



# *the* ANTI-HUNGER ADVOCATE

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## GOLDEN RULE DAY A SUCCESS

On August 11 over 300 people went to Sugarhouse Park to celebrate Golden Rule Day for the state of Utah. Performers at the festival included the United Church of Sudan Choir, the First Congregational Church of Samoa's Youth, the Royal Heritage Ensemble, The Wasatch Presbyterian Praise Band, and performance poetry by Ian Roebuck.

This Festival was organized by Crossroads Urban Center and other community groups. Members of the Anti-Hunger Action Committee worked hard to make this event successful. It is our hope that in the coming year all Utahns, particularly our elected officials, will recognize the importance of treating other people the way that we all want to be treated.

Crossroads Urban Center released a pamphlet at the Festival titled, "The Golden Rule in Utah" that includes statements from faith and community leaders about the relationship between the Golden Rule and the way we treat those less fortunate than ourselves. To obtain a copy of this pamphlet contact Elizabeth Matthews at Crossroads Urban Center.



Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon greeting festival attendees.



Members of the United Church of Sudan Choir singing a song.



David Hughes, standing next to his sculpture titled, "Stairway to the Golden Rule" that he made for the Festival.



Youth from the First Congregational Church of Samoa performing a dance

The AHAC Newsletter Committee will be meeting to design the October edition of this newsletter on Tuesday, September 13 at 2 PM.

The AHAC Newsletter Committee meets during Open Arts at First United Methodist Church, on the corner of 200 East and 200 South. If you are interested in writing, drawing, taking photos or helping to edit the newsletter please come join us!



Would you like to learn about free ways you can use email and the internet to contact elected officials and tell them what they should be doing? Contact Bill Germundson at 364-7765 ex 130 to receive a copy of *The AHAC Guide To Internet Activism*.

## On September 8 and 9 call Senator Hatch and Senator Bennett and ask them to oppose budget cuts that will hurt hungry and uninsured Utahns

Use this **toll-free** number provided by the American Friends Service Committee to be connected to the Capitol Switchboard: **1-800-426-8073**.

By September 16, congressional committees have instructions to cut \$35 billion from programs like Medicaid, Food Stamps, Medicare, the Earned Income Tax Credit, TANF, and SSI for elderly and disabled. Medicaid could be cut by as much as \$10 billion. Food Stamps are also threatened. **It is wrong to impose the biggest budget sacrifices on the sick, the poor, the elderly and children by cutting supports while expanding tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans and corporations. Utah's Senators need to hear your story.**

# OPEN ARTS ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR OCTOBER ART AUCTION



**Mary Torgerson**



**Virgil Day**

AHAC is now accepting submissions for the Open Arts Auction that will be taking place in later October. Half the proceeds of the sale for each artwork will be given to the artist. The other half will go to AHAC to help support Open Arts. Open Arts is a fun program where people get together and make art and write individually or as a group. The artwork displayed on this page were all created by different people during Open Arts. The name of the artist is under each painting. Open Arts meets every Tuesday from 1:30 to 4:30 in the basement of First United Methodist Church, on the corner of 200 South and 200 East. For more information about Open Arts contact Elizabeth at 364-7765.

**Join us this Tuesday!**



**Marvel Hershey**



**Chrissie Porter**

## Rules Golden

by Joey Lee

As it has been penned  
Treat others as you  
Would like to be treated.  
Act how you want  
Others to act in your presence.  
That in itself is a present!  
Respect for others goes a  
very long way.  
Be kind in every deed and  
every word you say.  
Kindness is what can unite us.



On August 25, dozens of people gathered at the State Capitol for a rally asking the Legislature to remove the sales tax on food. A number of AHAC members were present. **Below:** Don Reifsnider talks to Bill Germundson after the rally.

## Doug's Joke of the Month

by: Douglas Cotant



I am so old that when you read my birth certificate it says "Expired".



**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](http://www.crossroads-u-c.org)