

THE ANTI-HUNGER

November 2003

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Brought to you by the Anti-Hunger Action Committee of Crossroads Urban Center
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The Anti-Hunger Action Committee (AHAC) organizes low-income individuals and their allies to take action on their own behalf to improve the social safety net and promote better jobs.

Toothfairy goes to the capital to turn in petitions

Tues. Oct. 14 The Medicaid Toothfairy, along with several AHAC and DRAC members, presented a petition to Lieutenant Gov. Olene walker asking her to restore dental and vision coverage to medicaid. The petition contained over 2000 signatures!! After giving the petition to a staff member, we attended a meeting of the Executive Appropriations Committee in which they were discussing Medicaid. Several of us spoke to them about restoring dental and vision, including the Toothfairy! All in all it was an exciting and productive day at the capital



The Toothfairy presents the petition



Thanksgiving Turkey Give-away

What: Crossroads Urban Center will be giving away turkeys

Where: The Indian Walk in Center 120 W 1300 S

When: Wed. , Nov. 26th from 10 AM until 3:30 PM or until supplies are gone.

You must have ID for everyone in your family.

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We are now accepting nominations for the 2003 AHAC awards.

***Do You Know an AHAC member who deserves to be recognized for his or her***

***-Leadership  
- Hard Work***

*If so please contact Bill or Lisa at 364-776 5  
Awards will be presented at our "End of the Year Party" on Dec. 9*



# Dancing, Drawings, and Painted Faces At The AHAC Halloween Party



Members in costume enjoy pizza!



Doug

## AHAC Sticker Contest

The deadline has been extended. Entries are now due by the next Steering Committee meeting on Nov. 13.

We are looking for a simple logo and a catchy slogan. If you think that you have a winning idea, bring it to the next steering committee meeting.

## AHAC and Utah Jobs With Justice Rally for a Living Wage

On October 14, Members of AHAC and JWJ held a rally in front of the City County Building before attending a City Council meeting. We are asking the city to provide incentives for the employers with which they contract to pay a living wage and provide health insurance. During the rally Mayor Rocky Anderson came out and promised to help us get an ordinance passed.

If you are interested in this issue please come to the next meeting of the **Living Wage Committee!!** It will be held at Crossroads Urban Center on **Wed. Nov. 5 at 6PM**



Rudy's students doing the tango



**Raylene Ireland, the Executive Director of Workforce Services is coming to the next AHAC steering committee meeting.**

Thurs, November 13, at 5 PM at Crossroads Urban Center.

**This is a chance for AHAC member to ask someone who makes important decisions what she is going to do to help us**



## **Tommy and the Toothfairy** fiction by **Beth Vincent**

Dear AHAC,

My name is Tommy Johnson. I attend second grade up in Logan. A few weeks ago we visited the State Capitol; the same day you were all there. The day after our visit we had to write a story about our visit.

I wrote one but nobody believes it. I'm hoping you can all help me convince my teacher that it's the truth.

I saw the Tooth Fairy when I went to the Capitol, not once, but twice. The first time she was with all of you, and a gigantic tooth with red and white striped legs. You were outside the Lieutenant Governor's office. The next time I saw the Tooth Fairy she was all alone sitting in a corner up on the third floor crying. I asked her why she was she was crying.

She told me about how hard all of you worked to collect over 2,000 signatures on a petition that you had bound together in a book. The book would let the Lieutenant Governor know how many people believe everyone should have dental care in Utah, and that you asked if just two of you could go in and present the book of signatures to the Lieutenant Governor. Instead of inviting you in to deliver your book she had the police come and lots of other men in suits so nobody else could fit into her office. Eventually someone did come out to get the book, but that was it.

The tooth fairy sobbed as she told me what happened. "It's not fair," she cried. "The state government doesn't even care what happens to people who are disabled or down on their luck. I wanted to impress upon Lieutenant Walker that you only get two sets of teeth. The baby teeth all fall out but the second set has to last you a lifetime. "

When you don't take care of them they decay and can cause all kinds of problems. Ultimately the tooth has to be extracted. Does the Utah government want a bunch of toothless people running around?"

Now the tooth fairy was getting angry. "I wonder how all those people who work up on the Hill would get a long without any teeth? Maybe if they had to go a year or two without dental care, except the option of extractions – and no false teeth to replace the ones they lost, well, they'd be singing a different song – or at least they couldn't ramble on endlessly the way they do now. I'm so mad that I wish I never I left money under their pillows when they were children. The politicians didn't deserve it, and I like to take all the money back and give it to AHAC."

"So what can be done?" I asked the tooth fairy. She sat there and looked thoughtful for a moment. "AHAC can't give up" she said, "They have to keep on fighting for what is rightfully theirs. They must get the Lieutenant Governor to meet with them, and maybe invite the important legelators." "I know it's easy to get discouraged and want to give up but they can't. Their constant presence on the Hill is what's needed. They are fighting for their basic needs and they deserve to win. I hope they never stop coming back here, and bringing everyone else who can help them. There is strength in number. One day someone will listen to them, I promise. And tooth fairies never lie.

Sincerely,

Tommy Johnson