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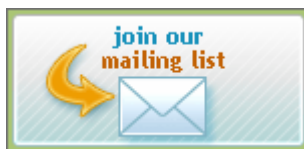
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→ From Our Members

[The Common Good: A Documentary](#)

by [Family Planning Health Services](#)

The Common Good follows two young women from Catholics for Choice as they travel across Wisconsin to promote their media messages, in conjunction with Family Planning Health Services, that the Catholic faith and Plan B, the most common form of emergency contraception, are not incompatible. The two women explain how they reconciled their beliefs as the group works to find media willing to cover the controversial message they bring to the Midwest state.

→ News and Views

[First Wisconsin Women's Health Policy Summit](#)

[Save the date](#)

When: May 12, 2010 -- during National Women's Health Week

Where: The Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall, Madison, WI

Why: To collectively raise the status of women's health in Wisconsin

Every woman at every age and stage of her life has much at stake in the policy decisions being made in our state regarding access to quality health care. Together we have the opportunity to develop a comprehensive policy agenda for raising the status of women's health in Wisconsin. Whether you're an individual, or part of an organization invested in women's health, join in to take the next step!

The summit theme focuses on the Life Course Model and will provide an opportunity for providers, advocates, policy leaders, health care leaders and community members to come together to learn about the array of policies affecting women's health in Wisconsin, as well as to help develop a collective women's health policy agenda for our state.

Attendees can look forward to impressive keynote speakers, panel discussions surrounding diverse topics such as disparities and real women's voices, and an opportunity to network with other women's health supporters from across the state.

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[Register online](#)

WI Elder Economic Security Initiative

[The 2009 Elder Economic Security Standard Index for Wisconsin](#), developed at the University of Massachusetts, looks at the basic cost of living for individuals and couples. The county-by-county study concludes that a large percentage of older people cannot afford to live in Wisconsin.

[Woman, 79, Finishes Law School, Lands 1st Job in Practice](#)

Finishing law school at a time in life when many attorneys have either retired or are putting the brakes on their careers, Alice Thomas is revving hers up. Now 79, she completed her course work at McGeorge School of Law in December and has already lined up a job working with elder law issues at a firm in Reno, NV.

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

[Girls' Health: Kits to Aid in Menstrual Health May Cut School Absenteeism in Kenya](#)

Many schoolgirls from poor families stay home up to five days each month when they have their period, according to a recent study in rural Ghana by Oxford University scientists. Disposable sanitary pads like those used in wealthy countries cut absenteeism, but poor families often cannot afford them. Tackling a problem that is widespread but rarely discussed, a new American-backed charity in Kenya has begun making and giving away kits containing washable sanitary pads, underwear and soap.

Women's Economic Issues

[A Slight All Too Familiar in Poor Neighborhoods](#)

Here (Milwaukee) and in swaths of many cities, evictions from rental properties are so common that they are part of the texture of life. New research is showing that eviction is a particular burden on low-income black women, often single mothers, who have an easier time renting apartments than their male counterparts, but are vulnerable to losing them because their wages or public benefits have not kept up with the cost of housing.

Women in the Military

[Navy says it is ready to end ban on women in submarines](#)

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has notified Congress of plans to allow women to serve aboard submarines, a Defense Department official said Tuesday.



Job and Volunteer Opportunities

Job Opportunities

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[Executive Director, Myrick Hixon EcoPark](#)

The Myrick Hixon EcoPark (MHEP) in La Crosse, Wis., is offering a unique opportunity for a person with dynamic leadership and fundraising skills who is passionate about nature, animals, and

environmental education to serve as its Executive Director. MHEP has just completed construction of a \$2 million environmental education center and is launching construction of an associated indigenous animal zoo designed to be a key component of the environmental education program.

Volunteer Opportunities

[Independent Living, Inc.](#) is looking for volunteers to help keep seniors and people with disabilities independent and in the home of their choice. We offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Opportunities include:

Chore Corps: Help an older or disabled adult with running errands, grocery shopping, meal preparation or light housekeeping. Flexible schedule 1-2 hours per week.

Evening Meals on Wheels: Deliver hot, nutritious meals to the home of frail or homebound older adults or people with disabilities. Routes start between 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and generally take about an hour to complete. Delivering meals make a great group or family activity.

Friendly Visiting: Help prevent social isolation by offering weekly companionship to an older adult in their home or on an outing. Flexible schedule 1-2 hours per week.

Kitchen Volunteers: Assist our professional chef in preparing and packaging meals for our Evening Meals on Wheels clients.

Reception Volunteer: Assist with answering the telephone, greeting visitors and general office projects. 3-4 hours per week. Shifts are available at the Independent Living Headquarters, 815 Forward Drive, or The Gardens, 602 N. Segoe Road, both in Madison.

Telephone Reassurance: Make daily calls to provide a safety check, medication reminder or companionship for an older adult in our community. For more information, contact [Volunteer Services Program Manager](#) at 608-274-7900

For Fairness,

[Judy Karofsky, Interim Administrator](#)
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