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AUXILIARY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009

Hospital and Keller Lobbies and Mezzanine

Help is needed all day – to volunteer please call
Phyllis Hills – at (860) 828-2993

The UCHCA Advisory Board would like to send a thank you out to all who have made this past year such a success. The Gift and Thrift shops have both kept our heads above water with new projects that have been very successful. We are very appreciative of the thoughtful and creative work that our managers and assistant managers have done: Debbie Baril, manager, and Alison Pace, assistant manager, of the Gift Shop; Susan Goslin, manager, and Cheryl Tuggle, assistant manager, of the Thrift Shop. The four of you have been shining stars.....THANK YOU!

All that could not have been accomplished without the dedication of our volunteers. To all of you we also say.....THANK YOU!

Holiday Event

Once again the Connucopia will be running a “24 days of Christmas” event. One day might be a percentage off plush while another day might be a discount just for wearing your Christmas sweater or for singing your favorite Christmas carol. This was very well received last year, especially with the employees, and we anticipate a good response again this year. This event begins 12/1/09 and will run through 12/24/09. Stop by the gift shop and join in the fun!

Among the first families to stay at ***The Family Place*** at the Homewood Suites in Farmington was Brandy Crawford, of Hampton, Connecticut. The following letter is a hand-crafted thank you to the Auxiliary after her stay. ***The Family Place*** has been home to more than sixty families from within and beyond Connecticut since its inception in July 2008.

“To the Women’s Auxiliary –
“My name is Brandy Crawford and my daughter Keaghan was born on May 8th, 2009. She was very sick when she was first born and I live about an hour & ½ away. I have been staying at the ‘Homewood Suites’ and spend every day here at the NICU Unit with her. Me being here has had a huge impact on her getting better, and also a big impact on me emotionally. If it wasn’t for the Women’s Auxiliary and their donation of the Homewood Suites us parents wouldn’t be able to be with our babies to spend time and help in both of our healings. Thank you for Caring. And Please know what a BIG impact you have all made in mine and my family’s life!!
Thank You Again ! –
Brandy Crawford & Family”

To help support the two main Auxiliary projects, W.H.A.L.E and ***The Family Place*** the Auxiliary is now part of a new undertaking: ‘The American Mural Project,’ which is an effort to create a giant mural that serves as an artistic tribute to the American worker. It will be known as the “*Wall of America*” and will take up permanent residence in a

former factory building in Winsted. A scale model of what will become the world’s largest indoor collaborative artwork, and some of the murals finished pieces, will be on exhibit at the Hartford Public Library October 28th through November 29th.

One component of the mural will be sculpture made of individually painted tongue depressors, which will accompany the portion of the mural depicting celebrity physician Dr. Mehmet Oz performing surgery. School children in the Northeast have been hand-decorating tongue depressors, and now the Auxiliary is offering blank ones for this purpose. The tongue depressor project for the Auxiliary will run for a year and will begin during the Holiday Bazaar, where there will be pictures and explanations about the project. Our involvement is to be part of the national healthcare system of caring, reflecting our support of children and families within the UCHC and our communities. After the Bazaar, the tongue depressors will be available in the Gift Shop, and that is where they will be returned after they have been decorated. The children down in day care and the NICU and newborn nursery will be involved and the hospital is already on board with this project with the donation of the tongue depressors. There will be no cost to the Auxiliary. The monies raised will be shared with AMP and used for our two projects. As a fundraiser, the tongue depressors will be a dollar each and Irene Engel has donated the needed materials to have people work on the project and demonstrate how they might look at the Holiday Bazaar.

EXPO 2009

Expo 2009 was the first of what is to be an annual event in lieu of formal dinners recognizing volunteers, UCHC retirees and employees. Expo 2009 was held on Tuesday, November 3rd, and was a huge success. The cafeteria was very festive and the Expo ran from 7am to 5pm so that the over 1200 employees could attend. The Auxiliary table was in a great location and many people stopped by to admire our posters and to learn more about what the Auxiliary does. Two people signed up to be 'life members.'

UCHC Art Collection Being Appraised

A respected Boston appraiser is working with art curator Linda Webber to update the value of most of the Health Center's more important works of art. Many of these works are still carried on the art inventory at the value they had many years ago when the Auxiliary first founded Art Friends for Health. Funds given to the Art Advisory Committee by the Auxiliary are helping to finance this important effort.

Since the art committee relies solely on donations for the art collection, Linda would like to remind members who are artists, who know artists, or who may be downsizing, that the Health Center is still in need of paintings or photographs that are appropriate for a hospital setting.

The Pickin' Patch

In May, the Pickin' Patch, which is a farm and garden store in Avon, donated a percentage of one weeks' sales from UCHC members and their relatives. We are pleased to announce that the Auxiliary earned over \$600 from that sale. Our thanks to all who participated and supported not only the Pickin' Patch but also the Auxiliary. It was so successful that we will be there again next year.

YOUR SUPPORT IS
IMPORTANT TO THE
AUXILIARY

Homewood Suites
The Family Place

W.H.A.L.E.
(car seat project for babies)

Scholarships for
Medical/Dental students, etc.

Vendor List November 2009

November 23, 2009 *The Apple Lady* will be selling her gourmet apples in the food court lobby. This will be her last visit before Thanksgiving and they make great hostess gifts!
Stop by between 9:00-2:00.

November 24, 2009 *Mandy's Purses* will be set up in the food court lobby. They sell fair trade purses and other fair trade articles. Stop by between 9:00-3:00.

November 30 brings *Garden Grove Pottery* back to the Health Center. Stop by the food court between 9:00-3:00 and meet Mark and Jeff. They sell their handmade line of pottery which make amazing gifts!

December 2009

December 4, 2009 *Dees jewelry* will be back selling their line of jewelry in the food court lobby. Stop by and do a little holiday shopping between 9:00-3:00.

December 7, 2009 *Second Story Interiors* will be set up in the food court lobby. They show a large selection of art prints. These are framed prints that make great gifts!
Stop by between 9:00-4:00.

December 8, 2009 brings *Jazz mi Taz* back into the Health Center. She sells very trendy and beautiful jewelry. This will be her last show before the holiday, so don't miss it!
She'll be set up in the food court lobby between 9:00-3:00.

December 9, 2009 the Connucopia is pleased to welcome *Jones NY* to the Health Center. This will be their first visit and they will be showing a large selection of winter coats. Find them in the rear section of the Cafeteria from 9:00-4:00.

December 9, 2009 finds *Sparkle Jewelry* at Munson Road. Sparkle sells all sorts of fashion jewelry at reasonable prices. In the cafeteria from 9:00- 2:00.

December 10, 2009 *Leather Bag Outlet* will be set up in the Munson Road Cafeteria selling their beautiful leather bags. Stop by between 9:00-2:00.

December 11, 2009 *Leather Bag Outlet* find themselves in the Main Building at the Health Center. They will be selling their leather handbag line in the food court lobby between 9:00-3:00.

December 14, 2009 *Sparkle Jewelry* will be showing their fashion jewelry line in the food court lobby. Stop by between 9:00-3:00.

December 15, 2009 finds *the Apple Lady* at Munson Road! This will be a treat for all the Munson employees. Esther will be selling her gourmet apples from 9:00-2:00.

December 18, 2009 *Designs by Diana* will be showing their line of fashion jewelry in the food court lobby. This is our last jewelry showing of the year! Between 9:00-4:00.

December 18, 2009 *Classy Crafts* will be selling her assortment of products in the Munson Road Cafeteria. You will find them between 9:00-2:00.

December 21, 2009 *Camellias Natural Products* will be selling their line of aromatherapy products in the food court lobby between 9:00-3:00.

December 22, 2009 find *Esther, The Apple Lady* back for the last time this year! These make great hostess gifts!. Esther will be in the food court lobby between 9:00-2:00.

December 24, 2009 For anyone who is left running late, don't worry, *Gail of Shell Crafts* will be selling her handcrafted line of shell gifts in the food court lobby today.