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Franklin County Children's Task Force



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Winter Hours:
Monday -Thursday
8 to 4:30
Friday- 9:00-1:00



Check out our new web site!

You can find lots of information and a quick look at what is happening at the Franklin County Children's Task Force with just one click:

fctcf@fctcf.org

Children's Festival

Date: February 13, 2010

Time: 11:00 to 3:00

Location: UMF Olsen Student Center

Cost: Free!!



There will be entertainment by Rick Merrill and his Balloon Animals, the Magic of Conjuring Carroll, hands-on activities, low cost food court, C.H.I.P.S. child I.D. program, cookie decorating, face painting, balloon animals, Decal Gymnastics, and the Nintendo Wii.

Father Daughter Dance



Date: March 6, 2010

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: DUAL LOCATIONS

Phillips Elementary School Gym and

Jay High School Cafeteria

Cost: \$10 in advance for Dad and all his ladies, \$12 at the door

There will be entertainment, dancing, and lots of fun.

From the desk of the Executive Director:

The budget crisis in Maine is growing worse as time goes by, with the budget shortfall expected to be approximately four million dollars. Unfortunately the Franklin County Children’s Task Force is feeling the pinch of this as well. Many of you ask, “What can I do?”. The answer, while not simple, is speak up! Talk to your legislator, go to www.maine.gov and find those who sit on committees that will affect the services you use. The FCCTF has testified to the Health and Human Services committee regarding the proposed cuts that will affect the parents in our community, however, those in Augusta see us as having a vested interest in the outcomes. They don’t hear from those who actually benefit from Parent Education trainings or those who would not be reunified with their children if not for attending those trainings. You have the power to “pay forward” the success you have had in your parenting by advocating for those who will need these services in the coming months and years. Do not let those in Augusta who represent us cut ALL Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention funding. Yes that is right, I said ALL. Slated for complete elimination is \$130,000 that currently funds 16 counties in their prevention efforts. Franklin County’s portion of that money is \$7500. That \$7,500 provided Parent Education services to over 150 families last year alone! These are your neighbors, friends and family. They need your support so I urge you all to speak up and voice your concerns over the devastating cuts to children and families.

Sincerely,

Renee Blanchet

Bangor Savings Bank

Community Matters More

[You vote. We give. Communities benefit.](#)

At Bangor Savings Bank we've always believed in giving back to our community. The strength of the communities we serve is inevitably our own. It's our belief that by working together, we can all make Maine an even healthier, greater place to live and work. Strategic, smart philanthropy will help us do the most good in our communities. By focusing on those needs that matter most to people - from developing housing for our poor, to direct charitable contributions - we will matter more in the daily lives of our fellow Mainers.

[We need your help.](#)

In early March, Bangor Savings Bank Foundation will give a total of \$100,000 to 68 local non-profit organizations. We're looking to you, our community, to assist us by deciding how to best distribute these funds. We want to hear from as many Maine residents as possible. Please invite your friends, colleagues and neighbors to participate as well. Together you know what your communities need. Together you can help us matter more.

Last year we participated in this grant opportunity and won \$1000 for being on the Ballot. This year we are competing for another grant as a write-in. We will have the ballots at the Children's Festival or you can go online to www.communitymattersmore.com. Please cast your vote for the Franklin County Children's Task Force so we can continue to support the families in Franklin County.

TOY RECALL INFORMATION

The Franklin County Children's Task Force would like to update you on this important information. In recent years, toy recalls have been more and more common, with stores such as Wal-Mart, Claire's, Toys R Us, Target and the Dollar N More store having recalls of certain toy merchandise. Recalls happen when toys are deemed unsafe for children. Many times it is for a toxic substance that is found to be in the toy, or if parts are deemed too small for children. Experts at Consumer Reports suggest that parents should use a cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper to check for choking hazards. If the object passes through, it could pose a risk for babies.

More4Kids Toy Safety Tips:

- Avoid toys with small parts
- Avoid harsh edges
- Check into Toy Materials
- Keep an eye on kids when playing
- Periodically take inventory of the toys



For more information on toy and product recalls, parents can visit these web sites:

<http://www.parents.com/product-recalls/>

On the Parent's Magazine toy recall website, you put the product name, brand or model number, the category and the time period, and it will tell you if your toy has been recalled.

<http://recalledtoyalert.com/>

You can sign up for e-mail alerts about recalled toys and look through alerts about recalled toys that you might have purchased for your child.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html>

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Benefit Concert at

Nordica Auditorium at the University of Maine Farmington

April 24, 2010 at 7:30

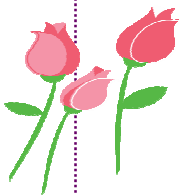
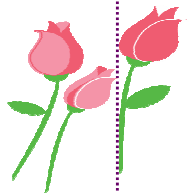
The Campions will be performing classical music,
Songs by American composers as well as Schubert and Wols

Opera selections include

Gounod, Faust and Marriage of Figaro by Mozart

Suggested Donation of \$5.00 for Children and \$10.00 for Adults

Reception and light refreshments to follow the concert.



We need your help!

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children in Franklin County!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please make my gift in memory of _____

Please make my gift anonymous

Please make your tax deductible check payable to:
FCCTF, 113 Church St., Farmington, Maine 04938



E-Mail Newsletter?

This is the paperless way of the future! If you are interested in receiving your newsletter in this manner please email us at fcctf@fcctf.org

Clothing Exchange

Bring A Bag-Take A Bag

Sizes Newborn to 4T, Bring in a bag of gently worn clothing and exchange it. First-time parents and expectant moms, no exchange is needed for 1st free bag of clothes. Limited maternity items available. Call ahead as the space is sometimes unavailable.

Hours of Operation 9:00am-4:00 pm M-Thurs

9:00am-1pm Friday

Daylily Fund Raiser

Bass Hill Gardens & Franklin County Children's Task Force

**Children's Festival
Daylily**



**Baby Blue
Daylily**



**Laugh and Sing
Daylily**



**Smiling Angel
Daylily**



Also Available

Special Son Daylily - 32", Early Midseason, Dormant (dies back). Diamond dusted peach, creped, ruffled and pie crusting.

Pride of Father - 23", Midseason, Dormant (dies back), Fragrant, Opens in the evening. Ruffled, Airy looking light peach, edged with rose.

Taking orders until the day of the Children's Festival Feb.13, 2010

Lilies are \$10.50 each, payment due at the time of order

Pick up June 12th at Bass Hill Gardens & Gifts

For more information please call Janice at FCCTF 778-6960 or visit our web site www.fcctf.org