

# THE ANTI-HUNGER

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Brought to you by the Anti-Hunger Action Committee of Crossroads Urban Center

347 South 400 East, Salt Lake City 1-888-747-8482 or 364-7765

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.

## MONTHLY AHAC EVENT:

AHAC is having a potluck social to enable its members to both get to know one another and show off their skills in the kitchen!

**Tues. August 19th**

**6-8pm**

**347 South 400 East  
Crossroads Urban Center**

Bring some food and/or bring yourself!

For more information call Ivy or Bill at 364-7765

## UTA Victory!!!

UTA has announced that they are no longer going to raise the price on bus fare from \$1.25 to \$1.50. AHAC led the charge in fighting this unfair fare increase so if you went to one of the public hearings, went to a Board meeting, called a Board member, or wrote a letter, then pat yourself on the back!!!

**Jobs with Justice (JWJ)** is a group that AHAC has joined. As we strive for an equal society, we must be capable of living off of the wages that jobs pay. JWJ believes the city should provide rewards to those companies that pay a living wage and health insurance to their employees. What can you do to support a living wage in Salt Lake City?

- 1) Write your city council representative telling them why this is a good thing for Salt Lake.
- 2) Contact Bill Tibbitts at 364-7765 to find out when this issue will go before the City Council or to find out more information about Jobs with Justice.

### Important Numbers:

\***Crossroads Urban Center:** 364-7765 Assistance with emergency food, clothing vouchers, public assistance problems or info about AHAC.

\***Information and Referral:** 211 or 978-3333 Info about services available in Salt Lake County.

\***Department of Workforce Services Comment Line:** 1-800-331-4341 Let someone know about your good or bad experience at DWS.



Kevin Syfu, son of AHAC member Lydia Herrera at a JWJ Rally last year.



Dennis shows us his skills at the grill

## **Restore Medicaid!**

On June 30th, eight members of AHAC and the Disabled Rights Action Committee (DRAC) met with Rich McKeown, the governors chief of staff, over an issue that AHAC has been working on for awhile-- getting vision and dental coverage back for Medicaid recipients. After stating how the coverage could be restored without costing the state a penny, AHAC and DRAC proposed a new program called Adopt a Medicaid Recipient. The "adoptions" suggest that these issues are real and crucial to those who cannot afford dental and vision care on their own. Interested in learning more about what you could do to help? Contact Bill Tibbitts or Ivy at 364-7765 for more information.

## **The AHAC Picnic** Hot Dogs and Hamburgers anyone?

That was the theme to last months event as we took to the green for a BBQ at Liberty Park. Six members received various "Excellence in Action Awards" for demonstrating their consistant dedication to social justice issues. We appreciatethem and everyone elses help! We are glad to have been able to recognize just some of the good work being accomplished and likewise, have a wonderful time outside in the company of other members.



Some of our members sit back and relax!

## **IS YOUR TELEPHONE BILL TOO HIGH?**

**If you and your family are eligible for food stamps or other assistance programs, you can apply to the phone company for a discount on your phone bill!**

**Applications for the Utah Telephone Assistance Program are available in the lobby of Crossroads Urban Center.**

**For more information, call toll free (800) 244-1111.**

### **Good Things to Know about Food Stamps**

- You have the right to be treated with courtesy, dignity and respect.
- You don't need to have a birth certificate if you are only applying for food stamps.
- Make an extra copy of the stuff you turn into DWS, have DWS date stamp it, and keep it for your records.
- Benefits are required to be issued to you within 7 days or 30 days of your application, it just depends on your situation.
- If you have an employment plan at DWS, they can help you with transportation by giving you money for a bus pass or gas. Just ask your employment counselor!
- Have a comment? Call the DWS comment line at 1-800-331-4341 and let them know!
- Call Bill or Ivy at 364-7765 if you want help with your food stamp case (hablamos español).