ADELYNN LOUIS GOES HOME!

After five months in the neonatal unit, baby Adelynn Louis has finally gone home with her parents to Pennsylvania. Erin and Chris Louis have called The Family Place at Homewood Suites their home away from home since September. They were our guest at the Harvest Moon Party held October 22 at Farmington Woods Clubhouse, where they told us of their care and love shown to them here at UCHC.

The Auxiliary family wishes the Louis family the very best in their future and hopes they stay in touch with us.

The Farmington Patch has a wonderful article on the Louis family. Please read it at http://tinyurl.com/Adelynn11.

NEW PROGRAM OFFER FOR ALL: Go Green, Save Money, Help Auxiliary

The UCHC Auxiliary would like to invite you to join us in a new enterprise.

We have joined Viridian Energy’s Residual Fundraising Program. You can do something better for the environment, save on your monthly UI or CL&P bill, and help to provide funding for The Family Place at Homewood Suites.

We invite you to come and see us on March 24 at the Health, Safety and Environment Fair and consider signing up with us. We see this as a win-win situation for us all!

USED BOOK SALE, GIFT SHOP

Friday, March 11

Please come and visit us and find great seldom-used and well-cared-for books. We will be offering good books for your upcoming summer vacation and great cookbooks. The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be out side the gift shop and hope to see you and your friends there.

ART NEWS

The next art reception will be on Thursday, April 14, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Celeste LeWitt Gallery. The artists will be Carol Moore and retrospective of Alan Tompkins art. His estate donated over 100 works to UCHC. He was a key figure in forming the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford. A noted muralist, he painted into his 100th year.

The fly-fishing exhibit will be in the lobby and mezzanine.
CASTING FOR RECOVERY UPDATE: SAVE SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2011

Plan to join us for a great outdoor day of activities and a pig roast, with entertainment by the Sky Blue Boys from Vermont. We will be sending out invitations and hope you will be able to join us for a day of fly-casting, tying flies, looking at art and enjoying good food.

Prior to this event we will be having demonstrations on fly-tying on April 11 and 26 outside the cafeteria, plus a demonstration on casting in the courtyard April 20. The fly-fishing exhibit will be in the lobby and mezzanine.

The proceeds for this event will go to sponsor two-three of our breast cancer patients to a retreat in August in West Cornwall, organized by of Casting for Recovery, a Vermont nonprofit that organizes fly-fishing retreats for cancer survivors.

Tickets for the Winding Trails event April 30 are $50, of which $20 is tax deductible, and will be available at the Connucopia Gift Shop, through Auxiliary website, http://auxiliary.uchc.edu, or by calling 860-679-8004.

WHY FLY-FISHING?

Ask Marcia Reid Marsted, who beat two cancers. She says fly-fishing was one of the hobbies that helped her get better.

“It’s relaxing, very meditative,” Marsted says. “The environment helps calm the people who are doing the fishing. Being calm and relaxed and not focused on how you feel is good for the sick person. The more positive you are about your life and how you feel about the world around you, the better it is for your health and ability to get over your cancer.”

Marsted is convinced of the therapeutic benefits of fly-fishing and of her other hobby, photography. In 2002 she published “About My Hair: A Journey to Recovery,” a collection of photographs to go with a narrative of what she went through as a cancer survivor.

“I found that using my photography to document what was going on with my life and my world during my treatment helped me to think of something besides how I felt,” Marsted says. “Doing what made me happy helped me to be more positive day to day.”

Dear Friends,

With Ruth’s passing we lost a dear friend and dedicated volunteer. She contributed over 2000 hours to our Gift Shop and Thrift Shop.

We first met Ruth in April 1993. She had been an active member of the UCHCA since 1984; Ruth’s mother was in a convalescent home and as was typical of Ruth’s concern for others, she wanted to help in her mother at lunch time. The Thrift Shop could offer her that flexibility.

She wasn’t a “Thrift shop shopper” at first, but we converted her. She’d laugh at herself when she found a bargain.

She shared stories with us about her many wonderful students and how she missed teaching. Many of her students kept in touch with her, sharing their success and being eternally grateful for the loving, concerned yet solid educational base she gave them.

She never stopped learning. She and Ed travelled all over the world, returning several times to their favorite places. She’d come back with cultural and historical information for all of us to enjoy.

We’ll miss her impeccable style and grace. We know how happy she’d be that the UCHCA donation went to Norfeldt School.

Sincerely,

Joan St. James, Anne Goulet, Trixie Daly, Nancy McIntrye, Susan Wilder, Susan Goselin, UCHA Thrift Shop.
WELCOME CCMC TO W.H.A.L.E.
The Connecticut Children’s Medical Center has joined the W.H.A.L.E program. We are in the process of changing the logo so theirs will appear on the pamphlet information. We are delighted that they have joined with us in providing safety to our children.
Welcome aboard!!

Many thanks to all our loyal supporters and volunteers for making our efforts come to fruition. We hope you will enjoy out active year with us.
Please stay updated by visiting our website, http://auxiliary.uchc.edu.

UCHCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2011

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SPRING MARKET—Save the date: April 29
Spaces are available and volunteers are needed.
Please e-mail Phyllis Hills, hillsphyllis@att.net, or call 860-679-8004.

UPCOMING VENDOR SALES

March 1<sup>st</sup> **Craftworks** café lobby 9:00-3:00
March 4<sup>th</sup> **Apple Lady** café lobby 9:00-2:00
March 10<sup>th</sup> **D’s Jewelers** café lobby 9:00-3:00
March 11<sup>th</sup> **2<sup>nd</sup> Story Interiors** café lobby 9:00-3:00
March 17<sup>th</sup> **Classy Crafts** Munson Road 9:00-2:00
March 18<sup>th</sup> **Lillybelle Soaps** café lobby 9:00-3:00
March 25<sup>th</sup> **Sparkle** café lobby 9:00-3:00
March 31<sup>st</sup> **Silver Web** café lobby 9:00-3:00
April 1<sup>st</sup> **Wire Design Jewelry** café lobby 9:00-3:00
April 4<sup>th</sup> **Toni’s Decoupage** café lobby 9:00-3:00
April 8<sup>th</sup> **Quilibet** café lobby 9:00-3:00
April 14<sup>th</sup> **Precious Cargo** café lobby 9:00-3:00
April 15<sup>th</sup> **Apple Lady** café lobby 9:00-2:00
April 21<sup>st</sup> **Jazz mi Taz** café lobby 9:00-3:00
April 28<sup>th</sup> **Pursenably Yours** café lobby 9:00-3:00