

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April

- 25-26 Habitat for Humanity ReStore Birthday Sale @ Restore, 10 am – 6 pm
- 26 Annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk @ Provo Exchange Park, 8 am
- 26 Spring Service Project @ Utah State Developmental Center, 9 am
- 28 Día de los Niños @ Provo City Library, 7 pm
- 29-30 Utah Commission on Volunteers Conference @ BYU Alumni House, Marriott Center & Provo Marriott Hotel

May

- 1 Eldred Center Open House @ Provo Eldred Senior Center, 12–2 pm
- 10 Habitat for Humanity Women Build Day @ 160 E. 800 S. in Orem, 9 am & 1 pm
- 15 Connections Council @ BYU Comprehensive Clinic, 3 pm
- 15 Celebrate Caregiving Conference @ Provo Eldred Senior Center, 3:30 – 7 pm
- 17 Running with the Angels 5K Run/Walk @ Thanksgiving Point, 8 am
- 17 RAH Garage Sale Fundraiser @ RAH, 8 am – 12 pm

"Be the change you want to see in the world."

-Ghandi

May's Host:

**BYU Comprehensive Clinic
1190 N. 900 E.
Provo**

**Thursday, May 15
3 pm**

D I D Y O U K N O W ?

- The ChainBreaker Foundation provides education, guidance and support to adult victims of all types of abuse—physical, sexual, spiritual, emotional and verbal. Free classes are held every Tuesday night on various topics. Any adult, male or female, is welcome to attend. Teenagers are welcome to attend with their parents. For more information, call 423-2123.
- Many pharmacies offer discount prices on certain generic prescriptions. Target, Smiths, Rite Aid, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club offer a 30-day supply of generic drugs for \$4. Kmart has a program for individuals to receive a 90-day supply of the generic drug for \$15.90. Contact individual pharmacies to get a list of available drugs.
- The Orem Office of Community & Neighborhood Services hosts programs such as the housing rehabilitation loans, emergency repair grants, accessibility grants, lead programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Fair Housing Equal Opportunity Act. For more information, call 229-7025.

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CONNECTIONS



AN INTERAGENCY NEWSLETTER FROM UNITED WAY OF UTAH COUNTY

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VANTAGE POINT

Vantage Point provides short-term shelter, counseling and social work services to ungovernable youth ranging between ages 12 through 18. Services extend to runaways, homeless youths and youth in emotional crisis.

Vantage Point's emergency youth shelter facility holds up to 12 youth at a time. Most youth stay at the shelter for about 48 hours, but stays can be extended up to 14 days with parental or guardian consent when necessary.

The shelter is used for three purposes. The most extensive treatment-based service is for teens that are checked into the facility by a parent. The shelter is also used as a Juvenile Receiving Center (a teen drop-off location for local law enforcement). Lastly, Vantage Point serves as an emergency foster-care shelter that provides short-term care for teens who are waiting for permanent placement with the Division of Child and Family Services.

A typical day at Vantage Point is very structured. Teens participate in chores, school and therapy sessions. Both formal and informal counseling sessions are also offered. This counseling helps youth to think about the choices that they have been making.

Since Vantage Point is not a lock-up facility, youth stay at Vantage Point by choice. Efforts are made to prevent runaway behavior, but youth are not physically restrained or detained.

Parents or guardians are required to be involved in their youth's care and treatment during their stay.

Youth and parents are also encouraged to participate in follow-up services. These services help in the

adjustment back into home and school life. Family and individual therapy is provided for up to 60 days after the youth has checked out of Vantage Point. Other support groups include a self-esteem support group for girls, anger management courses and substance-abuse groups.

The vision of Vantage Point is to provide intervention using the strength of the teen along with the power for changed created by a crisis situation.

The facility is funded by state and federal sources and is free of charge for all community members.

For more information about Vantage Point, call 373-2215.



Wasatch Mental Health

Summer of Service

The United Way of Utah County Volunteer Center has designed a program to encourage youth under age 18 to serve in their community.

Through this program, youth are invited to participate in organized group service projects and are provided with a list of volunteer opportunity ideas at local organizations. Youth are also encouraged to meet needs by tutoring a child, organizing a food drive or helping an elderly neighbor.

For Summer of Service, youth will need to complete at least 10 service hours and record a reflection on at least one service activity. Youth who complete the program will be invited to a celebration event.

If your agency has youth who would like to participate in this program, or if your agency has volunteer opportunities for youth, please contact United Way of Utah County 2-1-1 or 374-2588.

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