

## JUST THE FAX

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### HOMELESS SUMMIT - PART TWO

On Monday, March 7, 2011, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and The Coalition for the Homeless will be sponsoring Homeless Summit - part two. This event will include a summit of community leaders in the morning working to coordinate services to serve the homeless. The afternoon will be an open event to outline changes in HUD and Continuum of Care priorities and to outline how Louisville leaders have agreed to work together toward these goals. This day's events will be held at the Metro United Way. **See the attached invitation.**

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### GREAT WORK ON SB26

Congratulations all! The bill passed the House last night and after discussion, they were unable to attach the amendment that requires drug testing to receive federal benefits! It was a real team effort but special thanks go to Penny Young and especially Jason Dunn. Great job all!

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### SERVICE PROGRAMS AT RISK

H.R. 1 (the new budget bill) would eliminate **all national service programs such as AmeriCorps, VISTA, Youthbuild and Senior Corps. People who disagree with this decision need to go into action.** We need to let our elected officials know this is really not what most voters want. We understand the deficit is important, but there are many ways to close it. The Senate will be deciding next week how to respond to the House bill. Senators need to get the message that their constituents will support those officials who stand up for critical programs benefitting low income people and protecting the planet. **ACTION STEPS YOU CAN TAKE:**

1. **CALL THE LOCAL OFFICES OF BOTH YOUR SENATORS.** (Go to [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org) and enter your zip code to find out their contact information.) **Your Senators need to hear from you immediately.** Please tell them not to support HR 1 which eliminates national service programs like AmeriCorps and Youthbuild.
2. **SIGN THE PETITION FOR YOUTHBUILD. Click this link.** YouthBuild Alumni have organized a petition and will be grateful for all the help they can get.

### HOUSING OPTIONS MATRIX-UPDATES NEEDED

The Housing Options Matrix is an online, as well as desktop publishable, database of current permanent housing options. The matrix is on the Housing Options website at [www.housingoptionslouisville.org](http://www.housingoptionslouisville.org). It will be most useful for the community if the information included in the matrix is up-to-date. If your agency has a program represented in the matrix please take a moment to ensure the information is current. If any changes are needed there is a link on the Housing Options website homepage to a form on which to include changes, and an email address to send the form to.

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**SPALDING UNIVERSITY** is celebrating Social Work Month with lots of activities to raise awareness about the field of social work and the many ways social workers change lives. Please take a look at the attached calendar.

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**PLENTY OF LIHEAP FUNDING AVAILABLE** for households that have received a disconnect notice from LG&E or an eviction notice if their utilities are included in their rent and if their gross household income is below 130% of the federal poverty guidelines. We are currently able to make appointments to assist this week! ***The attached flyer has our expanded hours.***

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**WELLSPRING** has a number of exciting events coming up in the next few months. Press releases with a bit more information are attached. Wellspring has also just launched a new web site [www.wellspringky.org](http://www.wellspringky.org)

- Donations of items or services are requested for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Derby Preview Party auction to be held Tuesday, April 26. Contact Traci Hall at 502-635-1570 or [Traci.Hall@wellspringky.org](mailto:Traci.Hall@wellspringky.org) to donate an item or register for the event.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Derby Preview Party dinner and auction to be held Tuesday, April 26 at Churchill Downs on Millionaires Row from 6-9pm. Tickets are \$160 each or \$1,200 for a table of 8. Contact Traci Hall at 502-635-1570 or [Traci.Hall@wellspringky.org](mailto:Traci.Hall@wellspringky.org) to make reservations for the event.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Red Hot Bash fundraiser to be held Saturday, April 9 at Molly Malone's in the Highlands from 6-10pm. Tickets are \$5 each and advanced ticket purchases come with a free raffle ticket. Contact Traci Hall at 502-635-1570 or [Traci.Hall@wellspringky.org](mailto:Traci.Hall@wellspringky.org) to purchase advanced tickets for the event.

Wellspring is on the move! For the first time in our 28 years of existence our administrative staff will be moving to an office building. Currently our admin staff resides on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, half in a Carriage House and the other half up the block. Our new location is on Breckenridge Street next to Guardia Care and across from Sullivan. For the first time we will have signage on our building.

### **DISCONTINUATION OF COALITION SERVICE PROVIDER MEETINGS**

The Coalition staff has had a long discussion, and we believe the monthly Service Provider Meetings should be discontinued with the following provisions:

- Each Coalition agency will receive an invitation, and will be *encouraged* to attend bi-monthly Transitioning Partners meetings, sponsored by the Louisville Urban League; this partnership has worked together for 6 years and meets to discuss community resources and programming available in the community for your clients--- a calendar will be made available in the coming month—some Coalition agencies already attend
- Important shelter information will be relayed through “Just the Fax” and special ALERT emails
- Blueprint University training sessions will continue to be sponsored by The Coalition on topics service providers have requested
- Specific task oriented meetings will be called periodically to accomplish specific projects, establish temporary workgroups, or to address certain issues
- Quarterly Shelter Director meetings will continue

If you have questions please call Natalie Harris or Senlin Ward at The Coalition.

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### **KWA is hosting the Wild & Scenic Film Festival**

Back for a third year at the Clifton Center March 5, 2011

***Wild & Scenic is the largest environmental film festival in North America and proud to be Louisville's connection yet again.***

In the last two years, we've seen more than 300 attendees, and over 50 total organizations have tabled at the event. We're expecting this year's Festival to be our biggest yet! Wild & Scenic is where activism gets inspired, plus we throw one heck of a party! Past attendees have had this to say:

*"It gave me hope to see positive things other people were doing for the environment. It inspired me to do something, too."  
"The information about water on our planet was presented in an enjoyable way and I learned a lot."*

This year we've lowered our tickets cost to \$10. And we're offering a special one-time membership to KWA for

\$20. This price includes a one-year membership to KWA, a film festival ticket and admission into our opening reception room including food and drink; Already a member of Kentucky Waterways Alliance? You'll get into our opening reception with purchase of film ticket. Opening Reception 7 p.m. Films start at 8 pm and ends at 11:30 pm. For more info: <http://www.kwalliance.org/Events/UpcomingEvents/tabid/326/Default.aspx>.

### **VOLUNTEER EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES**

**Excellence in Volunteer Management Training** – The Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Kentuckiana Association for Volunteer Administration, and Metro United Way are proud to bring you the nation's premiere volunteer management training. The Points of Light Foundation/Hands On Network curriculum is accredited, based on research and developed with the best practices in volunteer management. This year's series will include six sessions beginning March 3, 2011. [Register now!](#)

**Wrapped in Red Gala** – Join the American Red Cross Louisville Area Chapter as they celebrate their inaugural Wrapped in Red Gala benefit, March 19 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. Enjoy a silent auction, dinner, dancing, and cocktails...all to benefit the American Red Cross! [Click here to purchase your tickets now!](#)

**Church of Latter Day Saints Day of Service** – Hundreds of local volunteers are devoting Saturday April 9, 2011 to do service in our community. Submit your projects now – [click here for the online submission form!](#)

**Nazarene Youth Conference** - Thousands of youth ages 14 – 18 (with adult chaperones) will be in from all over the country! This group is ready to get to work on your projects. As a bonus, there is potential to get help supplying materials needed to get these projects done. **Contact Aubrey Tavares today!** 913-577-2954 or [atavares@nazarene.org](mailto:atavares@nazarene.org)

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**April is Volunteer Appreciation Month!** Metro United Way would like to help you recognize your volunteers. If you have a special volunteer(s) or group that you would like to recognize on the MUW website or through one of our social media outlets (facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc), please fill out the attached form and return to Patty Belden by March 11, 2011. Email [patty.belden@metrounitedway.org](mailto:patty.belden@metrounitedway.org) or fax 502-292-6452. For tips on how to thank your volunteers this year, check out these great ideas on [energizeinc.org!](#)

### **GET INVOLVED!**

**KAVA** – Kentuckiana Association of Volunteer Administration is the local resource for the Volunteer Administrator to network, get basic or advanced training, and have access to support of others who share common goals and challenges. Membership meetings are scheduled the second Thursday of each month. Meetings offer the opportunity to network and learn. This month our guest speakers will be Ann Curtis and Rowan Claypool talking to us about [Bulldogs Across America](#)...a Yale University internship program. To learn more about becoming a KAVA member, [click here!](#)

*\*As always the MUW Volunteer Connection is here to help with your volunteer needs. For questions about Group Projects contact Mary Sullivan; [mary.sullivan@metrounitedway.org](mailto:mary.sullivan@metrounitedway.org) or 502-292-6154. For questions about individual recruitment or the MUW website, contact Patty Belden; [patty.belden@metrounitedway.org](mailto:patty.belden@metrounitedway.org) or 502-292-6152.*

### **EXPLOSION**

Liturgical dancing, singing, mimes, Spoken word and dinner served

Saturday march 19, 2011  
5:00pm

Presented By

Dominion of praise  
Divine of praise

Fundraiser for a new beginning for women  
Alice Brooks/founder and director  
502-634-4252

Minister Carolyn Durham  
502-407-8404

St. John's Lutheran church  
901 Breckinridge lane  
Louisville, KY

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**SOAR TRAINING, MARCH 23-24, 2011**

Would you like to learn how to assist your clients in applying for Social Security Disability?  
Are you confused about the process of application for SSI or SSDI?  
Would you like to increase success in your applications?  
Come to the next SOAR (SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access and Recovery) Training Workshop  
Hotel Louisville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ballroom A  
Corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Broadway  
9:00 – 4:00 each day

***See attached registration form for details***

**IT IS URGENT THAT YOU SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

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**STATEWIDE CASE MANAGEMENT CURRICULUM**

Anyone interested in helping to create statewide on-line case management training, should attend the Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness Service Committee at KHC in the West Annex, April 12, 2011 at noon. The group will order pizza and work through lunch. Contact Jennifer Weeber at 606-439-1122 for additional information.

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**SOAR - SSDI OUTREACH, ACCESS, AND RECOVERY)**

Have you attended a SOAR training but are having problems getting started with your first SSI/SSDI application?

Do you have questions about the process?

Do you need answers from Social Security or DDS people?

Do you need help doing the Medical Summary and Functional Report?

If you responded "yes" to even ONE of these questions, we invite you to our monthly SOAR Planning Committee meetings held every second Thursday of the month (11 a.m. – 12 p.m.). The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2011 at the Seven Counties building located at 2650 West Broadway behind the Kroger Shopping Center, in the back near the Laundromat. It is a small, off-white 1-story building. If you get lost, call 589-8723. See you there!

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**MENTAL HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE MEETING**

The Mental Health Substance Abuse Meeting will be March 8, 2011 beginning at 11:30 am. The topic will be "Eating Disorders." Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by e-mail to [pams@thehealingplace.org](mailto:pams@thehealingplace.org).

Women's Healing Place  
1503 S 15th Street

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**ATTACHMENTS WITH JUST THE FAX**

- SOAR REGISTRATION FORM
  - SUMMIT INVITATION
- SOCIAL WORK CALENDAR
  - RED HOT BASH
  - DERBY PREVIEW

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# Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors	March 18, 2011	8:00 a.m.
Executive Board	April 20, 2011	8:00 a.m.
Continuum of Care, MUW	March 7, 2011	3:30 p.m.

**THE COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS STAFF**

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