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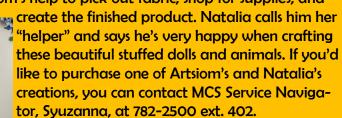
OVERNIGHT RESPITE OPPORTUNITY!!

MCS is partnering with the Boy Scouts
Camp in Russell to offer two weekends of
overnight respite in September and October, for individuals 18 years and older.
Participants and staff will be staying together in a cabin for two nights, and will
have access to all the exciting activities
the camp offers including rock climbing,
hiking, archery, blacksmithing, fishing, and much
more. Please watch for
more information

COMING SOON!!

HIGHLIGHT

It's a pleasure for us to spotlight Artsiom in this issue's Highlight. Artsiom takes great pride in helping his mother create beautiful dolls and stuffed animals like those featured in the photo below. Artsiom's mother, Natalia, relies on Artsiom's help to pick out fabric, shop for supplies, and



Meet the Team.. Nilda Reyes

Nilda has been with MCS for 27 years. She began her career as a relief staff and soon started working in the WEP Program as a Navigator. Nilda also created the original Hispanic Transition Project.

The best part of her job, according to Nilda, is helping our families and seeing them through difficult times as well as all the good times.

Nilda has been married to Manuel for 48 years, and has 3 sons, Juan, Angel, Carlos, and a daughter, Tita. She is also raising her granddaughter, Destiny. She has 4 other granddaughters, 4 grandsons, and a dog named Scottie. She loves cooking (and we love it when she cooks!) and crocheting. Nilda is an invaluable member of the MCS Family Support team.

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Meet this issue's pet:

Thor is a 7-year-old Yellow Lab who was adopted by one of our Adult Service Navigators, Maggie Serrano, and her husband Mingo. Thor was appropriately given the name of a Superhero, although he has many aliases such as Thor-burger, Turtle-baby and Thorsten. Thor is a kind and patient pup who loves to give wet sloppy kisses to Maggie's grandkids. He also loves swimming in the pool and taking long walks in the moonlight. His best friends are Batman the Doberman and ... Lola the Miniature Schnauzer.



















HIGH MEADOWS—PART II

There's still time to register for High Meadows! Don't miss an evening of swimming, bingo, rock climbing, face painting, food and fun!

E-mail Iliana Lopez at ilianalopez@mcsnet.org to register. You MUST SIGN UP to enter the park!

WHEN: Friday, August 19th, 4:30—9:30 p.m.
WHERE: 311 North Granby Road, North Granby, CT



DANCE DANCE! DANCE!

MCS and the Agawam Senior Center present an evening of music, food, and dance on Friday, August 26th. The band, Soular Bears, will be performing a show exclusively for MCS from 6:30—8:00 at the Agawam Senior Center (954 Main Street, Agawam). Join us for pizza at 6:00 and music and dancing until 8:00. We are not able to provide transportation. Sign up ahead of time so we know how much pizza to get. See you there!

Sign up at danadansereau@mcsnet.org



This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Asia Drummer, Sammy Gonzalez, Ansleigh McDaniel, John Ashmore, and Jean Michael Perez Benitez. We wish their families and friends peace and comfort.

DCR, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, sponsors the Universal Access Program which is dedicated to providing outdoor recreation opportunities in Massachusetts State Parks for visitors of all abilities. Adaptive and Accessible programs include cycling, hiking, kayaking, rowing, swimming, skiing, skating and more. Visit the Universal Access Website at www.mass.gov/dcr/universal-access for more information, or contact the Universal Access program directly at DCR.UniversalAccess@mass.gov

Big Y Community Bag Program



sig Y has selected MCS to be part of the Community Bag Program. During the month of August, each time a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at the Cooley Street, Springfield Big Y, \$1.00 will be donated to MCS.

We hope you are able to check out one of the Farmer's Markets listed below:

Holyoke Farmers Market, 164 Race Street, Holyoke Chicopee Farmer's Market, 767 Chicopee Street, Chicopee Forest Park Farmer's Market, 299 Sumner Avenue, Springfield Westfield Farmer's Market, 36 Court Street, Westfield Easthampton Farmer's Market, 50 Payson Avenue, Easthampton Amherst Farmers Market, Spring Street, Amherst Grove Food Northampton Market, 1 Kirkland Avenue, Northampton Saturday 10:30 – 3:00pm Saturday – Thursday 9:00-5:00 pm Tuesday 12:30 – 6:00 pm Thursday 12:00 – 5 pm Sunday 10:00 –2 pm Saturday 7:30 – 1:30 Tuesday 1:30 – 6:30 pm

