

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March

- 1 Utah Saves Week Free Family Movie @ BYU Varsity Theatre, 7 pm
- 8 Early Childhood Conference @ UVSC Student Center Ballroom, 8 am—4 pm
- 8 Spanish Conference on Domestic Violence and Economic Empowerment for Survivors @ Downtown Salt Lake Library, 9 am—4 pm
- 8 Red Cross Run for Red 5K @ Independence High School, 10 am
- 14-15 BYU Hunger Banquet @ BYU Wilkinson Student Center, 6:30 pm
- 18 Latin American Celebration @ UVSC Student Center Ballroom, 5—9:30 pm
- 20 Connections Council @ Utah County Division of Substance Abuse, 3 pm
- 20 Quilting Class for Hispanics @ Provo City Library, 7 pm
- 22 Literacy for Social Change Workshop @ BYU Tanner Building, 9 am—4 pm
- 27 Free Tax Preparation Class @ Dixon Middle School, 5—8 pm

April

- 2 RSVP Volunteer Recruitment Fair @ SCERA Cultural Center, 10 am—1 pm

"Service is the rent
we pay for living."

*-Marian Wright
Edelman*

March's Host:

**Utah County Division of
Substance Abuse
151 S. University Ave.,
Suite 3200
Provo, UT**

**Thursday, March 20
3 pm**

D I D Y O U K N O W ?

- Community Action Services and Utah Saves invite you and your family to a Utah Saves Week free family movie night. Utah Saves Week is a campaign that encourages Utah residents to make financial-savings goals. In conjunction with this week, families are invited to come and enjoy popcorn, candy and family fun while learning about savings through Dreamworks' animated comedy, "Over the Hedge." The event will be held at BYU's Varsity Theatre in the Wilkinson Center on March 1, at 7 pm .
- The Annual Utah Silver Bowl Award is now accepting nominations! This prestigious award recognizes a volunteer or group of volunteers from each county in Utah. This is a great way to show your appreciation for your outstanding, long-term volunteers who have made a difference in the community. An awards ceremony for the winners and nominators will be held at the Provo Marriott on April 23. Nominations are due to the United Way Volunteer Center by March 5. Contact Kristen Pratt Canales at 377-6600 with any questions.
- The BYU Comprehensive Clinic has many openings for community therapy and counseling services. The clinic offers pre-marital, marriage enhancement, parenting, divorce adjustment, interpersonal process, and adolescent social skills groups. Individual counseling is also available. The \$15 per session cost is adjustable based on need. For more information, please call 422-7759.

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CONNECTIONS



AN INTERAGENCY NEWSLETTER FROM UNITED WAY OF UTAH COUNTY

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Building homes. Building hope. Building community. Habitat for Humanity of Utah County strives to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in Utah County by building and renovating houses.

Many local families struggle to keep a roof over their heads because of high housing costs and lower than average incomes. With a \$45,833 median household income for a family of four, many Utah County residents live in substandard housing and have little or no hope of obtaining homeownership.

Since the program's beginning in 1991, Habitat for Humanity of Utah County has built or renovated 27 homes, providing affordable housing for more than 43 adults and 93 children. The agency is currently building three homes in the Provo/Orem area. By 2009, Habitat hopes to be building 5-9 homes per year.

Recipient families are selected based on need, ability to pay mortgage and willingness to partner. Partnering with Habitat for Humanity is an important part of the building and buying process. Families are required to help build the home and to pay 0 percent interest mortgage. Monthly payments go into a

revolving fund to build future homes for families in need.

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore helps fund the construction of Habitat homes. The ReStore collects

donations of used and surplus building materials that are resold at discount prices. Materials are usually donated from building supply stores, contractors, demolition crews and individuals. In addition to raising funds, the ReStore helps the environment by

rechanneling usable materials.

Teamed with Community Action Services, Habitat offers a five-session home maintenance course. These courses are free and open to the community.

Because of growing land and housing costs, Habitat for Humanity has an increasing need for land, renovation homes, financial resources and in-kind materials. Long-term volunteers, with or without construction experience, are also needed.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity of Utah County, call 344-8527 or visit www.hfuc.org.



Remarriage and Stepfamily Classes

Kids on the Move is partnering with Utah State University to present free remarriage and stepfamily educational classes.

The workshop is a six week course with classes held every Tuesday evening beginning on March 18. Utah County stepfamilies, future stepfamilies and cohabitating couples with children are invited to attend.

Throughout the course parents will learn about step-parenting issues, financial issues, and child/adolescent development. Activities and discussions will also aid parents as they interact with ex-spouse and help children adjust.

A nursery will be provided for children under age 6. Older children will participate in the workshop through fun parent/child activities that cater to children's needs and learning styles.

To register, call Stefanie at 221-9930 ext. 160.

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