

## October 2007

### ¿Qué es United Way?... What is United Way?

United Way provides funds for agencies that provide programs and services to members of the community, this includes your family, neighbors and anyone who needs help during the year. Every year United Way in your area goes to workplaces and asks employees like you to help to provide the funds for these programs and services.

United Way is here for you every day of the year helping the community with food, rental assistance, utility bills, childcare, disaster relief, counseling, domestic abuse shelters, medical care including prescribed medicines.

Without your help, United Way can't provide these programs for you. We are asking for your support now!

If you are an employee in any county where there is an active United Way campaign in your workplace, ask someone how you can help. \$1.00 per week deducted from your check can mean a lot to your family and neighbors. An example of what your \$1.00 per week or \$52 per year can do is: A United Way agency that provides a food pantry can buy 371 pounds of food for those who need it.

If you support United Way, we thank you, and if not, please consider a gift this year and make your caring count. (Conexiones Latinas receives funds from United Way of Dodge County and United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth also. The funds allow us to provide this newsletter to you for free.)

### Caridades Católicas... Catholic Charities has moved!

Thanks to the hospitality of St. Benedict Community Church, we have temporary office space at: 137 Dewey Avenue, Fontana, WI 800-771-1114

Get help with: Filling out forms and applications, writing letters, making calls, we can provide help in crisis cases and short term counseling, interpretation and translation, legal services, we help to resolve problems with housing, or public service bills, we can also help you find health services, we can furnish information on resources available in the community, we can send you to other agencies that provide services like food, shelter, prenatal care or employment opportunities, transportation so you can get to these services.

### Reflexiones en octubre...Reflections in October (Domestic Abuse Prevention Month)

This story is about a woman's struggle with the cycle of violence and her journey to healing through the help of Domestic Violence Prevention services. The names and numbers of agencies that provide those services in the 4 county area are listed.

### Bebé hace frío afuera...Baby it's cold outside

This article explains how to keep your baby warm and safe while traveling. Some of the advice includes, ALWAYS using an approved car seat. It's the law in Wisconsin. Not dressing a baby too much. It is better to use layers. Also, put the baby in their car seat first and then cover them with a blanket when it is cold. Make sure the safety belts are properly secured. Keep car seats

in a warm area so it doesn't rob the child of their body heat. Keep warm clothes and blankets in the care for all the passengers in case of an emergency. Avoid using very heavy clothing in children under six months of age.

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OSHA – A government agency that serves workers

This article explains what OSHA stands for and what they do. The mission is to assure the security and health of workers in America. In Wisconsin there are four area offices and each office has its own jurisdiction. Workers in Jefferson, Walworth and Rock counties receive service for the Madison OSHA office. It is easy to contact the Madison OSHA office. They have an employee, Juan Nevarez, who speaks Spanish. If he is not in the office they use telephone interpreter services. The official schedule for the office is 8:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, however, inspections are done any day of the week and at any time. The only mission of OSHA is to assure safe and healthy conditions in the workplace. It has no other authority. There are other federal and state agencies that are responsible for problems related to workplace problems like salaries, workers compensation, immigration and naturalization.

Actividades... Activities at the Hedburg Public Library in Janesville

There are a number of activities taking place at the library in the next few months. September 15 through October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. Some activities include Saturday, September 29 from 2:00 – 4:00 traditional Mexican food provided by local restaurants. A local Latino leader, José Carrillo and an officer from the Evansville Police Dept., Vicente Hernández, will present a discussion on what it means to be a “proud Latino.” There will also be a musical group, Mariachi Nuevo Imperial and Latino dance performers. Activities for children and a raffle for adults will also be part of the festivities.

Monday, Oct 8 from 7:00 to 8:00 the DMV will present, in Spanish, information about how to get a driver's license or Wisconsin ID, what are the requirements, what examinations are required, how to reinstate your license after it has been suspended or revoked, how to avoid problems when selling a car, and more.

Friday, October 12 from 7:00 to 8:00 a presentation of traditional dance and its history.

Sunday, October 28 from 2:00 – 4:00 a family celebration for “Día de los Muertos” -Day of the Dead

Friday, November 9, at 7:00 pm bilingual story hour. Stories, songs and more for the whole family.

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Tuesdays in October, November and December, Food Classes given by a nutritionist from UW Extension