



the ANTI-HUNGER ADVOCATE

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LEGISLATORS FUND DENTAL AND VISION SERVICES AND REDUCE SALES TAX ON FOOD: HELP AHAC CELEBRATE!

On February 28 the Utah legislature finished meeting for the year. AHAC members went to the Capitol every week during the session to talk to legislators. Their efforts paid off. Medicaid vision and dental benefits will be funded in next year's budget. Legislators also made a big reduction to the sales tax people will pay when they buy food at the grocery store.

On Thursday, March 15, AHAC will be holding our Annual Membership Meeting to celebrate our success. We also will be electing new leaders for the coming year. Everyone is invited.



During the final week of the legislative session AHAC members and their friends organized an event at which they offered prayers and sang hymns to thank legislators for funding vision and dental benefits and other important services.

AHAC thanks legislators for listening to our concerns and thank everyone who helped with our efforts.

Anti-Hunger Action Committee Annual Member Meeting

You are invited to come eat food, meet other members, elect leaders and celebrate our successes during the past twelve months.

For more information call Bill Tibbitts
at 364-7765 ex 131

BUS ROUTE ELIMINATION AND BUS FARE INCREASES

The Utah Transit Authority plans to completely redesign bus service in Salt Lake County. Buses will run every 15 minutes on Redwood Road, State Street, 500 East, and nine other streets. Buses will run every 30 minutes on most other routes but dozens of routes are going to be eliminated. Will these changes make it easier or harder for a bus rider from your neighborhood to get to work? Will it be harder or easier to get to places you need to be able to go? You can see specific details of the new plan at the UTA website: <http://www.rideuta.com/schedulesAndMaps/2007routeChanges/overview/>

UTA also plans to raise prices for ordinary bus fare by 33 percent during the next 21 months.

UTA is holding a series of public hearings on these changes. The public hearing for Salt Lake City will take place at the Salt Lake City Main Library on Monday, March 12, from 4:30 PM to 7 PM in Conference Rooms A&B.

For more information call Bill Germundson at 344-7765 ex 130.



Painting by Virgil Day

HOW WOULD YOU CHANGE THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM?

Increase the benefit levels? Make it easier for people to get benefits? Get rid of red tape?

Every five years Congress makes changes to the Food Stamp Program. This year AHAC members will be working to highlight ways it could be made better. Call Bill Germundson at 364-7765 ex 130 to find out how you can get involved.

Irked

by Joey Lee

Once in awhile
I might have a smile.
Many times I have walked
More than a mile.
A lot I have gone to trial.
Alcoholic I am, in denial.
I get sick, too much bile.
Troubles, rake them in a
Great huge pile!

Douglass Cotant's Joke of the Month



“ A women asked her husband to say the prayer (Grace) at the dinner table; the husband started to say Grace; but suddenly realized that his wife’s first name was Mabel.”

The Anti-Hunger Advocate is a monthly newsletter of the Anti-Hunger Action Committee (AHAC).

Our Mission: The Anti-Hunger Action Committee is a membership organization composed of and led by food pantry clients and their friends.

- We unite many different kinds of people served by food pantries in order to increase community involvement of low income Utahns.
- We educate Salt Lake County residents about available resources and issues facing food pantry clients.
- We organize food pantry clients and their friends to take action on their own behalf.
- We promote solutions to problems that cause hunger and poverty in the lives of our members.

Our Supporters: AHAC receives funding from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the United Methodist Church’s Domestic Hunger and Poverty Program, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Hunger Grant Program, the United Church of Christ Hunger Action Fund, MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger and the Crossroads Urban Center.

Submissions: To submit an item to the newsletter, please contact AHAC at Crossroads Urban Center, 364-7765.

Previous issues of the newsletter are available either at Crossroads, or on-line at: www.crossroads-u-c.org