

COMMUNITY ALERT

No Child Should Go Hungry!

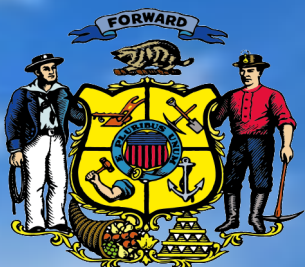
Due to a collaboration between The Lovell Johnson Quality of Life Center, the Hunger Task Force, and the Department of Public Instruction there will be free breakfast, lunch, and dinner available to Milwaukee's youth (18 and under) this summer.

Please visit impactinc.org for more info

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!

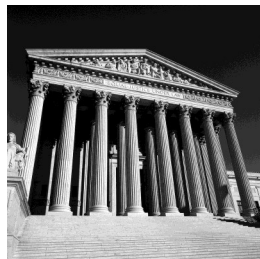


CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS

Newly released figures by the U.S. Census Bureau reveal that Hispanics are now the largest minority group in Wisconsin, making up 6.34% of our state's population. Nationwide, Hispanics represent one out of every six Americans. This increasing population presents countless possibilities for our future. Most notably, cultural diversity is soaring. Politicians and businesses are realizing that they must earn the trust and support of this increasingly influential group if they hope to succeed. However, greater diversity brings even greater obstacles. My office works diligently to fight issues of intolerance and discrimination. I will always support legislation that helps our society become more accessible and open to all minorities. I am hopeful that Americans will embrace this new demographic. Failing to do so would not only defy principles on which the U.S. was founded, but would also result in economic disaster. Ignoring the needs of Hispanic as consumers, students, members of the workforce, and as Americans overall, will, as countless studies prove, hurt our entire country. I'm hopeful that this can present a continuation of a positive part of our history in which contributions of immigrants have fueled America's prosperity.



DISSAPPOINTING SCOTUS RULING



Last Monday, the United States Supreme Court disappointingly once again decided that corporations are people that deserve rights, while women do not. In *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores*, the Supreme Court ruled that businesses can hold religious views, and therefore do not have to provide female employees with certain contraceptives. The case emerged as a response to the ACA and Health and Human Services requirement that employers must cover the 20 FDA-approved contraceptive methods, four of which can inhibit a fertilized egg from attaching to a woman's uterus. Those four methods are no longer covered under this requirement. This means an employer's religious beliefs trump their employees' individual right to choose contraceptive methods. Last week's ruling contributes to the precedent set by the court's 2010 *Citizens United* decision that assumes corporations are people. I am shocked and disappointed that the court has chosen to put the preferences of businesses before the rights of real people, guaranteed in our constitution.



The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society invites you to attend the 22nd annual Scenic Shore 150 Bike Tour!

Show your recognition and support for those affected by blood cancers and celebrate their courageous fight by joining the 150 mile bike ride from Mequon to Sturgeon Bay.

Kick-off: July 19th, 7:30 AM, MATC Mequon
Finish line party: July 20th, 1-5 PM, Sunset Park

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RAISING A VILLAGE

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee recently released their annual impact report. The report revealed the impressive gains BBBS has made towards improving the lives of our children in the Milwaukee area. Because of this, we cannot thank this organization and its volunteers enough for all of the work that they do. BBBS provide youth mentoring services to children in the Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. The organization's goal is to use their mentoring program to positively change the lives of children facing adversity. By fostering interpersonal relationships between mentors and children, the program seeks to forever change children's lives for the better. In 2012-2013, a number of these positive outcomes were realized: 81% of children enrolled maintained or improved their educational expectations, 72% improved their attitudes towards risky behavior, and 73% gained both social and emotional skills-which help lead to higher aspirations, greater confidence and better relationships. Congratulations to all the Big Brothers and Big Sisters, keep up the good work!



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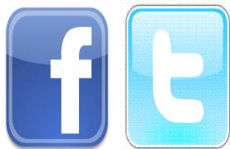
WISCONSIN LAGS BEHIND NATION



Last week, the U.S. Department of Labor reported that nearly 288,000 jobs were added nationally in June. This jump contributed to a drop in the national unemployment rate from 6.3% to 6.1%. June also marked the best five-month stretch of job creation that our country has seen since 2006. Both numbers indicate improvement in the health of the national economy. However, despite the national growth, Wisconsin continues to lag behind. While Governor Walker continues to promise increased job growth and economic stability, the numbers tell a different story. Last year, Wisconsin ranked 37th in private sector job creation, well behind the national average. In 2013, our state added 28, 141 private sector jobs resulting in a growth rate of 1.2%, while the national average stood almost twice as high at 2.1%. Our great state has fallen behind under Governor Walker. This is something we cannot tolerate any longer. This fall, we will have an opportunity to put an end to this backslide and help Wisconsin move forward!

Wise Words of the Week!

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"Approving some religious claims while deeming others unworthy of accommodation could be 'perceived as favoring one religion over another,' the very 'risk the (Constitution's) Establishment Clause was designed to preclude"

- Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg