers. Seventy percent of food distributed is purchased using funds from cash donations.

Completing Your Food Drive

When your food drive is complete, count the number of food items you collected and package it in cardboard boxes. It is helpful if dry goods (cereals, rice, etc.) are packaged in separate boxes. Deliver your food to the Emergency Food Pantry Warehouse or contact DMARC at 515-277-6969 for pick up assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next deadline July 16 by noon.

JULY

Monday, July 12 – 7:00

SACRED HEART PARISH GOLF OUTING

At Legacy Golf Club, 4 person best shot. You can register for \$80.00 (\$320.00 per foursome) or if not a golfer you can be a "Phantom Golfer" for \$50 and be entered in to the \$100 gas card drawing for Phantom Golfers. Or if you are not a golfer and just want to support the program, send in a monetary gift. Sign(s) on the holes are available for \$125.00. The sign can be a company sign or a sign in honor or memory of someone. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish Golf Outing. Contact Nancy Carlson, Sacred Heart Parish Office, 1627 Grand Ave., WDM, IA 50265

Tuesday, July 13 – 7:00 p.m.

CELEBRATION IOWA SINGERS AND JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE

At Windsor Heights in Colby Park. Formerly known as the Iowa State Fair Singers, the group is now in its 28th season. It showcases the high quality of Iowa high school music programs. Celebration Iowa presents an action-packed production that includes song, dance and jazz band favorites. The Celebration Iowa cast members are selected by audition and given the opportunity to perform over 30 shows in all corners of the state, while learning from some of Iowa's finest teachers. The group is performing statewide from June 26-August 7. Overflow parking available in the Walmart Super Center, an easy walk via the bike trail to the park.

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY URBAN MINISTRIES will host the 10th Annual Back-to-School Health Fair on this Wednesday. For the fourth year the Fair will take place in conjunction with the Moulton Extended Learning Center's Back to School Open House. Last year the event benefited over 500 students and families. This vital community event takes lots of planning and gathering and donating to pull it off. You can help by volunteering for the Planning Team, the week before or the day of the Health, donating money to purchase school supplies in bulk, purchasing gift cards for ice, water, supplies for the day. The first planning meetings are just beginning. To be a part of this Fair please contact Kristin Maahs, the event Coordinator at Kristin@cfum.org or 515.238.8978

July 17, 2010

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS HAVING A GARAGE SALE. Free to a good church home, are two overhead projectors (the type that shows black and white transparencies on the wall. If interested, contact Ed Bryan at 515-277-7347. Knox will have their last worship service and de-commissioning on Sunday, June 27 at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 18 – 7:00 p.m.

DAVID BAILEY returns to Des Moines area.

He continues to share his message about God's love and dealing with cancer. David will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 517 SW Des Moines St. in Ankeny for their 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. There will be a Benefit concert at 7:00 p.m. (free will offering) at Capital City Baptist Church, 5990 NE 14th St., Des Moines. For more information visit www.davidmbailey.com

July 19, 4-6:00 p.m.

ANATOMY OF IOWA FLOODS; PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Nearly 700 Iowa communities were impacted by the 2008 disasters. Learn how to reduce future flood damage. Following each forum, refreshments will be served. Hosted by the U of Iowa's Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research and others. At Ames City Council Chambers in Ames, Iowa. For more information, contact Joe Bolkcom, joe-bolkcom@uiowa.edu or (319) 353-2681

Sunday, July 25 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

“WILD ABOUT GOD”, Gospel Brunch Concert sponsored by Read to Me Foundation – a non-profit organization that supports Literacy for children who live in underserved neighborhoods by distributing bilingual (English-Spanish) hardcover picture books to children's hospitals, schools, Ronald McDonald Houses and others. The concert on July 25 will be followed by concerts on August 22 and Sept 26, all at the West Des Moines Sheraton Hotel, 515 274-1385, 50th & University. Performing live will be Dondino, featuring Grammy Winner Nathaniel Best, the Gospel Freedom Adult Choir and the Children's Choir, and the Gospel Swing dancers. Tickets are Adults: \$20.00, Kids (4-12 yrs) \$15.00; 3 and under--FREE. Sponsors needed for all these concerts. Contact: Donna Gummelt www.readtomefoundation.org 515 274-1385

Monday, July 26- Friday July 30 – 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

CACTUS (Creative Arts Camp: Together Under the Sun) offers children in grades three through eight an opportunity to immerse themselves in the arts. This day camp will be held at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**. The camp curriculum includes vocal development, movement, drama, musical instruments, visual arts and creative writing, all taught by experienced curriculum. The theme this year is "Living in Peace". Cost is \$15.00 per child. To register, call 274-1534 or download a form at www.westpres.org

Saturday, July 31 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY- Hope F.I.T. S.

At Capitol City Baptist Church ó Family Center, 5990 NE 14th St., Des Moines 50313
515-289-1419

AUGUST

Thursday and Friday, August 5th & 6th

CROSS Ministries is planning for the 18th Annual Back-to-School Giveaway

Last year 1,200 children from low and no-income families were assisted with the supplies they needed to begin school. CROSS needs money to buy supplies at a discount, or the following items: New backpacks, wireless spirals, markers, glue sticks, Kleenex, notebook paper, 3 ring binders, crayons, colored pencils, white glue.

Donations should be made by Friday, June 30. At Cottage Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church. For details call church office 515 279-8877

Friday, August 13- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ACTIVE WITH ASTHMA a fun, educational day!

Learn about asthma, physical activity, medications, nutrition, avoiding triggers. Education center for parents and caregivers from 1-3 p.m. Children between ages 6-14 through out Iowa ó (must have completed kindergarten). Diagnosed with asthma and taking daily meds. Prepared for moderate activityó game playing, light walking. Required to have received H1N1 vaccination (unless allergy or actual diagnosis of H1N1). Trained Medical and program staff instruction. Free of charge. Register at www.LungIA.org

Looking Ahead

REGISTER EARLY – for Flag Football

Kids 3-12 years old. Clinics and leagues focus on fundamental skill development while promoting teamwork, value development & sportsmanship. At John R. Grubb & Riverfront YMCA Financial assistance available. Call Sunni Zak: Program Director 868-0527 or sunni.zak@dmymca.org (Not a Des Moines Public School program)

Saturday, Sept. 17 – 19

Monastic Retreat Adventure – lead by Jennifer Phelps and Matthew Phelps.

Talks will include emphasis on Scripture based guidelines to getting the most out of your relationship with God. Jennifer is author of "JesusóPassion: The Story of Redemptive

Suffering, and editor of a number of Bible studies. Matthew directs a weekly Bible study for young adults and works as Operations Manager for Catholic Radio Station KWKY-1150. Both Jennifer and Matthew are Benedictine oblates of Conception Abbey, where the retreat will be held. Retreat participants will also have time for quiet reflection, touring the Basilica and the Abbey campus. Per person costs range from \$140 - \$150. Contact Lisa at Linnanee@aol.com or call 515 991-2842 for more details.

Saturday, September 25 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR DIABETES Conference & Health Fair

Featuring the leading experts in diabetes care, latest info and technologies, one on one consultations with diabetes specialists, motivational speakers and a sit down banquet lunch. For info call TCOYD at 1/800-998-2693 or visit www.tcoyd.org to register

October 6, 2010: Evening community event with Kara Powell, Exec. Dir. Fuller Youth Institute, Fuller Theological Seminary

October 7, 2010: All day pastor's conference with Kara Powell

October 10, 2010, 1:00 p.m. Des Moines Area Hunger Hike West steps of capitol. For further information, please contact Russ Melby at rmelby@churchworldservice.org 274-2224.

Oct 16. REGGIE' SLEEP OUT – 2010 Registration 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.; Sleep out from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. (Activities from 3-10 p.m.)

Help us make 2010 an even bigger success. In 2009, over 1500 individuals contributed to the cause by sleeping out and/or fundraising. Over \$166,000 was raised including a generous \$50,000 match from the Richard O. Jacobson Foundation. Sleep in a box, pup tent (no stakes) or sleeping bag at the new Drake Stadium on the Johnny Bright field. Food and beverages provided. (Outside food, beverages not allowed). Activities, music, games, a Boxed-In Design Contest. Des Moines Area Religious Council Emergency Food Pantry will have bins available for the donation of non-perishable food goods. Purpose: To raise awareness and money to address the critical problem of youth homelessness in Central Iowa. All proceeds benefit Iowa Homeless Youth Centers and The Des Moines Area Religious Council. Iowa Homeless Youth Centers is a community based program of Youth and Shelter Services, Inc. Visit www.reggiessleepout.org for more information.

Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17

CHRIST OUR LIFE – Catholic Conference at Iowa Events Center, Des Moines

Inspirational speakers from around the globe: Francis Cardinal Arinze, Bishop Richard E. Pates, Matthew Kelly, Renee Bondi, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Marino Restrepo, Fr. Rick Wendell. For the best seats purchase tickets now; visit Christourlifeiowa.com or call 888-326-8033

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Des Moines Urban Plunge

Invites church groups to leave the comfort of the suburbs and the safety of the small town and to experience life in the inner-city, giving them hands on experience with nine different faith-based social service agencies in one weekend. Bring your sleeping bag and experience nine ministries in Des Moines. Go to jail, feed the homeless, help sort and hand out clothes. Both mainline and evangelical churches participate in Urban Plunge. For more information contact Bill Clark, at billclark@cfc.org or visit www.cfc.org or call 515-491-8543.

Senior College of Des Moines

A non profit organization that provides educational classes and tours for people ages 50 and older. They allow people to continue learning and experience new things even as they age. This organization is sponsored by Principal Financial, Pioneer Hybrids, Humanities Iowa, and Des Moines Higher Education group. For listing of courses and other information visit www.myseniorcollege.com or contact alliwilliamsintern@gmail.com

Water Assistance Program

The City of Des Moines Community Services Division now has limited funds to help City of Des Moines residents with their water bill. Funds are available on first come first served basis until Sept 30, 2010 or are exhausted, whichever comes first. Households must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Income and program guidelines apply. For more information contact one of the City of Des Moines Service Site offices with questions: Pioneer Columbus at 248-6214; Four Mile at 248-6211; Logan at 248-6212; or Sixth Avenue at 248-6216.

Iowa Healthy Links – Better Choices/Better Health Program

Also known as Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. Developed by Stanford University. Being held at two sites, Northwest Community Center, 5110 Franklin Ave., Wednesdays, July 7 through August 11 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Also at Iowa Methodist Hospital, 1200 Pleasant, Powell 1, Room 101, Monday's July 12 through August 16, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Cost for six session workshop is \$20.00. For more information and to pre-register, contact Jessica Sheets at 515-323-5234 or visit www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health.

Furniture Needed By Freestore

Freestore is non-profit group which helps clients of Family Violence Center. Currently they are in need of beds and dressers. In July they will need all types of furniture, beds, household items, etc. Please call 282-3733 for drop-off or pick up times.

Edmund's Community Garden Has Plot Spaces

Edmund's Community Garden, located on the grounds of Edmund's Elementary School, has been expanded this year. The garden grew from 40 to 50 plots just this past week. They have 50 plots now, 45 are taken. A \$10 fee shares the water costs. That is the only cost. The garden comes completely tilled and ready for planting. If you know of a family

who would appreciate the offer of a plot, please visit website for the information <http://edmundscommunitygarden.wordpress.com> Or contact Dawn O'Brien, skype: dawn1002, cell: 515-306-6710

Diabetes Express

Identify Type 2 Diabetes and the importance of optimal blood glucose control to protect future health. Explain the basic components of diabetes treatment including monitoring, meal planning, physical activity, medications and weight loss. Identify a personal goal and list strategies to achieve the goal. Persons with Type 2 Diabetes with a family or support person are welcome to attend. Participants can be referred by their healthcare provider or self-referred. Please call 241-5074 to register or for more information. Iowa Health, Des Moines. Methodist West Hospital, Conference Rm 3 & 4, 1660 60th St., West Des Moines, Iowa -- **Sept. 16, November 18.** All dates 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Prairie Fire Program

September through May At Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center. Prairie Fire is designed for people who desire to live each day prayerfully and intentionally, who long to respond fully to God's call. All who seek companionship in their spiritual journeying are encouraged to apply. Current participants include clergy and chaplains, counselors and social workers, healthcare professionals, spiritual directors, parish nurses, Stephen Ministers, hospice staff and lay persons.

This is a two year program that meets monthly. A new group will start in September 2010. The program is grounded in the Christian contemplative tradition; the classes will feature didactic and experiential elements. Applications are being accepted now and registration is limited. Application packets and additional info can be requested by contacting Jeffrey Means at jmeans@dmpcc.org or 515 274-4006

Office Space For Lease

The Iowa Office of Church World Service, located in the same building as DMARC, is looking for a non-profit group to assume our current lease, which is to expire on April 30, 2013. The Office available is Suite 203, located on the second floor and well marked. Our rent is \$812.10 per month plus a shared cost of utilities, including water, gas and electric, insurance, and trash. The Iowa Office is approximately 700 square feet and contains 3 separate offices, all with windows, a reception area, and a storeroom, included in the 700+ square feet. Some desks, tables, chairs and book cases may stay with the office. Contact the Rev. Russell Melby, Iowa Director at 515-274-2224. Or Kevin Koethe, Landlord at 515-975-2465 with questions and to arrange a showing of the space.

SHARE

öGreat Food, Good Folks and Strong Communityö

Would you like to save money on groceries? Do you know someone who could benefit from stretching his or her food dollars? SHARE can offer you up to a 50% savings on nutritious food packages for just 2 hours of volunteer service each month. To find out more about SHARE: check out our web site, email us, or call 1-800-344-1107. Serving Iowa, Eastern Nebraska, Northern Missouri & South Dakota.

Web: <http://www.shareiowa.org/> email shareiowa@mahaska.org

Habitat for Humanity

Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity is recruiting churches and faith groups to help low-income families achieve home ownership in 2010. There are many opportunities to get involved including a 2010 Multi-Faith Build that is open to individuals and groups from diverse faith communities through contributions of funds and labor. For more information, please contact Brendalyn Shird at 515-471-8686 x112 or bshird@gdmhabitat.org.

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EMPLOYMENT and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1025 28th Street
West Des Moines, Iowa
515-225-2254

Office Coordinator, Covenant Presbyterian Church

To provide a church office operation that is effective, efficient and allows Covenant to meet its goal of offering a meaningful Christian community to its members and friends. For full job description and more information please visit website: www.wdmcovenant.org. Or call Jan Scott at 515-225-2254.

Executive director – Iowa Interfaith Power & Light

Full time, to lead the statewide effort to mobilize the religious community to become leaders in addressing climate change through education, assistance with carbon footprints reductions, and advocacy for sustainable policies at all levels of government. Need experience and success in organizational development, implementing a strategic vision, seeking sustainable funding, inspiring involvement of volunteers. Previous fundraising or grant-writing experience helpful but not required. Ability to work a flexible schedule and travel required. Salary commensurate with experience. For more information visit www.iowaipl.org. To apply, Send resume and cover letter to Liz Johnson at treasurer@iowaipl.org

Central Iowa Works Funding Collaborative

Is looking for motivated and hard working people to fill 2 Vista positions. CIWFC helps to facilitate the creation of sector-based Workforce Partnerships to begin to analyze the job market and develop the means to address issues, to establish meaningful data collection, build the network of employers, service providing organizations to conduct outreach to job seekers and to conduct policy related research. The WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP LIASON will build capacity through research and evaluation. This will include collecting analyzing and synthesizing information. One year duration, full time. In and around Des Moines. For more information, contact Jessica Lamer Nurack at email: jlamer@ised.org. To apply go to <http://www.americorps.gov/about/programs/vista.asp>

Summer Youth Employment Program

Offered by Iowa Workforce Development www.youthforiowa.org

The University of Northern Iowa

Project Coordinator for Facilities Services: <http://www.uni.edu/hrs/>

Iowa Department of Transportation

Has several job openings: <http://www.iowadot.gov/jobs>

The Iowa Interpreters and Translators Assoc.

Is seeking a part time administrative assistant. For more information please contact Ms. Patricia Hillock at president@iitanet.org

School Nurse For Four D.M. Area Catholic Schools

Works with staff & community health providers to maintain optimal health and safety practices in school communities, support classroom teachers in providing health related curriculum, coordinate special care accommodations to allow students to fully participate in school activities, and ensure compliance with health related laws and standards. This position will serve St. Francis, Sacred Heart, St. Augustin and St. Pius C with a schedule set by the principals.

Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

The Americorps Vista position is at Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity. This person will be working in KI and MP neighborhoods to recruit more residents to get involved in neighborhood issues and concerns. Interested? Contact Amber Duimstra at aduimstra@gdmhabitat.org or call 471-8686

Volunteers Needed for New CROSS Ministries/Cottage Grove Food Pantry Site

This site serves as DMARC's tenth food distribution point. Many volunteers have stepped up to prepare the site and the site has received many donated items. Members of Knox Presbyterian Church have offered to donate various items from their church, since they will be closing their doors this spring. Volunteers who would like to work in the Food Pantry when it opens should contact Joyce Hoffman at 225-9868. For questions or

donations, please contact Dr. Roberta Victor, Executive Director of Cross Ministries, 1050-24th St., Des Moines 50311, tel: 515 279-8877.

Volunteers Needed, Polk County Mental Health Response Team is looking for committed and caring volunteers. This team is made up of mental health professionals, para-professionals and citizens to provide emotional support to individuals within Polk County at times of disaster and critical incidents. If you possess the ability to maintain confidentiality, have outstanding listening skills and are an excellent communicator, this may be the volunteer opportunity for you. Volunteers must be 18 years and older to apply. An interview and background check is required. Call Polk County Health Services at 243-4545 and leave your name and phone number.

Broadlawns Hospital

Broadlawns needs volunteers to welcome and direct patients and families as they enter the hospital. If interested contact Jill MacNaughton, Director, Patient & Volunteer Relations, at 282-2323 or jmacnaughton@broadlawns.org.

DMARC-RELATED 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

DES MOINES AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN),

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Avenue, DM 50310, 274-1534

Contact: Lynda Albaugh

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

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

Other donation sites:

BEACON OF LIFE (WOMEN), 1717 Woodland Ave, DM 50309, 244-4713 Contact: Ruth Hardin

BETHEL MISSION, 1310 6th Ave., D.M. 50314 265-7272 Contact Lisa (Office)

CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER SERVICES, 205 15th St., D.M. 50309 284-5719 Contact: Tony Timm

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF IOWA, 1111 University Ave., D.M. 50314 288 1982 x 321 Contact: Cindy Hickman

CROSS MINISTRIES, 1050 24th St., D.M. 50311 279-8877 Contact: Ann McGowan

EVELYN DAVIS EARLY LEARNING, 1409 Clark St., D.M. 50314 243-4212

HOUSE OF MERCY, 1409 Clark St., D.M. 50314 643-6500 Contact: Front Desk

LUTHERAN SERVICES OF IOWA, 3125 Cottage Grove (deliveries) D.M. 50311 271 7411 Contact: Karen Sullivan

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