

GIVE THANKS



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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 2015

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M–TH: 8:00am–6:00pm
F: 8:00am–5:00pm
SAT: 8:00am–1:00pm
SUN: CLOSED

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 2015

NOVEMBER 2

NCRC Test: 8:45am–1:00pm, Appt. Needed

NOVEMBER 3

Financial Boot Camp: 5:30pm–7:30pm

WTA Q&A Session: 9:00am–12:00pm, 4:00pm–7:00pm,
Appt. Needed

NOVEMBER 4

NCRC Test: 8:45am–1:00pm, Appt. Needed

On Site Employers (Application Day): 9:30am–1:30pm

NOVEMBER 7

Financial Boot Camp en Español: 10:00am–3:00pm

NOVEMBER 9

NCRC Test: 9:00am–1:00pm, 4:45pm–8:30pm,
Appt. Needed

NOVEMBER 10

Career Fair at DMACC Urban and EKD: 10:00am–2:00pm

WTA Q&A Session: 9:00am–12:00pm, 4:00pm–7:00pm,
Appt. Needed

NOVEMBER 11

NCRC Test: 8:45am–1:00pm, Appt. Needed

On Site Employers (Application Day): 9:30am–1:30pm

NOVEMBER 14

'I Didn't Know That' Series "Car Buying": 11:00am–1:00pm

NOVEMBER 16

NCRC Test: 9:00am–1:00pm, 4:45pm–8:30pm,
Appt. Needed

NOVEMBER 17

Financial Boot Camp: 5:30pm–7:30pm

WTA Q&A Session: 9:00am–12:00pm, 4:00pm–7:00pm,
Appt. Needed

NOVEMBER 18

NCRC Test: 8:45am–1:00pm, Appt. Needed

On Site Employers (Application Day): 9:30am–1:30pm

NOVEMBER 23

NCRC Test: 9:00am–1:00pm, 4:45pm–8:30pm,

Appt. Needed

NOVEMBER 24

Financial Boot Camp: 5:30pm–7:30pm

WTA Q&A Session: 9:00am–12:00pm, 4:00pm–7:00pm,
Appt. Needed

NOVEMBER 25

NCRC Test: 8:45am–1:00pm, Appt. Needed

On Site Employers (Application Day): 9:30am–1:30pm

NOVEMBER 26

Closed for the holiday

NOVEMBER 27

Closed for the holiday

NOVEMBER 30

NCRC Test: 9:00am–1:00pm, 4:45pm–8:30pm,
Appt. Needed

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DID YOU KNOW?

Thanksgiving festivities took place long before the Pilgrim's Thanksgiving feast in 1621. According to the Encyclopedia Smithsonian, originally, "native peoples sought to insure a good harvest with dances and rituals such as the Green Corn Dance of the Cherokees."

"Only twice has a president changed the day of observation. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in order to give depression-era merchants more selling days before Christmas, assigned the third Thursday to be Thanksgiving Day in 1939 and 1940. But he was met with popular resistance, largely because the change required rescheduling Thanksgiving Day events such as football games and parades. In 1941, a Congressional Joint Resolution officially set the fourth Thursday of November as a national holiday for Thanksgiving."

FINANCIAL FITNESS BOOT CAMP

Come get your money clean for 2015! Sign up for this dynamic four-week workshop and take your finances to the next level. Included: Financial Planning, Money Management, Budgeting, Credit Repair and Loan Management. Next sessions: November 17, November 24, December 1 and December 8 — for more information, please call 515-697-1450 or visit www.fcn-dm.org.

READ FOR SUCCESS

For nine consecutive years the federally-funded Did You Know That "one in six adults lack functional literacy? That's equivalent to just below a 5th grade reading level," said Anne Murr with Drake University Adult Literacy Center.

Getting a job, or perhaps getting a better job, can become difficult for some adult who lack functional literacy when they go to fill out online applications.

"ONE IN SIX ADULTS LACK FUNCTIONAL LITERACY. THAT'S EQUIVALENT TO JUST BELOW A 5TH GRADE READING LEVEL," SAID ANN MURR.

The Adult Literacy Center wants to help those who struggle with reading, on any level, to reach greater levels of success. Classes are tentatively scheduled to start sometime in November.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this class, please call Ann Murr at 515-271-3982 or email anne.murr@drake.edu for more information and/or to register.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

November 4, 5:30pm
Des Moines Area Community College, Urban Campus, Bldg. 1; DMACC's annual celebration of a diversely rich community will include a myriad of food and costumes that represent each cultural background.

FINANCIAL FITNESS BOOTCAMP, EN ESPAÑOL

November 7, 10:00am-2:00pm
Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families; an educational workshop, en Español, discussing ways to better handle your finances, manage debt, and repair your credit. Must RSVP at (515) 697-1484. FREE! See page 1 for more details.

"I DIDN'T KNOW THAT" CAR-BUYING SERIES

November 14, 11:00am-1:00pm
Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families; an educational workshop that explores the ins and outs of purchasing a car. Must RSVP at (515) 697-1484. FREE! See page 2 for more details.

\$5 FAMILY NIGHT

November 13, 5:00-8:00pm
Science Center of Iowa & IMAX Dome Theater; enjoy a family fun night every second Friday of the month at SCI. Explore various hands-on activities at the Science Center or experience a "larger-than-life" IMAX film.

WINTER FARMER'S MARKET

November 20-21, 11:00am
Capitol Square; find a variety of must-haves for the Holiday Season. Stock up on locally raised produce, such as duck, turkey and ham, as well as locally-produced items like pies, honey, jams, salsas, and breads. You will also find holiday items, including handmade ornaments, freshly cut pine trees, poinsettias, wreaths and other seasonal décor.

MAKE-A-WISH IOWA, TOUR DE LIGHTS

November 21-22nd, 4:30pm-8:00pm
Water Works Park; fun-filled day. Cost: \$5 before Nov. 10th, \$10 after

MAKE-A-WISH, JOLLY HOLIDAY LIGHTS

November 24-30, 5:30pm
Water Works Park; watch the sun set. Cost: \$10 per car, \$20 per limo/minibus, and \$40 per chartered bus.

CAREER FAIR

November 10, 10:00am-2:00pm
DMACC Urban & Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families; find out what career opportunities and resources are available in the community. FREE!

DISNEY ON ICE: DARE TO DREAM

November 25-29th, times vary
Wells Fargo Arena; An experience you won't forget! \$17.00-\$57.00

CAREER FAIR

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT CURRENT AND FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH GREAT LOCAL EMPLOYERS?

Stop by each location anytime between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to obtain information and speak with representatives from several local employers. Past participating employers were in the following sectors: government, financial services, human services, legal and more!

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 | 10:00am-2:00pm
DMACC Urban Student Lounge and Evelyn K. Davis Center

A shuttle will be provided to take students between campus and Evelyn K. Davis Center. Evelyn K. Davis Center will be serving pizza, pop and other various snack

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS:

ON CAMPUS

- ▶ Hy-Vee Corporate Offices
- ▶ Nationwide
- ▶ Principal Financial Group
- ▶ Wells Fargo
- ▶ Banker's Trust
- ▶ Candeo
- ▶ ChildServe
- ▶ Iowa National Guard
- ▶ Homemaker's Furniture
- ▶ Tom Henricksen, author of "Cracking the Career Code"

EVELYN K. DAVIS CENTER

- ▶ Riley Resource Group
- ▶ Met Life
- ▶ Alorica
- ▶ Des Moines Public Schools
- ▶ United Parcel Service
- ▶ Lint Van Lines
- ▶ United States Postal Service
- ▶ Sam's Club
- ▶ Hy-Vee Foods

THANKSGIVING SAVINGS

One Turkey Day is almost upon us. Don't get caught up in over doing it this season and drowning your wallet. Check out these tips on how to save this Thanksgiving and still have a memorable holiday.

- ▶ Buy in Bulk: If you're planning on feeding a big crowd, consider shopping at a warehouse retailer.
- ▶ Keep it Simple: skipping some or all appetizers, or minimizing the side dishes can save quite a bit on your expenses.
- ▶ Keep it Natural: Using different colored leaves, pine cones, or winter squash can be equally appealing as store bought decorations.
- ▶ Look for Deals: Grocery stores will often times give away a free turkey if you purchase a ham, or vice versa. You can't beat that savings!
- ▶ Potluck: Have each of your dinner guests bring a side dish or beverage. Savings for everyone!
- ▶ Frozen vs Fresh: There is not much difference between a frozen bird and a fresh one, except for a lower cost. Frozen pies have also known to be more than 50% off during this time of year.

FOR YEARS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE COLLABORATED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO SUPPLY THOSE IN NEED WITH A FREE THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL.

For some, a Thanksgiving Meal may not be even be feasible due to finances. For years, community members have collaborated their time and efforts to supply those in need with a free Thanksgiving Day Meal. Locations vary, and usually don't advertise their services until closer to the holiday.

So far, Chuck's restaurant and Hope Ministries plan to give away free meals for the holiday. You can continue to check for an updated list in the next coming weeks on The Evelyn K. Davis Center's Facebook page.

"I DIDN'T KNOW THAT" SERIES CAR-BUYING WORKSHOP

The Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families will kick off the next "I Didn't Know That," series on Saturday, November 14th, from 11am-1pm. This Car-buyer Educational Workshop will host a panel of experts who will share best practices and resources for how to plan for and purchase a car.

Panelists include professionals such as a mechanic, car dealer, loan officer, and insurance agent.

To ensure a seat at this FREE event, please RSVP at 515-697-1484 no later than November 11, 2015.

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!
A Financial Education Series that puts you in the know

Part I:
How to Buy a Car the Right Way

November 14, 2015
at 11:00 AM
Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families
801 University Avenue

¡PON TU DINERO EN ORDEN!

Lleva tus finanzas al siguiente nivel asistiendo a este taller de 4-horas.

Vas aprender:

- Planificación Financiera Familiar
- Manejo del Dinero
- Presupuestos
- Reparación del Crédito
- Manejo de Lineas de Crédito

La siguiente clase se llevará acabo el día Sábado, 7 de Noviembre en el Centro Evelyn K Davis 801 University Avenue, a las diez por la mañana.

Para registrarte a este seminario para la comunidad y gratuito reserva hoy mismo tu silla.

!!Llama al 515-697-1478 o al 515-782-5174 para registrarte!

Financial Fitness Bootcamp en Espanol, November 7, at 10:00pm, at the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families

YOUTHBUILD SAGA CONTINUES

For nine consecutive years the federally-funded program, YouthBuild of Central Iowa, has changed the lives of those who, for various reasons whether social or economic, have fallen behind. According to Cliff Kessler, YouthBuild Coordinator, more than 90 percent of YouthBuild participants have dropped out of high school.

"These are people who many times have even given up on themselves, but at YouthBuild we don't give up on people," said Kessler. "We see their potential and adapt to their different learning styles."

YouthBuild provides youth, ages 18 to 24, with an opportunity to work toward economic self-sufficiency and an advanced education. The seven month, full-time program gives students a chance to earn their high-school equivalency, obtain nationally recognized construction and carpentry certifications and earn college credit.

"When I think of YouthBuild, the word support and family comes to mind," said Tyvon Simms, 2015 graduate of the program. "For seven months we were not just friends and students, but family. I received my high-school equivalency certification and a basic fork lift certification. I also have my OSHA 10 safety certification from YouthBuild."

"All of these things helped me get my current job and helped me take care of my own child and family," Simms said.

Participants also build homes, partnering with several community improvement organizations such as Habitat for Humanity to provide more low-income housing for area families. The most

recently completed cohort had the most certificate training opportunities of any cohort to date: Lead Renovator, Basic Tool Safety, Rigging, CPR/First Aid, Basic Construction OSHA, Basic Fork Lift, Basic Welding, and Green Building, including nationally recognized certificates like the Home Builders Institute certifications and Pre-Apprentice certificates in Carpentry and Weatherization.

"We are committed to giving young individuals skills so that they may succeed in the construction industry, or any industry for that matter," said Fernando Aveiga, YouthBuild instructor. "Even if the youth don't go into construction after graduation, they will at least have their GED and high-school diploma and will have gone through seven months of rigorous training and expectations that will still prepare them for the workforce."

On average, 30 people join the program, approximately 3-4 weeks into the program half of them remain, and only about 8 or 9 actually finish and graduate.

Any misconduct in the program is prohibited; in order to succeed in the program participants have to be serious about their new journey, and be ready and willing to make necessary changes in their life. Teaching them self-discipline, to listen, be respectful, and to work hard can be difficult at times but vital in preparing them for the construction industry.

"They will have learned a trade that they can take with them wherever they go, for the rest of their lives," said Aveiga. "However, the construction industry is a tough industry because it is very competitive and also one of the most strict in terms of attendance and punctuality."

"The application process can be intimidating in and of itself," stressed Aveiga. "Which is why it is important on our end to encourage our trainees to be persistent."

Aveiga said that for years YouthBuild has been working on partnering with the Laborers Union to get graduates in the door, and start them off earning great wages that will really help change and shape their lives. That door was finally opened when they received a call from the union this last year, asking for three pre-selected candidates.

20 year-old, David Bernal, graduated from the YouthBuild program in August 2015 with flying colors and almost perfect attendance. He was also one of the candidates selected to interview and go through the application process, and is now the first YouthBuild graduate to get accepted into the Iowa's Laborers Union.

FOR SEVEN MONTHS WE WERE NOT JUST FRIENDS AND STUDENTS, BUT FAMILY.

"There were times when I struggled to keep my motivation through the program," said Bernal. "It might get hard sometimes; you may not want to wake up in the mornings and go to class, but the program is well worth it."

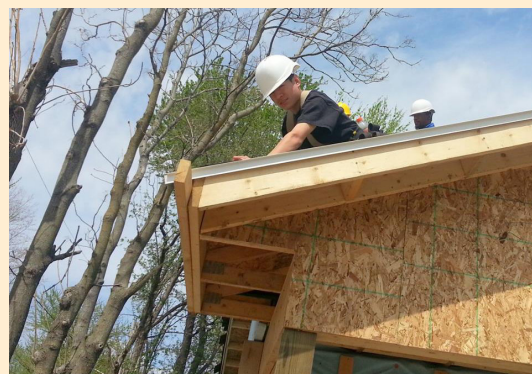
With Bernal setting the stage for future graduates, the Laborers Union has decided to give free training to future cohorts. The next cohort will begin sometime in January, and applications are already being accepted. To apply, stop into the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families and fill out an application.

"YouthBuild is a place that opens doors," said Bernal. "It teaches you how to get through life and how to live a good life, a great opportunity that changes your life. I am forever appreciative and grateful for what they have done for me."

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David Bernal (left) and Cliff Kessler (right), DMACC's YouthBuild Program



YouthBuild participant getting some hands-on training



OSHA training at YouthBuild