

THE ANTI-HUNGER

July 2003

ADVOCATE

Brought to you by the Anti-Hunger Action Committee of Crossroads Urban Center
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The Anti-Hunger Action Committee (AHAC) organizes low-income individuals and their allies on their own behalf to improve the social safety net and promote better jobs.

This month's event mixes fun and business!

Hardwork pays off!!!

MONTHLY AHAC EVENT:

In appreciation of the hard work and dedication of our members, AHAC has decided to make July our "fun month".

Join us

July 15, 5-7pm

Liberty park

Corner pavilion (900S 700 E)

for free BBQ, refreshments, fun and prizes!

For more information call Ivy or Bill at 364-7765

AHAC says good-bye to one of its hardest workers.



Mandi Janis. Mandi has been with AHAC since its founding in 2002. She is a respected worker at Crossroads Urban Center and a friend to all who have met her. She will be continuing her work for social justice at Boston College where she will be studying social work at their graduate school program. Great job Mandi, you will be missed.

Don't Cash Our Check! Medicaid [update]

June 18th AHAC members and supporters rallied at the capital to demonstrate the current and ever persistent need for the restoration of Medicaid's vision and dental coverage. "You can see, why can't we?" read one of the various signs carried by Darla Ball. Demonstrators emphasized their point with the use of an oversized check in which \$41 million was written out to the Medicaid program. To show legislative understanding, a six member committee will meet with Rich McKeown on June 30th to discuss the issue in further depth. We will be keeping an eye on this issue until Medicaid recipients are receiving their dental and vision benefits.



Douglas Cotant reminds us that Medicaid helps prevent large medical costs.

- An added Bounus? After meeting with the DWS, AHAC has been informed that they like both the idea of a shortened food stamp application and a longer reporting period. Go AHAC!



Faina Raik reminds Rich McKeown, the governors chief of staff, about the undeniable consequences of living with bad vision and no dental coverage.

Good Things to Know about Food Stamps

- You have the right to be treated with courtesy, dignity and respect.
- You don't need to have a birth certificate if you are only applying for food stamps.
- Make an extra copy of the stuff you turn into DWS, have DWS date stamp it, and keep it for your records.
- Benefits are required to be issued to you within 7 days or 30 days of your application, it just depends on your situation.
- If you have an employment plan at DWS, they can help you with transportation by giving you money for a bus pass or gas. Just ask your employment counselor!
- Have a comment? Call the DWS comment line at 1-800-331-4341 and let them know!

- Call Bill or Ivy at 364-7765 if you want help with your food stamp case (hablamos español).

Free Summer Food Programs!

Summer meals are available to all children ages 18 or younger from June 16-August 20.

**No Fee!
No Registration!**

For a Summer Food Program site near you, call 584-2907.

Both breakfast and lunch are available at most sites.

IS YOUR TELEPHONE BILL TOO HIGH?

If you and your family are eligible for food stamps or other assistance programs, you can apply to the phone company for a discount on your phone bill!

Applications for the Utah Telephone Assistance Program are available in the lobby of Crossroads Urban Center.

For more information, call toll free (800) 244-1111.

Raise the Bus Fare? UPDATE UTA

was attempting to raise the one way fare rates from \$1.25 to \$1.50. When asked if they were going to vote on the increase in June, Irene Huntsman explained that the issue was not on the table, and they were unable to say if it would be discussed in July. What next?