



the **ANTI-HUNGER
ADVOCATE**

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July 2008

ORDER YOUR “BASIC HEALTHCARE IS NOT A LUXURY” T-SHIRT

You have probably seen the bumper stickers, refrigerator magnets and buttons that say, “Basic healthcare is not a luxury.” We are going to begin accepting orders for t-shirts with the same design at the Utah Poverty Partnership Barbecue on July 9. The cost for a t-shirt will be only \$8. We will be accepting orders through the end of July and printing a batch of shirts during the first week of August. For more information call Bill Tibbitts at 364-7765 ex 131.

We have invited several candidates for office to come to the Barbecue to meet with us and share their views on poverty issues. Many of those candidates have pledged to attend. Last year about 100 people came to the Barbecue. This year we are hoping that those people will all return and bring a friend so that the candidates will see just how many Utahns are deeply concerned about issues of poverty and hunger.



UTAH POVERTY PARTNERSHIP Summer Barbecue

**Wednesday, July 9, 6 PM
Liberty Park**

Come talk to elected officials about healthcare, hunger, housing and other poverty issues.

Meet other people and groups working on these issues.

Free. Everyone is invited.

For more information about this event contact Bill Tibbitts at 364-7765 ex 131 or: bill@crossroads-u-c.org

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 an item to the newsletter, contact us at: bill@crossroads-u-c.org or 364-7765.

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP!

AHAC volunteer opportunities for July

1. Help cook hamburgers or clean up at the Utah Poverty Partnership Barbecue on July 9.
2. Help make reminder calls about the Barbecue to AHAC members, friends and candidates for elected office.
3. Help us set up meetings with some of the candidates who are not coming to the Barbecue.
4. Write an article or submit artwork to the newsletter for next month.
5. Help get the August newsletter into the mail.
6. Help us research the billing practices of specific Utah hospitals.
7. Help with outreach to potential members at community events or in the food pantry.



On Tuesday, June 24, AHAC members gathered to thank Adam Burgett for all his work with the Anti-Hunger Action Committee during the past two years. We will miss you, Adam.

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

HEALTHCARE ACTION STEP FOR JULY 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:

http://governor.utah.gov/goca/form_governor.html