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GREATER WILLIAMSBURG VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

Now through April 15th

Free tax preparation and electronic filing of federal and state income tax returns is provided by IRS Certified VITA Volunteer Preparers trained to prepare all ordinary returns. This service is available to all, even though we especially hope to assist those for whom the cost of a paid preparer might be burdensome. Volunteer tax preparers will be available through April 15th at the following locations and times: James River Community Center, 8901 Pocahontas Trail: Mondays, 2-6 p.m.; CW Bruton Heights Education Center, 301 First St.: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. JC-W Community Center, 5301 Longhill Rd: Wednesdays 2-6 p.m. Quarterpath Recreation Center, 202 Quarterpath Road: Saturdays 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please bring drivers license, social security cards, W-2s/1099s, bank account information, and last year's state and federal tax returns.

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THE CHOCOLATE AFFAIR

February 20, 2010

Fund raiser for Inclusion. Pre-Tasting 6pm to 7pm; Doors

Open 7 - 9:30pm. Williamsburg Community Building, 401 N. Boundary St. Online Tickets: \$15; Tickets at Door: \$25. Pre-Tasting Tickets: \$35. For more information contact Steve Rose 757-565-0982. steve@williamsburgeventrentals.com

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MARDI GRAS - KING OF GLORY CHURCH

February 21, 2010

King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4897 Longhill Road, Williamsburg from 3-5:30pm. Festivities will start with the Krew Parade throwing beads & candy, next will be the Talent Show, followed by dinner at 4:30. \$7.50 adults, children \$2.50, or \$20 for a family.

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FUNDRAISER FOR WILLIAMSBURG SYMPHONIA

February 27, 2010

7 to 9 pm. Tickets are \$40 per person with all proceeds to benefit the Williamsburg Symphonia. Enjoy Spanish foods and wines including the wonderful Jamon ham, Manchego cheese, chorizo sausage, olives, peppers, tapenades, sweets and delectable Spanish wines. Contact Pam at 253-6520 for tickets or mail your check to Williamsburg Symphonia League, P.O. Box 1665, Williamsburg, Va.23187.

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BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

February 27, 2010

Held at Williamsburg AMF Lanes. All money raised goes directly toward supporting a unique one to one relationship between a mentor and a child throughout our communities. For more info, contact BBBS at 757-253-0676.

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"GO RED FOR WOMEN" – AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

February 28, 2010

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., Williamsburg and Vicinity Chapter, (B&PS) advocates. Designed to inspire women to take charge of their lives and "identify and reduce their risk factors and understand the warning signs and treatment for heart disease." We ask all women to wear red to their various activities on Sunday, February 28, 2010. For more information contact Constance Cook-Hudson, President at 757-565-1002 and/or Carolyn Baker, 1st Vice President, 757-565-2712.

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13TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

March 5, 2010 - 11am - 8pm

March 6, 2010 - 8am - Noon

At King of Glory Lutheran Church. Great selection of new and gently used spring and summer children's clothing for expectant parents and

growing children, maternity clothing, nursery furniture, and more. Community Opportunities: Peanut Butter Pals for FISH- bring a jar of peanut butter get in to shop at 10:30 am Friday. 100% profit opportunities for groups in the community looking to raise funds. Please contact us if you know of anyone that will benefit from these wonderful donations. Need more information: email kogccs@cox.net.

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3rd ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM – AUCTION

March 13, 2010

From 6:30-9 pm. Hosted by New Town United Methodist Church Preschool, 209 Monticello Ave. Silent and live auction as well as a "Taste of New Town" that offers food samplings. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/child. To purchase tickets in advance or for more information, contact Gretchen Tison 258-1072. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

ATTENTION NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS!

Please email

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on or before **MAR. 2nd** to be considered for inclusion in the **MAR. 18th** issue of *Next Door Neighbors*. Please email your text in a Word document or by email in similar paragraph format to what you see on this page.



When You Win
The Children Win



The 32nd Annual Bid 'n Buy Auction

Sunday, March 14th • Doors Open at 11:30 a.m. • Lafayette High School

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Register online at www.auction.cdr.org

You Can Still Help

By Marshall Warner

The United Way of Greater Williamsburg began its 2009 Campaign last September with its traditional Pacesetter picnic highlighting local businesses who agree to set the fund raising tempo for the campaign.

Since then the agency staff, members of the campaign cabinet and countless community volunteers have worked tirelessly to help raise critical funds for the 21 local nonprofits and 40 programs that the campaign supports.

This community-wide process has been successfully implemented for 60 years now, raising millions of dollars. All indications last fall pointed to a conservative, yet realistic goal for 2009. That is until an economic "perfect storm" developed.

With the falling economy came state and local government cutbacks and area businesses reducing staff or closing their doors altogether. Whenever businesses shut down jobs are lost, yet people and families must still pay bills, meet medical needs, and purchase food and clothing.

A scenario evolved that few strategic plans could have predicted: a far greater community need with far fewer dollars available. Nonetheless, our United Way continues to address on a daily basis.

Partner agencies rely on funds from the United Way to help meet their own budget needs. Today, those needs are also greater than ever, compounded by the fact some agencies have been forced to make staff reductions that further hinder service delivery.

To illustrate the growing need, the United Way Information &

Referral Program served a record 15,000 local residents during 2009, a 16% increase from 2008.

Considering the current economic uncertainty the news is not all bad. To date the campaign has successfully raised 87% of its anticipated goal of \$1,550,143.

The members of the campaign cabinet and I are calling on local

businesses and citizens asking each to please make a donation before the campaign ends March 31. Many area businesses have yet to contribute, and a sizable increase in citizen donations would make a significant difference.

It is critical that the goal is met in order to help local partner agencies serve local

people.

The dire economic times have forced hundreds of local people to turn to United Way of Greater Williamsburg and its partner agencies, plus other local groups like Fish for food and clothing, or Old Towne Medical Clinic for necessary medical needs. These organizations are seeing an increase in service requests while experiencing a decrease in funding.

Please help support the many local people being served by local organizations by donating to the United Way of Greater Williamsburg campaign. For more information visit www.UWGW.org or call 757-253-2264.

Marshall Warner chairs the United Way 2009 campaign. He is Executive Vice President of Chesapeake Bank.

