

COMMUNITY CARING CONFERENCE COUNCIL REVIEW

Happy Thanksgiving

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CCC CALENDAR

Sept. 6 — Dec. 7
Project Thrive
Computer Classes

9 am - 12 pm
Tuesdays
Wednesdays
Thursdays

6 pm
Thursdays
CCC Offices

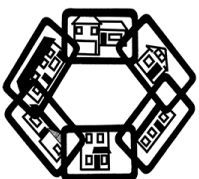
Nov. 24 - 25
CCC Offices Closed
Thanksgiving

Dec. 7
Project Thrive
Computer Class
Graduations

Jan. 6 - 8
Bald Eagle Days
QCCA Expo Center
Volunteers Needed

Friday 4 - 8 pm
Saturday and Sunday
10 am - 8 pm

Jan. 28
CCC Trivia Night
Moose Lodge
6 pm



HERO AWARDS BANQUET A HUGE SUCCESS!

The following individuals and organizations were awarded this year for going the extra mile in their community. Emcee, Brian Hollenback and Director Connie Hayes handed out the plaques to all of these deserving individuals during this major CCC fundraising event.



- **Youth Award:** The Performing Arts Academy, Tammy Singh, owner, and Jalea Jackson
- **Education Award:** Linda Golden
- **Organization Award:** Zonta Club of the Quad Cities
- **Business Award:** Greatest Grains, Clyde Mayfield
- **Individuals Award:** Jerry Drucker, John Phillips, and Ida Robinson
- **Bi-State Award sponsored by Jumer's Hotel and Casino:** Child Abuse Council, Sue Swisher, Executive Director
- **Law Enforcement Award:** Lt. Rusty Hocker, Jeff Key, and Tim Muehler
- **Quad City Community Award:** Church of Peace Summer Meal Program with Nora Steele and Rev. Michael Swartz
- **Heroes of 2011 Award:** Cody Breecher, Andreina Garcia, and Kourtney Hooks
- **Crime Fighter of 2011 Award:** Trooper Daniel Erickson



Community Caring Conference would like to thank all the partners, those who donated items, all who attended, and every volunteer for their part in making this year's banquet a success!

Vehicle Theft Awareness

Chief Scott Harris urges motorists to take certain precautions in an attempt to reduce the number of vehicle thefts as well thefts from vehicles this time of year. With the onset of colder temperatures, motorists are likely to start warming their vehicles before driving and an unattended running motor vehicle is an open invitation for criminals to take it. While letting an unattended vehicle run on the street is prohibited, many still continue this practice. However if it is necessary to preheat a vehicle, make every effort to keep it in sight while it is running. Another precaution is to install vehicle alarms and remote starters which often stop the engine unless the ignition key is used. While this may not guarantee a vehicle will not be stolen, it greatly reduces the likelihood. Some of these systems are designed so that the owner can start the vehicle with the door locked and alarm on. If the door is opened, the alarm is triggered and the owner alerted. Some systems incorporate alarm triggers on doors, motor compartments, and vibration from an attempt to enter the vehicle. Whichever alarm/starting system an owner chooses to install, do not discount any alarm as false. In addition to motor thefts, the Rock Island Police is urging motorists to become more aware of thefts of packages from vehicles. With less than 2 months until Christmas; leaving packages visible in vehicles again presents another opportunity for theft. When possible lock packages in the trunk or remove them from the vehicle. Residents are asked to report the activation of an audible alarm to police immediately. Remember most crimes are crimes of opportunity. Reducing the opportunity and joining with law enforcement efforts by reporting suspicious activity immediately can have a big impact on those incidents. Anyone with information regarding this or any criminal activity should contact the Rock Island Police at (309)-732-2677 or Crime Stoppers at (309) 762-9500.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**October and November**

- CCC staffed the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walks for Mind Of America October 1st at Schwiebert Riverfront Park with more than 800 people attending.
- CCC staffed the West End Neighborhood Association Meeting October 24th with 10 people attending.
- CCC removed graffiti from a structure in the 700 block of 42nd Street and the 4000 block of 11th Street.
- CCC staffed the 95th birthday of the Christian Care's Rescue Mission/Domestic Violence Shelter at the Butterworth with 50 people attending.
- CCC staffed a Report From the Action Oversight meeting for Changing Faces October 27th with 15 people attending.
- CCC staffed a neighborhood cookout in Singing Bird Nature Park for the Black Hawk West Neighborhood Association October 21st with 40 people attending.
- CCC staffed Habitat for Humanity's Open House to welcome new homeowners October 22nd with 30 people attending.
- CCC served on the planning committee for purchasing a building for Heart's of Hope Ministries in the West End of Rock Island.
- CCC staffed a meeting for the Police Action Oversight with Deputy Chief VenHuizen October 11th and November 14th with 5 people attending.
- CCC staffed a booth at Fright Night in the District October 27th.
- CCC staffed a refugee/immigrant update meeting October 27th with 16 people attending.
- CCC staffed the 11/31 Business Association meeting November 3rd with 5 people attending.
- CCC co-sponsored Greater Antioch's Harvest Festival where games and food were enjoyed by all on October 31st, with more than 150 children attending.
- CCC attended the NAACP State Convention Banquet at the I Wireless on October 15th with 246 people attending.
- CCC computer classes that started in September are in full swing with 22 people attending. A graduation party for the students will be held December 7th.
- The Rock Island County NAACP Religious Affairs Committee meets at 9:30am every 3rd Saturday at CCC.
- CCC staffed a Town Hall meeting with the Rock Island Police at the Martin Luther King Center November 2nd to discuss legal issues with refugee/immigrants.
- CCC served on a planning committee at Greater Antioch Church for a "Meet and Greet" event for the new pastor, Rev. Norwert Hills.
- CCC staffed the Quad Cities Interfaith Breakfast November 10th at the Rogalski Center.
- CCC will sponsor a Chili Supper for the West End Neighborhood Association at 6:30 pm December 19th at CCC.
- CCC attended the Summit of Hope workshop November 9th at First Church of Nazarene with 550 people attending.
- CCC staffed the Quad Cities Mayor's Hunger Luncheon November 19th at Golden Leaf Banquet & Convention Center, thanks to a yearly invitation from the Doris & Victor Day Foundation. This event is sponsored each year by In From The Cold of the Quad Cities, an organization of volunteers seeking to address the basic needs of the homeless, and those at risk of being homeless in the Quad Cities. Mayor Dennis Pauley and other Quad City mayors served hot soup to those attending.

Free leave collection will end Friday December 2nd!

CCC has a limited amount of approved yard waste bags available. Refuse collection and curbside recycling will be one day late in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Several churches serving the West End of Rock Island will gather for an ecumenical service to give thanks to GOD for his goodness and mercy and to lift our community in prayer, please join us:

Tuesday, November 22, 2011, for the Annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service being held at House of Fire Ministries (at Embassy Square Mall) 2365 11th Street



Community Caring Conference will be on-site again this year to conduct the Child - ID at Bald Eagle Days. This is a three day event and we need volunteers to help with the fingerprinting and picture taking. If you would like to help contact the office at 309-786-0345 or email us at ccc@ricaring.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! CCC TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE MOOSE LODGE JANUARY 28TH 6 PM

\$10 per person, 8 to a table.....1st, 2nd, & 3rd place will be awarded

Cash bar/soda/water available, bring your own food....Come join us for a evening of fun & fellowship!

CONTACT CONNIE HAYES TO RESERVE A TABLE 309-786-0345

CCC is conducting Community Healthy Living (CHILI) assessments during November for the Pioneering Healthy Communities Initiative.

Stand Against Cancer Program

The Stand Against Cancer Program (SAC) program reached 150 predominantly minority and refugee/immigrant women in October and November through education, presentations and referrals. This includes time spent at Casa Guanajuato. This program is funded by Rock Island Gaming Funds and Community Foundation of the Great River Bend.

Friends for Victims Program

There were 143 victims contacted by telephone in October and November through Friends for Victims/Witnesses of Violent Crime. Sixty letters were mailed to victims who could not be reached by phone. The FFV program is funded by the Illinois Attorney General's Office under a grant from the Violent Crime Victims Association Act, local churches, and fundraising efforts.

Project Thrive

Project Thrive continues its mission with computer classes for seniors and immigrants. Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 12:30 - 2:00 at CCC. A senior class is also held Thursday evenings at CCC at 6 pm. Students attending the ESL classes at Church of Peace are regular computer users, and are preparing for their graduation from the 12 week course. They have learned not only the basics of how to turn on their computers, but how to look up a subject on the internet and how to use email. These classes will continue until December 1st. Graduation for the students will be held Thursday, December 15th at 10:30 am at CCC. Computer classes are also being held at Casa Guanajuato on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and also on Wednesday evenings. These classes are half-way through their curriculum and intend to graduate at the end of the year. New classes will begin at both locations in February. If you are interested in signing up, please call Nora at 786-0345 or 788-6357.

GYO

The Grow Your Own Teacher (GYO) Statewide Conference was held again this year at National Louis University in Chicago November 9th through the 11th. More than 100 GYO cohorts throughout Illinois participated in this event including the Quad Cities Consortium. The Illinois GYO Teacher Education Initiative is a consortium of partnerships between universities, school districts, community colleges, community based organizations, and higher education institutions that recruit and develop a pipeline for community-based teachers who come from the community in which they will one day teach. There are 16 GYO partnerships in Illinois, 8 in Chicago and one each in Altona, East St. Louis, Peoria, Quad Cities, Rockford, South Suburbs, Southernmost, and Springfield. There are 345 GYO candidates and another 250 potential candidates that are being recruited or are on waiting lists. Most work full time and can only attend college part-time. The conference was a chance to see how others are doing in the program, discuss learned practices, and an opportunity to hear from cohorts. Rhonda White, a senior Quad City cohort attending WIU served as a guest panelist during a discussion called "what does GYO mean to you and where do you go from here". There were also panel discussions from Nivine Megahed, President, National University, Alison Hilsabeck, Dean, College of Education, National Louis University, Maureen Gillette, Dean, Northwestern Illinois University, to name a few. The conference closed with a discussion from Dr. Pedro Noguera and Peter Agnew, Professor of Education, Steinhart School of Culture Education and Development and he is also Executive Director, Metropolitan Center for Urban Education, New York City. Dr. Noguera spoke on teaching for social justice and what teachers can do to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children.

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Alderman Terry Brooks invites citizens and community agencies to attend a discussion on improving our community and involving youth, 6-8 pm Monday, November 28th at the Martin Luther King Center.

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