



*Habitat Happenings*  
A Newsletter for Habitat Families  
March 2011

*A reason to keep a "thought of the day/month" is to create a special focus on concept, idea, spiritual principle, or other inspiring tidbit.*



**Thought of the month:**

"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up". - Jesse Jackson



**Summer Youth Employment**

Each year, Capital Workforce experience opportunities depend on their funding. If you, or a family member is 14-24 and need a summer job, go to their website:

[www.capitalworkforce.org](http://www.capitalworkforce.org) March 1<sup>st</sup> for more info about the 2011 Summer Program, or call (860)522-1111



**Hartford's Camp Courant**

Hartford's Camp Courant is a free summer camp available to Hartford children ages 5 through 12.

Contact Information:

Hartford Camp Courant

285 Broad Street

Hartford, CT 06115

Phone: (860) 241-6320 [www.campcourant.org](http://www.campcourant.org)



**Save the Date: Habitat Family Picnic**

May 14 or May 21(rain date) at the Keney Park Pond House at the Edgewood Street Entrance in Hartford. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer on the 2011

planning committee. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Tracy at 541-2208 ext.111



**2011-2012 College Scholarship**

**Do you know a high-school senior or current college student who will need help paying for college next year?**

Please share this information with students who live any of the 64 Connecticut towns in the American Savings Foundation service area. The American Savings Foundation will award \$675,000 to more than 375 students for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Apply online at [www.asfdn.org](http://www.asfdn.org)**

This scholarship is primarily based on financial need, with consideration given to the applicant's academic performance, community involvement, and other indications of a strong desire to achieve goals through education. Applicants must have either a minimum 2.5 GPA, or be in the top 1/3 of their graduating class (for high school seniors).

Students may be entering any year of a 2- or 4-year undergraduate program or technical/vocational program at an accredited college or university in the U.S. High School seniors, current college students and nontraditional adult students are welcome to apply.

For more information, visit our [website](#) or call (860) 827-2556.

**Application deadline: March 31, 2011**



### ***Filing Income Taxes for Free***

VITA offers free tax filing assistance from sites in Hartford, Manchester.

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low-to moderate-income (\$38,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Please take advantage of this free service in comparison to the \$150.00 that some public firms charge to file income taxes. Please contact CRT for more information. Days and hours of service may vary with location.

#### **Hartford**

CRT 1229 Albany Avenue 560-5128

CRT 25 Main Street 560-5782

CRT 395 Wethersfield Ave 560-5800

CRT 555 Windsor Street 560-5750

#### **Manchester**

Manchester Human Services

479 Main Street, Manchester

(860) 647-3095



### ***Giving Back***

If you are interested in partnering with a prospective family please contact Tracy 541-2208 ext. 111



### ***Spring Maintenance Tips for Your***

#### **Home**

#### **Spring tips:**

- Replace your furnace filter
- Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter
- Check your electrical system
- Always have a multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible.
- Make sure the light bulbs in all your fixtures are the correct wattage
- Review your fire escape plan with your family

- Consider installing a lightning protection system on your home
- Protect all your electrical appliances from power surges and lightning
- Have a professional air conditioning contractor inspect and maintain your system as recommended by the manufacturer
- Check for damage to your roof
- Run through a severe-weather drill with your family
- Repair all cracked, broken or uneven driveways and walks to help provide a level walking surface
- Protect your home from sewer or drain back-up losses
- Check all the fascia and trim for deterioration
- Check your water heater
- Check the shutoff valve at each plumbing fixture to make sure they function
- Clean clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper, and space under the dryer
- Replace all extension cords that have become brittle, worn or damaged
- Inspect and clean dust from the covers of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms



