



# *the* ANTI-HUNGER ADVOCATE

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August 2008

## BARBECUE A SUCCESS HELP US REGISTER VOTERS!

*by Lou Anne Stevenson, AHAC Board Co-Chair*

On July 9 we held our annual poverty partnership barbecue at Liberty Park. It went quite well. We had candidates come, introduce themselves and share their stances on our issues of concern. About 200 people came to eat and talk to the 12 candidates. There were tables set up for the Food Co-op, "Basic healthcare is not a luxury" t-shirt orders, and to register people to vote.

We encourage everyone to get out and vote. Especially with this being a new presidential election year. AHAC wants to remind everyone who hasn't registered yet, or needs to register because you've moved to a new district, to register to vote. For the next two months at Crossroads Urban Center AHAC members, and other volunteers, will have voter registration forms available and people to help you fill them out.

We need people who are interested in helping with this outreach to come and sign up on a volunteer list at Crossroads. Interested people can contact Bill Tibbitts at 364-7765 ex 131.

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The Anti-Hunger Action Committee's

**August Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 19, 5 PM**

**Crossroads Urban Center**

**347 South 400 East**

Meet AHAC members

Learn about volunteer opportunities

Take the Healthcare Action Step of the Month

For more information contact Bill Tibbitts  
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**The Anti-Hunger Advocate** is a monthly newsletter of the Anti-Hunger Action Committee.

**Our Mission:** *The Anti-Hunger Action Committee is a membership organization for food pantry clients and their friends that organizes low income people to take action on poverty issues, educates low income people about available resources and provides opportunities to become more involved in the community.*

**Submissions:** To submit something to the newsletter, contact us at:  
[bill@crossroads-u-c.org](mailto:bill@crossroads-u-c.org) or 364-7765.

## WE CAN USE YOUR HELP!

### *Volunteer opportunities for August*

1. Help set up for the monthly meeting on August 19th.
2. Write an article or submit artwork to the newsletter for next month.
3. Help get the September newsletter into the mail.
4. Help us research the billing practices of specific Utah hospitals.
5. Help register people to vote at community events or a food pantry.

*To volunteer, or to get more information, call  
Bill Tibbitts at 364-7765 ex 131.*



## HEALTHCARE ACTION STEP FOR AUGUST 2008

### **ASK THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE MEDICAID DENTAL BENEFITS A TOP PRIORITY IN THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR:**

Medicaid dental services help low income people to be able to afford to go to a dentist. Untreated dental problems can lead to serious illness or even death. Dental services were funded for seniors and people with disabilities in this year’s state budget. The state budget begins on July 1st and so we have just barely begun the current budget year but the Governor’s staff is already beginning to think about budget priorities for next year. Please take a moment to contact the Governor’s Office and ask that Medicaid dental services be a top priority in the budget for next year.

#### **Write Governor Huntsman:**

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#### **To send an email go to the Governor’s website:**

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