Educare of St. Francois County is looking to hire an assistant childcare trainer. At a minimum, applicants must possess a four (4) year Bachelor’s Degree in early childhood education, elementary education, social services or other related field; and two (2) years experience working with children.

This is a part-time position, perfect for a retired teacher. Duties include, but are not limited to: visiting day care facilities, providing resources and curriculum, training day care providers in State required topics, making reports to the State and assisting the Partnership as needed. Up to three evenings per month might be required. 

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DINE OUT FOR UNITED WAY

United Way of St. Francois County is hosting its annual Dine Out for the United Way fundraiser event at local restaurants on Thursdays.

Dine Out began on September 7th at Benham Street Grill in Bonne Terre followed by Colton’s Steakhouse and Cici’s Pizza, both in Farmington. Other participants so far this year have been Shogun Japanese Steakhouse in Farmington, El Tapatio in Desloge, and Steak ‘n Shake in Farmington.

Restaurants who participate in this program donate a percentage of their funds to the United Way Organization of St. Francois County. Dine Out has been going on for five years and the participating restaurants have joined either by calling and requesting to be a participant or by being contacted by United Way and invited to join.

“We just keep using the same ones [restaurants],” said Clay Whitener, president of United Way of St. Francois County. United Way hosts a few events throughout the year and the funds raised in the events go toward the organizations that United Way supports. Some of those organizations include seven food pantries, five senior centers and the St. Francois County Community Partnership. Whitener stated that they have supported 34 non-profits this year.

“We do fundraising events to keep providing money for all these services throughout the county,” he said.

The remainder of the Dine Out schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, Oct. 3 – El Tapatio in Farmington AND Hub’s Pub and Grill in Bonne Terre
- Thursday, Oct. 10 – McDonald’s (both locations) in Farmington AND El Tapatio in Park Hills
- Thursday, Oct. 24 – Little Caesar’s in Desloge and Farmington
- Thursday, Oct. 31 – Pasta House in Farmington AND Subway in Bonne Terre, Desloge Walmart and Farmington

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SFCCP Board Meetings
(Open To The Public)
Wednesday at Noon,
November 13, 2019
Training Room at SFC Weber Rd. Facility
1101 Weber Rd., Farmington, MO

Tune In To These Monthly Radio Programs on KREI
with Mark Toti & Mike Ramsey
Community Partnership Radio Show
3rd Thurs., 9:30 a.m. and
on KFMO 4th Mon., 7:35 a.m.
COMMUNITY CONNECTION NIGHT — ADDRESSING THE OPIOID CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY

St. Francois County Health Center and SEMO Behavioral Health are hosting a Community Connection Night on October 10 from 6-8pm at the Farmington Civic Center. The public is invited to come hear a message of hope and learn more about how the opioid crisis is being addressed in St. Francois County, including what local resources for prevention, treatment, and recovery are available.

Speakers during the evening will include local treatment providers, a peer specialist in long-term recovery, a prevention specialist, law enforcement personnel, and a representative from the Drug Enforcement Agency.

A wide range of topics will be covered including opioid use disorder; what to expect during treatment and recovery; how to reverse opioid overdoses; the Good Samaritan Law; and the state of the epidemic in Missouri.

Every day 91 Americans die due to an opioid overdose from prescription painkillers and heroin. According to data from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, St. Francois County has the 4th highest rate of death due to opioid overdose in the state.

For more information about the Community Connection Night or the opioid epidemic in St. Francois County please contact Amber Elliott at the St. Francois County Health Center ph: (573) 431-1947 ext. 113.

CHILDREN’S HOME UNDERGOES CHANGES

What was once the Presbyterian Orphanage, located on Pine Street in Farmington, has been recreated as the Presbyterian Children’s Home and Services (PCHAS).

During a recent public meeting at the Farmington Public Library, Community Resource Coordinator Christopher Massey held a presentation on all the new programs and services that PCHAS is now offering to at-risk youth.

“Most recently we were the Farmington Residential Treatment Center,” he said. “We would serve kids that were in foster care with high-level needs; severe trauma, behavioral issues that were beyond being in a normal home. “However, we would send them home. It could be across the state, to another state, to families that were not getting services because they were not involved with the treatment. The home didn’t change. So the kids would go home, and a lot of them would start back over again because they didn’t have the support.”

Massey explained that PCHAS is in the process of changing the paradigm of counseling and then releasing the youth unsupervised. “Moving forward, we will be better able to serve the needs of this community, and move towards a new range of services that will break the cycle of abuse and neglect while working to keep families together,” he said. “Our mission is to provide Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need.”

According to Massey, PCHAS is currently limiting the area they cover to help sustain the new programs and mission they are attempting.

“We are committed to the 24th Judicial circuit which is Washington, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois and Madison Counties,” he said. “Our end goal is to eventually serve the southeast region of Missouri.

“We may have referrals from other areas that move to this community. To be in our programs, they have to be in this community.”

Massey described each program PCHAS will now offer. There (Continued on page 3)
Season of Hope 2019
Sponsor Response Form

Seasons Greetings!

Since 1999 Caring Communities has coordinated a community-wide effort to provide holiday gifts for the children of families who live in poverty. You can share in helping to meet the needs of children in St. Francois County by participating in Season of Hope. Here’s how you can help:

- Your family, organization, group, business, or church can sponsor a family from your own community. Determine the number of children you are able to help and return the commitment form below. On or before November 5th we will begin sending information to sponsors about the family with whom they have been matched; specifically the children’s ages and their “wish list.” We simply ask that you do whatever you can to fulfill the children’s wishes. **We ask that the items are turned in to Season of Hope no later than Monday, Dec. 9th.**

- You may purchase and donate new toys. Please call 431-3173 for a list of the most requested toys and information on drop-off points.

- You may send a cash donation to be used to sponsor a child/family. Involve everyone in your organization or business by creating an opportunity for them to contribute. You may make the donation in memory or honor of someone.

- You may purchase a Gift Card for teen clothing or cell phone cards, etc. for teens.

We would like to pair every family with a sponsor to better meet the requests of families and expedite the entire process. We appreciate your assistance in helping all families in St. Francois County experience a joyous holiday season. Warmest wishes for happy holidays.

- St. Francois County Community Partnership

P.S. If you’d like a tax-deductible receipt for your purchases, simply provide us with: 1. A copy of your sales receipt when you deliver your gifts 2. The family ID code for your gifts and 3. The name and address you’d like it mailed to.

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2019 Season of Hope Commitment Form

_____ I (we) would like to make a commitment to sponsor a child or family through Season of Hope!

Please indicate the maximum number of children you are able to sponsor: __________

(On average, you can expect to spend around $75 per child. If you have more than $75 to spend, please consider sponsoring more than one child.)

OR

_____ I (we) plan to collect new toys (toy drive) and/or purchase gift card(s) to be delivered to the Partnership by December 9th to be used to fulfill children’s wishes.

Enclosed please find a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** cash donation to be used to sponsor a child/children. Checks should be made out to “St. Francois County Community Partnership.”

Sponsor(s) Name: ________________________________ FAX: ________________________________

Organization/Business/Church/Group/Individual

Address: ________________________________ City ________________ Zip ________________

Contact Person: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________________

The Best Way to Contact You (please check one): _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____ Fax

E-mail address: ________________________________

Please return to St. Francois Community Partnership ASAP. Thank You!
Tel: 431-3173 Fax: 760-0451 • 1101 Weber Rd., Suite 202 • Farmington, MO • 63640

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COPY THIS FORM AND SHARE IT WITH FRIENDS!
Are You Ready to Make A Difference?

260,867
Missouri children
live in families with income below the poverty line.

In Missouri 13.4%
of the population was in poverty in 2015.
That’s 820,945people below the poverty line.

Here are the Facts...

Today, 38.6 million Americans - and 1 in 5 children - are struggling in poverty, making hard choices between food, health care, heat and rent. In Missouri 13.4% of all children live in poverty. In St. Francois County 17.75% of all children live in poverty.

Make a donation in memory or honor of someone, today!

Season of Hope 2019
Our History

The Community Partnership has taken the lead in organizing Caring Communities Christmas, now known as Season of Hope, since 1999. We have seen the number of referrals as well as the level of community involvement grow over the years. Below are some facts regarding our growth that you might find interesting.

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Why Get Involved: Families who live in poverty daily confront the anxiety and stress of their socio-economic status. That stress is intensified during the holiday season, a time when parents desperately want to provide for their children. Children who do not have their basic needs met with adequate clothing, school supplies, and good nutrition statistically are not as successful in school as those children of families with adequate income.

In contrast, the holiday season fosters a sense of brotherhood and many citizens feel the desire to make a contribution to their community. The Partnership seeks to channel this desire into help that is meaningful for children and families. We have the opportunity to provide some relief from the constant worry and to raise the self-esteem of a child through the simple delight of receiving a gift.

The statistics may seem overwhelming, but we CAN make a difference—one family at a time.

Your Success Stories: You have provided hundreds of children with brand new winter coats. You provided beds for children who slept on a pad on the floor and warm blankets for many. You delivered firewood to a family with no heat. New mothers have received baby beds and car seats. Numerous children received warm clothing and new shoes, as well as toys with which to play.

You ARE making a difference, one child at a time!

Adding value, bringing hope to children & families
HELP WANTED (continued)
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Applicant must submit fingerprints for a criminal background check. Starting pay is $15 per hour with a trial period of 90 days. Come to the Educare office located at 1101 Weber Rd., Suite 202, in Farmington for an application. Application is required; an addition of a current resume is encouraged. For additional questions, call 573-760-0212.

Community Events and Activities

- **2nd Annual Pit Boss Competition**: A Park Hills - Leadington Chamber of Commerce Signature Event to be held in conjunction with the Saturday, October 5th Crusan' for a Cause Event to benefit the Park Hills Meals on Wheels Program. $900 in cash and prizes to be awarded. Visit www.phcicc.net for more information.

- **Diabetes Education Classes**: Parkland Health Mart Pharmacy is offering a series of FREE Diabetic education classes. Each class will be held at Midwest Heath Group in Farmington. Here’s a list of the classes and dates: Navigating the Holidays with Diabetes, Thursday, Oct. 17th at 1 p.m. / Traveling and Sick Day Preparedness, Thursday, Nov. 21st at 1 p.m. / Stock Your Pantry Like a Pro, Thursday, Dec. 19th at 1 p.m. For more details, visit www.parklandmd.com.

- **Girls Night Out**: United Way of St. Francois County is hosting the annual Girls’ Night Out event at Twin Oaks Winery. The fun happens on Thursday, October 24th from 5-7 p.m. $20 per person plus an unwrapped toy for the Season of Hope program. This event is a blast every year and a great fundraiser for an amazing cause right here in your county! Contact Clay Whitener at (573) 760-8929 or director@unitedwayofsfc.org for more information.

- **4th Annual Regional Veterans Parade**: Brought to you by Kindred at Home Community Care & Kindred at Home & Hospice. Saturday, November 2nd at 11 a.m. This year’s theme is “MAY WE NEVER FORGET & FOREVER HONOR OUR VETERANS.” The Grand Marshals will be World War II & Korean War Veterans. Bring the family and show your support by cheering on our veterans and local organizations or join the parade by entering a float or walking team. Application deadline for entry is Thursday, Oct. 24th. Call Ginger Pizarro for parade application or for more information at (573) 431-6599 or 573454-5706 or email: ginger.pizarro@gentiva.com.

- **Diabetes Self-Management Class**: MPower—Empowerment for a Healthier, Happier Life. Topics include Forming a Partnership with Your Heath Care Team. **Wednesday, November 12th** at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Farmington, located at 210 N. A Street.

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are two categories of programs: residential and community-based.

Three residential programs will be where clients live in-house.

The Single Parent Family Program is designed for struggling single parents as a transitional housing situation in an 18-month program to promote self-sufficiency. The Pine Street Campus has three cottages that are being renovated into single-parent units. When they are finished, they will have nine units. Families will pay rent, which will become a savings account to use when they leave.

The Transitional Living Program is for young adults ages 18-25 to learn independence and to work with homeless high school students, including housing. PCHAS recently purchased the Black Knight Drive Apartments that will provide 12 units for those young adults and the participants in the Single Parent Family Program.

The Transitional Living-Level III Program is for young adults ages 15-21 to learn to be independent adults and uses 24-hour supervision by PCHAS staff.

The four community-based programs will work with youth who live in the community.

The Child and Family Program is designed for caseworkers to go in-home and help stabilize and preserve families experiencing a crisis such as poverty, abuse or neglect.

The Community Counseling Program will provide mental health services for children and their families, and substance abuse education for groups.

The Community Counseling Program, also known as “The Hill” is oriented to after-school support services for youth aged 14 and older, including counseling, life skills, tutoring and transportation services.

A Therapeutic Mentoring Program will have mentors who meet weekly with children at home, school or community to help youth with crises or long-term struggles.

For more information about Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services, contact Massey at 573-321-1659 or christopher.massey@pchas.org.

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RECURRING CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

♦ Childbirth & Breastfeeding Classes: Offered by Parkland Health Center. FREE to all participants.
  - Childbirth Classes are on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 8 to noon
  - Breastfeeding Classes are on the 1st Monday of each month
    from 5-7 p.m. Open to any expectant or new mom.
  For more information on either of these classes, call 573-760-8500
  or visit www.parklandhealthcenter.org/baby.

♦ Diabetes Self-Management Class: Free classes provided by Parkland Health Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Farmington Public Library. For more information, call 760-8396.

♦ Diabetic Class: Parkland Health Mart Pharmacy is offering a free class on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Farmington at Midwest Health Group at 1 p.m. For more info, visit parklandrx.com.

♦ Life After Loss Support Group: Sponsored by Heart & Soul Hospice, the group is a safe place to process grief, learn healthy coping skills & connect with others. Open to public. 3rd Thursday each month, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at 412 Cayce St., Farmington. Please call 756-7066 or email farmingtonhospice@pmma.org.

♦ NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group & Family Support Group: Both meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the LIFE Center for Independent Living, 725 E. Karsch Blvd., Farmington. Call 573-701-4185 for more information. www.nami.org.

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