

**SALEM H.O.P.E.
Networking Breakfast Meeting**

**Thursday, December 13, 2007
9:00 A.M. Sharp**

To be held at:
**Salem Access Television
285 Derby Street, Salem, MA**

*All social service agency representatives are welcome.
PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO 978-744-9432*

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions – Salem H.O.P.E. Chair Jennifer Buchanan
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Salvatore Russo, Executive Director
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 V. 53rd Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in February)
*Bring in your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for February, March, April, May, June
or e-mail them to jguy@salem.com - Deadline 1/24/07*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*Thursday, March 13, 2008 – Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc.
Thursday, June 12, 2008 – Seeking host agency*

Networking & Refreshments

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November, 2007

Salvation Army Hosts Fall Meeting

The September, 2007 Salem HOPE meeting was hosted by the Salvation Army. Representing the agency were Captain Scott McNeil, Captain Nora McNeil, Katina Polemenako and Linda Dossett. Present were Salem HOPE Chair Jennifer Buchanan of Salem Probation, Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Lee Hartmann of NSCAP, Sarah Kennedy of HealthQuarters, Jane Williamson and Teury Marte of MA Rehab Commission, Kimberly Jones of North Shore Career Center, Meghan Gonyea of North Shore Rape Crisis Center, Evelyn Borish-Weyson of Salem Mission, Debbie Amaral of the Salem YMCA, Lucille Bonanno of Beacon Hospice, Lynda Graham-Meho of MA Dept. of Public Health, Kara Chiev of MDPH Women's health Network, Nicki Rochon-Schoel of HAWC, and Mike Hughes, intern.

Ms. Buchanan welcomed the group.

Captain S. McNeil stated that he and his wife Nora, spent two years at the Salvation Army school in New York for officers. They were appointed in June, 2007 to Salem.

Captain N. McNeil stated that "Soup, Soap and Salvation" was the Salvation Army motto when it began a couple hundred years ago. She stated that the Salvation Army's fall programming includes music class and activities on Thursdays and Friday teen night.

Ms. Dossett stated that the Salvation Army has been in its new building for one year and that the numbers of persons assisted has continually increased, even through the transition. They provide a food pantry, meal program twice per week, rental assistance, prescription assistance and computer lab.

Ms. Polemenako stated that she runs the Beverly office at 50 Elliott Street, where approximately 75 families are served through the food pantry.

Captain S. McNeil stated that Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3-5:00 pm, they have open gym. They also have a Bridging the Gap Program, a 12 week program for teens having had a first offense, which gives them a chance to have their record wiped clean.

Ms. Kennedy stated that HealthQuarters has a Teen Outreach Program, a science-based curriculum in the Charter and High School. She stated that the program helps reduce the drop-out and teen failure rates.

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Ms. Richon-Schoel stated that she is the Director of Education and Outreach at HAWC. They provide comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence. Next year will be their 30th anniversary. They have a theatre production entitled "In Harm's Way", which is a compilation of true stories, and they are hoping to get funds to have the production in Salem.

Ms. Williamson and Ms. Marte stated that MA Rehabilitation Commission works with people with disabilities to get them to employment and training. They are looking for jobs that can be made available to their clients.

Ms. Jones stated that she is the new Outreach Specialist at N.S. Career Center,. They offer free services in 18 or 19 cities and towns and have offices in Salem, Lynn and Gloucester. She provides group education on the services they offer.

Ms. Gonyea stated that N. S. Rape Crisis is located on Cabot Street in Beverly and offers a free, confidential, 24 hour hotline to 27 cities and towns. They are having an auction on March 6, 2008.

Ms. Hartmann stated that NSCAP has 2 homeless shelters and provides advocacy, housing search, fuel assistance, weatherization and homeless prevention.

Ms. Borish-Weyson stated that the Salem Mission provides a food pantry and soup kitchen.

Ms. Amaral stated that the Salem YMCA has a new teen coordinator and that the teen center is open every day starting at 3:00 p.m. They also offer child care and subsidies. November 18th is their 150 year anniversary.

Ms. Chiev stated that she is the Community Outreach Specialist for MA Department of Public Health's Women's Health Network, which provides breast and cervical cancer screening. She is willing to provide speaking services on their programs.

Ms. Graham-Meho stated that MA Department of Public Health provides disease prevention in order to slow down the incidences of chronic diseases. She provides technical assistance to groups. There are new grants available on the state website.

Ms. Bonanno stated that she is the Field Coordinator for Beacon Hospice in Beverly, providing support to persons who have lost a loved one. They provide support to the elder community and have bereavement support groups.

Ms. Guy stated that the City of [Salem's FY07 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report](#) is available. She also encouraged participants to e-mail submissions, such as upcoming fundraisers, for the quarterly newsletter and for the City of Salem website to jguy@salem.com.

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Salvation Army Programs & Services

Adult Program Services

Community Recreation & Education Programs

Food & Nutrition

Military Personnel Assistance

Missing Persons

Disaster Services

Emergency Assistance

Emergency Financial Assistance

Emergency Shelter

Food & Nutrition Programs

Seasonal Services

Family Counseling Services - Casework Services

Youth Services

Character Building Programs

Residential Camping Activities

Helping You Take Care of Yourself Curriculum

The Women's Health Network of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has created the *Helping You Take Care of Yourself* curriculum, which was designed to train community members and Community Health Workers about breast and cervical health with the expectation that they will in turn educate their clients and communities about these issues. They provide several options for presenting the health units, including PowerPoint presentations, flipcharts and anatomy models to best meet the needs of specific audiences. For further information, contact the Northeast Regional Outreach Specialist, Kara Chiev at 978-851-7261, X4064.

**Are you uninsured?
Are you 40 or over?**

The **Women's Health Network** is a free health screening program for women who live in Massachusetts. Women who qualify get free screening tests for breast and cervical cancer. At some locations, women can also get free screening for heart disease and stroke risk. To ask about free medical services near you, call this confidential toll-free number:

1-877-414-4447

Meetings, Etc.

Thursday, December 13, 2007 - Salem HOPE Winter Meeting - Salem Access Television

Thursday, March 13, 2008 - Salem HOPE Spring Meeting – Citizens for Adequate Housing, Inc.

Thursday, June 12, 2008 – Salem HOPE Summer Meeting - Seeking host agency

www.salem.com has [links to social service agencies](#) as well as information on [housing programs](#).

What is Salem H.O.P.E. ?

Salem H.O.P.E. is a networking group of human service agencies that serve Salem residents. It is a free forum for agencies to learn about the services being provided by other agencies in order to fill in gaps, coordinate efforts and avoid the duplication of services. All human service agency representatives are welcome to attend the quarterly breakfast meetings held at rotating locations.

We need your announcements, notices and articles for this newsletter. Share your resources; advertise a job opening; seek out agencies to collaborate on a grant application; announce new programs; publicize your events, etc. Please e-mail your submissions or requests to be added to the newsletter e-mail distribution list to jguy@salem.com. Newsletter printed four times per year.

The Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter is prepared and distributed by Jane Guy of the Department of Planning & Community Development of the City of Salem, Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor.
