

# DMARC E-VOICE

(Formerly known as the E-Bulletin)

For the week of June 21, 2010

## 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 – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## 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 – We need two people to chat with visitors about DMARC at the Meals from the Market booth, every other Saturday--June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31, August 14, 28, September 11, 25, October 9, 25. Shifts are 8am -1pm and can be split.

Truck Driver – 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 – 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](mailto:foodpantry@dmreligious.org).

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

## DMARC Diaper Central



We are so close to our goal of 60,000 diapers!! Watch for update soon.

Most needed diapers are sizes 2-6 and pull-ups.

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.

From February to June, our goal is to secure 60,000 diapers that will help more than 1,600 infants and toddlers. 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](http://www.dmreligious.org), click on Services, then click Emergency Food Pantries.

### **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](http://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](http://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.

### **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](http://www.dmreligious.org)

Send us your new email: [info@dmreligious.org](mailto: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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next deadline July 2 by noon.

### **Wednesday, June 23 through Saturday June 26**

**SIGN UP FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAYS.** You can work a day or more. For info contact Pastor Emmanuel at West DM United Methodist Church at [www.wdmumc.org](http://www.wdmumc.org)

### **Friday, June 25, 7-9 p.m.**

**GARDEN PARTY FUNDRAISER**, for the Des Moines Area Interfaith Hospitality Network, which is a constellation of churches providing shelter, meals, and hospitality to emergently homeless families with children, a part of a national model of 150 such networks around the country. This is our fifth year of operations and the Garden Party is our major fundraiser for the year. Location: Bob & Becky Shaw Residence, 13921 Lakeshore Drive, Clive, Street Parking. \$30 in advance. \$35 at the door. Silent auction. To purchase tickets: Des Moines Area Interfaith Hospitality Network, 4144 Allison Avenue

### **Saturday, June 26 – 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**NATIONAL TOWN MEETING.** Des Moines has been selected as one of only 18 sites for an unprecedented national discussion of the national debt. A diverse group of local citizens will come together at Drake University, linked online with the eighteen other sites across the country to learn about the issues involved, and present our priorities to leaders in Washington. At Drake University, Levitt Hall, Old Main, 2507 University Ave. Register today at [www.USABudgetDiscussion.org](http://www.USABudgetDiscussion.org) Participation is free but seating limited. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Register today to reserve a seat. You can also follow on Facebook, Twitter, MySpace and LinkedIn Made possible by grants from the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. For questions, contact Jon Rosmann at 515 243 2000 or [jrosmann@sppg.com](mailto:jrosmann@sppg.com)

### **June 26, 1:30-4:30 p.m., and July 13, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. (pick one session)**

**STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION FOR DES MOINES COMMUNITY COLLEGE GATEWAY TO COLLEGE.** Open to Des Moines high school drop-outs, ages 16-20, who want a second chance at getting a high school diploma, while also earning college credit. Reserve your spot at an informational session now. Location: DMACC Urban Campus. Contact: 515-277-7051, [www.dmihn.org](http://www.dmihn.org).

### **Monday, June 26 – 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

## **CELEBRATING FAMILIES – at Polk County Convention Center**

Celebrating Des Moines' families' uniqueness and diversity by connecting them with vendors, health and faith agencies, community dance groups, poets, choirs, free art and craft activities and staff from the Science Center and Blank Park Zoo. FREE EVENING! Contact Denise Moore, CPPC Program Manager [dmoore2@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:dmoore2@dhs.state.ia.us)

### **Beginning Sunday, June 27 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:-- p.m.**

**EVERY SUNDAY IS FATHER'S DAY at the John R. Grubb Community YMCA**  
Join us for the kick-off event, Bounce House, Games, Hot Dogs, Free for members and non-members. Contact Stephanie Neve 515 868-0529 for more details.

### **Monday, June 28**

#### **YOUNG GOLFERS – FAIRWAY FATHERS**

A joint venture sponsored by the Office of Vocations, Serra Club of Des Moines and St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus. Purpose is vocations awareness—not competition. Played at Legacy Golf Club in Norwalk. Registration deadline June 1. No cost for young men to participate. Call Darlene Oliver at 515-237-5014 or email [doliver@dmdiocese.org](mailto:doliver@dmdiocese.org)

### **Tuesday, June 29**

**THE SPIRITUAL DOCUMENTARY, "WITH ONE VOICE,"** featuring mystics from different spiritual traditions, will be shown at 7 pm, Tuesday, June 29, in Waveland Hall, Plymouth Church, 42nd and Ingersoll Ave., in Des Moines. Included among the many mystics listed on the attached flier are Fr. Thomas Keating, Brother David Steindl-Rast, John Daido Looi Roshi, A.H. Almaas, Joseph Goldstein, Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Bhante Henepola Gunaratana, and Joan Halifax Roshi.

There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be accepted to benefit the Food Pantry of the Des Moines Area Religious Council. More information about this award-winning DVD can be found at [www.withonevoicedocumentary.org](http://www.withonevoicedocumentary.org). For more information and a promotional flyer to post, contact: Charles Day, Founder and Guiding Teacher, Des Meditation and Mindfulness Group, [charlesday1@mediacombb.net](mailto:charlesday1@mediacombb.net).

### **June 29-30, Tuesday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**FATHERS MATTER TOO free training** for family service workers who seek to better engage fathers in their work with families. Sponsored by the Y Fatherhood Initiative, Polk County Decategorization, and Zero to Three. Location: Stoney Creek Inn, Johnstone, Iowa. Lunch provided on Wednesday. Training counts towards CEO and CLE. For more information, contact Stephanie Neve at [Stephanie.neve.dmymca.org](http://Stephanie.neve.dmymca.org), 515-868-0529.

## **JULY**

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

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY URBAN MINISTRIES** will host the 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Kristin@cfum.org) or 515.238.8978

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

**ANATOMY OF IOWA FLOODS; PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE – 4:00-6:00**

**p.m.** 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.

**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, 50<sup>th</sup> & 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: Contact: Donna Gummelt [www.readtomefoundation.org](http://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](http://www.westpres.org)

## AUGUST

**Thursday and Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

**CROSS Ministries is planning for the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Friday, August 13, 2010**

**One Day Camp at Principal Park for kids ages 6-14, sponsored by American Lung Association**

Education about their asthma, the triggers, nutrition and to have an asthma plan. There will also be a session in the afternoon for parents to help with their child's asthma. Trained medical and program staff will be conducting the camp. If children are educated about asthma, connected with other kids who suffer with the same disease, they will learn from one another and not feel they are the only ones with asthma. For more information, please visit website: [www.lungia.org](http://www.lungia.org). Please click on the Active with Asthma title. Or call Sara Martin at 515-309-9507.

## 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](mailto:sunni.zak@dmymca.org) (Not a Des Moines Public School program)

**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](http://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](mailto:rmelby@churchworldservice.org) 274-2224.

**Oct 16, 2010**

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. Visit [www.reggiessleepout.org](http://www.reggiessleepout.org) for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“Rebuild Iowa” Award for Service is calling for nominations.** This award will recognize persons who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in Iowa’s 2008 disaster recovery effort. Recognition will be given to citizens, volunteers, business leaders/owners, non-profit groups, business leaders/owners and others for their outstanding efforts in rebuilding Iowa safer, stronger and smarter. (Government employees at any level are not eligible.) Nominees will be judged on their volunteer hours, impact on the community, creativity, leadership and sustainability of the project(s) in which they were involved. Applications will be judged by an independent selection committee. Forms can be found on the site: [www.rioiowa.gov](http://www.rioiowa.gov) or at [www.rio.iowa.gov/Rebuild\\_Iowa\\_Award\\_for\\_Service.pdf](http://www.rio.iowa.gov/Rebuild_Iowa_Award_for_Service.pdf). Nominations accepted through Friday, June 11.

### **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 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

“Great Food, Good Folks and Strong Community”

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](mailto:shareiowa@mahaska.org)

### **Cleaning for a Reason**

Know a woman undergoing chemotherapy? There is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning, once per month for up to 4 months while she is in treatment. Women are required to sign up and have a doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. To sign up, go to [www.cleaningforareason.org](http://www.cleaningforareason.org). This organization serves the entire country with 547 partners.

### **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](mailto:bshird@gdmhabitat.org).

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## **EMPLOYMENT and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Summer Youth Employment Program** offered by Iowa Workforce Development [www.youthforiowa.org](http://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.** seeking a part time administrative assistant. For more information please contact Ms. Patricia Hillock at [president@iitanet.org](mailto: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](mailto:aduimstra@gdmhabitat.org) or call 471-8686

**Polk County Health Department is currently seeking a full time NP/PA** for clinic services. Also seeking on Call RNs, LPNs, and CMAs as well as on Call NP/PAs to assist with various health department initiatives. For more information visit <http://hr.co.polk.ia.us/jobopenings.htm>

**Director of Office Of Evangelization And Catechesis – Diocese Of Des Moines – Immediate Opening**

Director will provide leadership, vision, and advocacy for the development and implementation of catechetical leadership formation. Oversight of education and formation programs for volunteers and career/professional catechetical ministers. Strong presentation, training and administration skills and background. Master's degree (or pursuing) in Theology, pastoral studies, religious education or related. Extensive experience required. Full Time, travel required. To apply, send cover letter and resume to: Human Resources, Diocese of Des Moines, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309, by fax to 515 237 5070 or email [hr@dmdiocese.org](mailto:hr@dmdiocese.org)

### **Hospice Volunteers Needed**

“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.” Volunteers needed to share conversation, hold a hand, bake a cake, give a hug. For those not previously trained, training available Thursdays June 10, June 7, and June 24 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. For those not previously trained, must attend all three nights. At Wesley Acres, 3520 Grand Ave, DSM. Call Terri Van Lent, Volunteer Coordinator, Wesley Life Hospice for an application. Phone 515 271 6775 or [tvanlent@wesleylife.org](mailto:tvanlent@wesleylife.org)

### **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, 1050-24<sup>th</sup> 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 welcomes 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](mailto: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 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

**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 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.*

**Other donation sites:**

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

Hardin

**BETHEL MISSION**, 1310 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., D.M. 50314 265-7272 Contact Lisa (Office)

**CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER SERVICES**, 205 15<sup>th</sup> St., D.M. 50309 284-5719 Contact: Tony

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**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF IOWA**, 1111 University Ave., D.M. 50314 288 1982 x 321

Contact: Cindy Hickman

**CROSS MINISTRIES**, 1050 24<sup>th</sup> St., D.M. 50311 279-8877 Contact: Ann McGowan

**EVERLYN 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

**YOUNG WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER**, 705 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Des Moines, IA

244-4901 Contact: Heather Soener.

**YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES AND SHELTER**, 918 11<sup>TH</sup> St. SE, D.M. 50309 282-

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