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Christmas is for Everyone is underway!



all ages who need a helping hand. The program offers necessities, games to promote social interaction, and books to encourage family time.

Food, cleaning and bathroom supplies are the most requested gifts. Funding for this program comes in (3) forms: new items; gently used items; and money which allow our volunteers to shop for necessities not currently in stock.

If you have new or gently used clothing and/or winter gear you have outgrown, we will gladly receive your donation and pass it along to another family.

Call Jacki at 207-539-2670, or email at dt@dancing-trees.org.

∞WISH LIST∞

- * PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS
- * PINE CONES
- * SNOW PANTS
- * SLEDS
- * WINTER BOOTS
- * WARM COATS
- * ICE FISHING TRAPS
- * SKIMMERS



Word of the Month

CAMBER: To arch upward in the middle. A rainbow cambers; so does a gentle hill. Downhill skis are cambered-the center is a few inches higher than the tip or heel. Pronounced: CAM-burr.

∞Source: Million-Dollar WORDS

Quote of the Month

"Make it a habit to tell people thank you. To express your appreciation, sincerely and without the expectation of anything in return. Truly appreciate those around you, and you'll soon find many others around you. Truly appreciate life, and you'll find that you have more of it."

∞Ralph Marston



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monetarily speaking

Your Money Blueprint for 2011

By Suzie Orman



NOVEMBER: Bag the Best Benefits

Fall is typically open enrollment period at work, when you can make changes to your benefits package for the coming year.

If you learn that your health insurance rates will increase in 2012 check whether your company offers a high deductible plan that's paired with a health savings account.

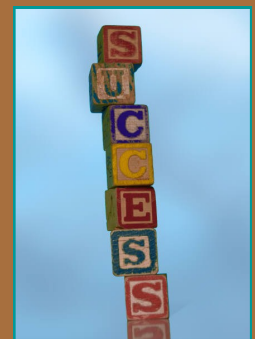
If you're in good health, this can be a great way to reduce your premium costs by agreeing to pay a higher deductible. You can then invest in a HAS which allows you tax deductible contributions to be used for medical expenses including the deductible. Your unused HAS balance can be rolled over and used in subsequent years.

12 Traits You Need to Succeed Professionally and Personally

No matter how old you are or what your job description reads, there are certain traits to take stock in for your professional life as well as your personal life.

Executive coach Debra Benton urges her CEO clients to pay special attention to these traits:

1. Attitude. Good leaders stay positive and do not waver.
2. Tenacity. Nothing is ever accomplished with just one letter, one telephone call or one request.
3. Risk Tolerance. Mistakes help you and others learn.
4. Active Honesty. Carelessness with facts kills your credibility.
5. Prudence. Thinking before you speak helps build your purpose.
6. Originality. People like to sense that with you they are breaking new ground.
7. Modesty. It's better to have other people recognize your ability than to point it out yourself.
8. Style. It's not about your clothes, but about what you do while you are in your clothes.
9. Willingness to Admit Mistakes. If you are error-free, you are probably effort-free.
10. Downward Loyalty. Leaders protect their people.
11. Straightforwardness. People support what is simple and direct.
12. Inquisitiveness. Curiosity leads any organization into new areas.



Source: Adapted from *How to Think Like a CEO*, Debra Benton, Warner as seen in Executive Leadership Newsletter

Toddler Gear: The Only 6 Items You Need

Adapted from an article by Stacey Bradford for Financially Fit Home

First time parents may be surprised by the items I can live without and the money I save. Due to a forced temporary move, I had to pack up in a hurry and only took the bare essentials. I discovered I never missed all the other gear. In my opinion, there are only 6 items your toddler needs.

1. Car Seat, Unless you plan to stay at home all day and all night, you'll need a car seat.
2. Crib. Even though my toddler manages to nap on a cot at day care, she still needs a crib at night.
3. Stroller. Personally, I find a stroller indispensable. A set of wheels are helpful no matter where you live since little feet tire easily.
4. Sippy Cups. Drinking from an open cup can be tricky for young toddlers. Many can do it, but not without frequent spills.
5. Potty. When a toddler starts showing signs he or she is ready to get rid of the diapers, you'll want a potty to help make the process move along more smoothly.
6. Crayons. Hands down, my favorite toddler toy is a simple box of crayons. Steal some paper from your printer and you can transform your little mess maker into a regular Picasso.



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