ACS Newsletter - October 2012

The ACS Community Lift Distribution/Recovery Center is still in operation to aid the survivors from the High Park Wildfires in Colorado this past summer. The fire becomes more of memory for those not directly affected and supplies are becoming scarce as the center seeks donations to get residents through the winter months.

The store is scheduled to close November 21, but site manager, June Spalding, has the team seeking for resources to aid the survivors after the center doors close.

From June 21 to Sept. 22, the ACS Community Lift Distribution Center served 3,288 clients and gave out the following items:
- 9,401 pieces of linen
- 6,853 cleaning supplies
- 29,495 pieces of clothing
- 60,522 items of food
- 26,254 items of hygiene
- 2,232 infant supplies
- 10,604 kitchen supplies

Upcoming Events

SECC Youth Ministries Convention - Oct 18, Thu - SECC Youth Ministries Convention: Gear Up! Equip For...

ACS Regional Meeting/Training - Oct 21, Sun - Agenda Items: Adventist Community Services 101...

Community Development - Oct 27, Sat - Sharing the Good News in the 21st Century - Sung Kwon - Guest...

Lake Region Leadership Conference - Nov 16, Fri - You are invited to attend the Lake Region Leadership Summit...

Toronto West Adventist Church - Nov 24, Sat - Sung Kwon - Guest Speaker Afternoon Workshop - Community...
Although the amount distributed has been a huge blessing, the center is still in need of the certain donations:

- Men’s and women’s coats
- Pet food
- Outdoor wear
- Nonperishable foods, particularly baking supplies
- Cleaning products
- Household items
- New and used furniture
- Paper products

For further questions about donation needs please contact: Donna Webb, Office number: 303.935.7389

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**An important message from Medicare**

**Medicare Open Enrollment**
**October 15 – December 7**

Apply online or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.
Medicare: Stronger Than Ever
Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15 - December 7

Medicare is stronger than ever with more benefits, better choices, and lower costs to beneficiaries. Expanded Medicare benefits under the health care law (the Affordable Care Act) continue to be available—including certain free preventive benefits, cancer screenings and an annual wellness visit. Whether you choose Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan - take advantage of Open Enrollment to review cost, coverage, or both for next year (2013).

- **More Benefits:** Certain preventive benefits – including cancer screenings – are available with no cost to patients when furnished by qualified and participating health professionals. The annual wellness visit allows people to sit down and discuss with their doctor their health care needs and the best ways to stay healthy.

- **Better Choices:** Medicare will notify beneficiaries about plan performance and use its online Plan Finder to encourage enrollment in quality plans.

- **Lower Costs:** Average premiums for 2013 for prescription drug coverage and Medicare health plans will remain stable. People who are in the “donut hole” in Medicare’s prescription drug benefit will enjoy approximately 53 percent discounts on covered brand name drugs and see increased savings on generic drugs.

Your health needs change from year to year. And, your health plan may change the benefits and costs each year too. That's why it’s important to evaluate your Medicare choices regularly. Open Enrollment is the one time of year when ALL people with Medicare can see what new benefits Medicare has to offer and make changes to their coverage.

It’s worth it to take the time to review and compare, but you don’t have to do it alone. Medicare is available to help.

- Visit [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan) to compare your current coverage with all of the options that are available in your area, and enroll in a new plan if you decide to make a change.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day/7 days a week to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- Review the Medicare & You 2013 handbook. It is mailed to people with Medicare in September.
- If you have limited income and resources, you may be able to get Extra Help paying your prescription drug coverage costs. For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020) or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.
- Get one-on-one help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Visit [www.medicare.gov/contacts](http://www.medicare.gov/contacts) or call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the phone number.

*This message is brought to you by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.*
Medicare’s “Extra Help” program helps people with limited income to pay for their prescription medications

Making ends meet should not mean going without your medications. If you have limited income and resources, Medicare’s “Extra Help” program sets it up so this year you might pay no more than $2.60 for each generic drug and $6.50 for each brand name drug. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services estimates that more than 2 million people with Medicare may be eligible for the subsidy, but are not currently enrolled to take advantage of these savings. A recent law changed how your income and assets are counted:

- Life insurance policies do not count as resources
- Any help you get from relatives, friends and others to pay for household expenses—like food, mortgage, rent, heating fuel or gas, electricity, water, and property taxes—does not count as income

Many People Qualify and Don’t Know It
The changes that took place in 2010 allowed more people than ever to qualify for “Extra Help.” Even if you were previously turned down for “Extra Help” due to income or resource levels, you should reapply. If you qualify, you will get help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage premiums, copayments, and deductibles. To qualify, you must make less than $16,755 a year (or $22,695 for married couples). Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some extra help. Your resources must also be limited to $13,070 (or $26,120 for married couples). Resources include bank accounts, stocks, and bonds, but not your house or car.

There’s No Cost or Obligation to Apply
It’s easy and free to apply for “Extra Help.” You or a family member, trusted counselor, or caregiver can apply online at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778). All the information you give is confidential. Medicare beneficiaries can also receive assistance in their local communities from their State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) and many tribal organizations. For information about how to contact these organizations go to www.eldercare.gov.

To learn more about Medicare prescription drug coverage, visit www.medicare.gov, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

*This information prepared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.*
SECC Youth Ministries Convention

**Date**: October 18, 2012
This event starts on October 18, 2012. It ends on October 20, 2012.

**Description**

**SECC Youth Ministries Convention: Gear Up!**

Equip For Doing God’s Will, 18 October 2012

This year, SECC Youth Ministries is hosting a youth training for all of our Children, Youth, Adventurer, Pathfinder & Young Adult Leaders at one time and at one location.

The training received at this convention will equip our leaders as we ask them to Gear Up for doing ministry in their churches and community. We are praying that through this convention...

"...the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing his will...Amen."

Hebrews 13:20-21

Featuring: Justin Vibbard

**Contact Information**

Justin Vibbard
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**ACS Regional Meeting/Training**

**Date** October 21, 2012  
This event starts on October 21, 2012. It ends on October 21, 2012.

**Description Agenda Items:**
- Adventist Community Services 101
- Connecting and Working With Your Community
- Resource Information and Electronic Reporting

Free: Registration, Materials, and Refreshments

*** Please go to the church website for directions www.berean34.adventistchurchconnect.org

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ceesa@lsuhsc.edu

**Location** Berean SDA Church  
4555 Fairfield Ave,  
St. Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
US

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Community Development

Date: October 27, 2012
This event starts on October 27, 2012. It ends on October 27, 2012.

Description: Sharing the Good News in the 21st Century - Sung Kwon - Guest Speaker
Advent Hope Church
111 E 87 St., New York, NY 10128
O: 212-534-8245

Afternoon Workshop:
Community Development

Location: Church of the Advent Hope
111 E 87 Street
NY, NY 10128
US
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Lake Region Leadership Conference

Date  November 16, 2012
This event starts on November 16, 2012. It ends on November 18, 2012.

Description  You are invited to attend the Lake Region Leadership Summit 2012. Join others from around the conference to participate in training that will include focuses in the following areas:
- Religious Liberty  - Communications
- Stewardship  - Community Service
- Treasurers  - Education
- Women’s Ministries  - Elders, Deacons, Deaconess
- Church Clerk  - Family Ministries
- Children’s Ministries  - Health Ministries
- Youth Ministries  - Pastoral Leadership
- Bible Workers
- Prison Ministries
- Sabbath School
- Men’s Ministries
- Personal Ministries

Contact Information  Tonya Nisbeth
773-846-2661
http://www.adventsource.org/as30/event.registration.details.aspx?event=55&umschk=1

Location  DeVos Place
303 Monroe Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, ME 49503
US
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Children's Privacy notice  Legal notice
Toronto West Adventist Church

**Date**: November 24, 2012
This event starts on November 24, 2012. It ends on November 24, 2012.

**Description**: Sung Kwon - Guest Speaker
Afternoon Workshop - Community Development

**Location**: Toronto West Adventist Church
1621 Albion Road
Toronto, ON M9V 1B6
CA
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**2013 - Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program**

**Linking Potential with Opportunity**

**Session I:** June 17-20, 2013  
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**REGISTRATION**

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**Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program (NLCP)** is designed to equip pastors, church administration and nonprofit leaders with strategies and professional skills to successfully lead. NLCP focuses on three major learning outcomes; a) leadership skills, b) improvement of knowledge, and c) changes in attitude.

This intensive two-week program is taught by a group of professionals who teach participants how to operate and minister effectively.

This training is provided as a partnership among Washington Adventist University Center for Metropolitan Ministry, Andrews University, North American Division (NAD) Adventist Community Services, Philanthropic Services for Institutions, General Conference Sabbath School/Personal Ministries, Adventist World Radio and Adventist Risk Management.

**Participants will learn:**

**Leadership:**
- To improve participants' abilities to affect individual, organization, and community changes.

**Management:**
- To improve participants' abilities to effectively handle the administrative responsibilities of nonprofit management.

**Social Dimensions of Evangelism:**
- To improve participants' abilities through biblical concepts of holistic ministry to minister in dynamic environments.

"It was a pleasure to be involved in such a meaningful, useful and well planned training. I found that the Non-Profit Leadership Training is essential to church leaders and organizers and could be beneficial to many more in our congregations. I believe there are many who sit in the pews who are not motivated to use their leadership gifts from God. This is the type of preparation that will bump us up a few notches preparing us for more effective ministry. My plan is to use this in conjunction with my formal training to be a more effective servant leader. Again, thank you for your ministry." - Michele Gamble

Download Brochure
Additional links on this topic:
NLCP Photos from Session I - June 2012

Presenters

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Session I - Course Descriptions - June 17-20, 2013

Session II - Course Descriptions - September 23 - 26, 2013

Time Schedule

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REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE! You may now view and export to excel your client information, volunteer information and income/expense data. Simply click the “REPORT” tab. You may select a specific time period for reports by completing the from and to dates and then click “Continue”. Click “Export to Excel” to print reports. We plan to have additional reports available soon.

Does your church or educational institution serve your community? Do you visit or assist the sick or hurting, clothe the poor, feed the homeless, mentor the young, assist the elderly, or share our health message? All ministries at every Adventist church and school in the North American Division may document their community service activities with state-of-the-art software free of charge. Adventist Community Services (ACS) is hosting a web based tool to assist you in documenting the valuable services you provide, who you assist and more. The E-Reporting software can make reporting your good works to your church members or constituency easier. Regular reports may bring more volunteer support and increased donations to your ministries. This software may also assist you with documentation for grant opportunities. For more information click FAQ below or email acssupport@nad.adventist.org.

To get started follow these steps:
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3. Register individual user (see link below).
4. Attend the webinar and access information will be sent to you.

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