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Activities of nonprofits...

Global Partners in Hope (GPiH) has appointed **Amanda Temoshek** to vice president of strategic partnerships. Temoshek will be responsible for building GPiH's visibility, impact, and financial resources. Temoshek has over 16 years of experience in fundraising for nonprofit organizations, political campaigns, associations and organizations. In addition to a degree in public relations from the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), she has Certification in Fundraising Management from UNO and Certification from the Institute of Charitable Giving and The Fundraising School, Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.



Temoshek

Outlook Nebraska, Inc., a charitable organization dedicated to positively impacting everyone who is blind or visually impaired, is partnering with multiple live-performance theaters in Omaha to offer audio description services at select shows for blind and visually impaired theatergoers. The audio description program allows individuals who are visually impaired to more fully enjoy the thrills of a live theater performance through a verbal description of the stage production during gaps in dialogue. Over 200 theaters nationwide offer audio description as a service to blind and visually impaired theater patrons. Outlook Nebraska is now working to reverse this trend with a new systemic audio description program, which kicked off this fall. For more information on the audio description services now available in Omaha, and for a complete list of all audio described performances, visit outlooknebraska.org/theater.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center will open its outdoor ice skating rink on Nov. 26. It will remain open through Feb. 5. The rink is located just east of 42nd Street, midway between Emile Street and Dewey Avenue on the north side of the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education building. Admission is \$7, which includes skates (cash or credit card only-no checks or debit cards). Hours of operation are: Friday and Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.; Closed Monday through Thursday for UNMC student broomball and curling leagues. The rink will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Free parking is available in Lot 4 (southeast corner of 42nd and Emile St.) and Lot 15S (surface lot on 40th Street between Dewey & Emile streets) located on the north and east sides of the Student Life Center. This year, the UNMC Skate-a-thon

for Parkinson's event will begin on Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. and end Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. This year will mark the seventh consecutive year that UNMC has hosted the event that raises money for Parkinson's research at UNMC and assisting families dealing with Parkinson's.

GOODING, a Nashville-based indie rock band, performed a financial literacy rock concert on Thursday, Nov. 3 at **Pound Middle School** in Lincoln through a partnership with nonprofit Funding the Future. Using the power of a live rock performance to deliver inspirational lessons of finance and discipline to young people, Funding the Future helps students see their dreams as possibilities. The nonprofit's performance combines a concert, multimedia presentation and talkback to discuss predatory lending, saving early and the danger of credit card debt, while exposing the myth of overnight success associated with rock stars, athletes and actors. This local concert was sponsored by R B Rankin Financial Management of Raymond James, Von Minden Wealth Solutions of Raymond James, Brandon Smith Consulting Group of Raymond James and is part of a 60 show national financial literacy rock concert tour that will make stops across the country over the course of 12 weeks.

Shine the Light on Hunger program, a collaborative event, which began November 1, is sponsored by ConAgra Foods and features a food drive at four venues: The Orpheum Theater, Holland Performing Arts Center, Omaha Community Playhouse and Joslyn Art Museum. Patrons are encouraged to bring canned food and other non-perishable items to each venue when attending any performance through December 31, 2016. All donations collected will support the Food Bank for the Heartland. Last year, ConAgra Foods and community organizations like Omaha Performing Arts collected nearly 145,000 pounds of food, which resulted in 1.4 million meals for Food Bank for the Heartland.

Women Investing in Nebraska (WIN) has awarded its 2016 grants of \$62,500 each to the Food Bank for the Heartland for its Kids Cruisin' Kitchen program and to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for its Simulation in Motion Nebraska program. Kids Cruisin' Kitchen received a \$62,500 grant from WIN. Now in its sixth year at the Food Bank for the Heartland, the program provides daily meals throughout the summer to children who qualify for free and reduced-price lunches during the school year. Omaha-area summer programs include food for parents or guardians who also might otherwise go hungry.