



ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP'S Partnership Report



Adding Value, Bringing Hope

January, 2009

Season of Hope 2008

Many of us may have scaled back our holiday celebrations this year due to economic struggles, but tight budgets did not prevent our community from giving big to children in need in St. Francois County this Christmas!

\$108,355!

Pictured here are volunteers from area schools' staff hard at work preparing bags of gifts for needy children from wish lists the



families have provided. We are grateful to these volunteers as well as Mineral Area College students from Valerie McCoy's class, who also volunteered to help with the program.

In response to the survey given to each family served, one mom stated, "When my husband was put on lay-off from the glass factory in November, things were really tough. I wasn't sure what would happen, especially with Christmas. We don't have a lot of family around, and so when I was applying for food stamps the lady gave me a form about what the boys would like. I really didn't know things like this even existed. Thank you for making our boys' Christmas great this year."

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Thanks to donations from the community, Season of Hope was able to provide toys and gifts to 1,667 area disadvantaged children, an increase of 255 children over last year. A record since Season of Hope began in 1999 of 705 families were served and 645 children of the 1,667 were shopped for/sponsored by the community. The remaining 1,022 received gifts donated by toy drives, other clothing and items donated or were shopped for by volunteers and staff with money donations received from the community. Since we provide an average of \$65 worth of items to each child, this makes the amount of donations an estimated amazing

Our Mission

To build, nurture, and strengthen families, insuring that every person has the opportunity to become a healthy, productive, and contributing member of the community.

Our Goals:

- Parents Working
- Healthy Children & Families
- Children & Families Safe in Homes & Communities
- Children Prepared to Enter School
- Children & Youth Succeeding in School
- Youth Ready to Enter Adulthood

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Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline

Two governmental agencies have launched a first-of-a-kind Hotline that has proven successful to thousands of veterans in crisis. The Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline, 1-800-273-TALK has provided immediate, often life-saving help to veterans and their loved ones during the year since its inception. A total of 55,000 calls were received during the first year. More than 22,000 calls have come directly from veterans with the

remainder coming from others seeking help for veterans who are family members or friends.

The Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline national, around-the-clock access to crisis counseling and behavioral health services for all veterans and their families in emotional distress or suicidal crisis. For more information, see www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

**SFCCP Board Meetings
(Open To The Public)
Wednesday at Noon
February 11, 2009 and March 11, 2009
The Conference Center At The Factory**

**Tune In To These Monthly Radio Programs on KREI with Mark Toti:
Community Partnership Radio Show
3rd Thurs., 9:30 a.m.
Kids First Radio Show 4th Wed., 9:30 a.m.**

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Another mom stated, "It is very hard for me to not get them what they have wanted and you did that for them. Words cannot express how much you have made them happy. Thanks so much."



could tell by the gifts that the people who picked them for my children really cared. Thank you for giving my small family a wonderful Christmas and to me the gift of knowing that there is people with love and warmth for strangers in need! Thank you all so much!"



A father stated that he is hoping to help out with the program next year since he should start disability in January. "It was the first time I've asked for some kind of assistance and you made Christmas for my kids."



And lastly, a single mom stated "Dear Season of Hope Contributors, When I opened the bags of gifts for my children I cried. I was so blessed to be able to make Christmas Day the best. My children were so happy. I was amazed how everything was exactly what they would want and

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Families Served | 403 | 509 | 560 | 682 | 612 | 570 | 703 |
| Children Served | 1,078 | 1,272 | 1,395 | 1,685 | 1,512 | 1,412 | 1,667 |
| Sponsored Children | 44% | 48% | 43% | 33% | 35% | 36% | 40% |
| Increase in Cash Donations | 1% | 47% | 12% | 43% | 40% | 17% decrease | 21.5% |

In the insert in this newsletter you will find a list of the wonderful contributors who made Season of Hope 2008 possible.

Carter's Clubhouse

In May, 2005 Garrett and Tricia Rhodes lost their son, Carter (pictured here), at the very young age of 5 months and four days old. Their 8 year old son, Anthony, was not only going through the very difficult time of losing the brother he adored, but also now dealing with the trauma that he had witnessed the tragedy. Tricia did what she could to help find resources to help Anthony deal with his grief, but what she found is that there were just not any resources available for him.



"I was really surprised at how limited the resources were when it came to helping children grieve," said Rhodes. "Our schools are dedicated to helping as much as they can, but I could see that Anthony needed more assistance. I wanted him to be able to talk with other kids who'd lost brothers and sisters. I wanted him to know that the feelings he experienced were completely normal and that he was not alone."

Gayla Roberts, Director of Bereavement Services at HospiceCare, was also surprised when she began reviewing various grief resources. "I found that while there were a variety of sources for grieving adults, there wasn't anything beyond what the schools offered that focused on kids' grief and how to support them." Roberts points out that most parents are uneasy about talking about death and dying to their kids. "Many adults assume that children can't cope with death. As a result, they may try to protect their children by leaving them out of discussions. Unfortunately, all that does is leave a child feeling anxious, confused and afraid."

As a result of HospiceCare's desire to work with parents and schools

and provide a resource that would help kids get answers to their grief questions, Carter's Clubhouse was established. In honor of Carter Rhodes, Carter's Clubhouse will offer a place where grieving children can share their experiences with other children with similar stories.

At Carter's Clubhouse, children will be able to participate in activities like storytelling, letter writing, drama, art, music, and crafts—all of which are techniques used to help children express their grief. According to Roberts, young children may not verbalize their feelings through behavior and play. That's why Carter's Clubhouse will focus on providing a positive environment where kids can interact, have fun, and just be kids."

Carter's Clubhouse will meet on the first Monday each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at North College Center on the MAC campus. Those interested in attending must enroll by calling 701-2504. There is no cost for this program. You may also call this number if you are interested in learning about volunteer opportunities.

There will be a **Trivia Night** February 7 at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) at North College Center on MAC Campus at the cost of \$20/person. Limit 8 people to a table. There will be pizza, chili, childdogs, desserts, soft drinks/water available at no cost. All proceeds go to help support activities of the Clubhouse. Call 701-2504 to inquire.

If you wish to make a donation to help pay for various activities, please make checks payable to "Carter's Clubhouse" and send to Gayla Roberts, Carter's Clubhouse, P.O. Box 1000, Park Hills, MO 63601.

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Teens and Technology

A very good series of articles are available through a website known as Parents, The Anti-Drug. It is a series that concentrates on teens and technology. The material is directed to parents dealing with such topics as: *Generation M: Teens and Technology*, *Social Networking: It's about Who You Know... And Who You Don't*, *Digital Monitoring Resources for Parents*, *Internet Lingo*, and *Tools to Aide Parents With Digital Monitoring*. There are many other good resources on the website at www.theantidrug.com/teens-technology.

Become A Mentor!

Mentoring is one of the most significant ways that you can impact the life of a young person. No special skills are needed, just the willingness to care and spend time with someone who needs you.

There are many young people in St. Francois County who are in need of mentors, as shown in statistics for our area. Between 1995 and 2006, the rate of self-inflicted injury among youth was 23.0 for St. Francois County compared to the State rate of 10.0 per 10,000. According to the Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis, births to teens ages 15-19 (per 1000) are 45.6 Missouri average compared to 71.9 in St. Francois County in 2006 and child abuse/neglect (per 1000) being 32.7 Missouri average compared to 43.6 in St. Francois County. According to Kids Count 2007, juvenile law violation referrals for ages 10-17 (per 1000) for Missouri average were 61.8 with St. Francois County having 77.9. Currently there is also a significant problem with youth being homeless.

These are just some of the contributors to high school drop-out rates.

What can you do to help? Become a mentor in St. Francois County! Join **Path To Success**, a new mentoring program to the area, spearheaded by Young Faith In Christ in partnership with the faith-based community and area school districts. They are inviting anyone interested in making a difference in a youth's life to participate. All you need to join this program is one hour of time to donate once a week from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the child's school for tutoring. All participants must pass a background check and be age 19 or older. Schools currently participating are North County Parkside Elementary in Desloge and West County Elementary in Leadwood for Spring, 2009. Their goal is to get more school districts involved by Fall, 2010.

Anyone interested may call Wanda Pruet at 701-0345 or Marco van Raalten at 747-1705.

Child Advocacy Center

Funding has been made available to locate an extension office of the Child Advocacy Center of DeSoto in St. Francois County. This is an important step in the effort to serve children that have been the victim of child abuse in the prosecution of their perpetrators.

The Center is currently looking for a site in the county to locate. The need is for about 1,600 square feet of space. If you know of a facility that would be a possible location, please contact Tim Porter of the Farmington Police Department.

With the location of the facility in this county, it will also assist surrounding counties because the distance to transport the child will be reduced.

Uninsured Women's Health Services

Lack of insurance and costly health care are all too often the reasons given for women not getting needed medical exams and care. According to www.nirhealth.org, 36% of low income women are uninsured and the statistics are increasing at an alarming rate.


Senate Bill 577 (2007) established the Uninsured Women's Health Services program and Family Support Division is now administering the new program. UWHS provides limited medical coverage to uninsured women ages 18 to 54 with a family income less than or equal to 185% of the poverty level.

Coverage of UWHS is limited to: (1) approved methods of contraception; (2) sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, including pap tests and pelvic exams; (3) family planning, counseling, education on various methods of birth control; and (4) drugs, supplies, or devices

related to these women's health services when they are prescribed by a physician or advanced practice nurse. Call 431-6592 for more information

For uninsured women ages 35 to 64, free breast and cervical cancer screenings for those eligible are available as well as to eligible women over age 64 without Medicare Part B. Free treatment may be available to clients diagnosed with cancer through a Show Me Healthy Women provider. Transportation is available free in most areas. They also provide free heart health risk screenings and education services available through many Show Me Healthy Women providers. Women must meet income guidelines.

For more information about Show-Me Healthy Women, contact Barb Velasco, Outreach Coordinator, at (636)797-9745.



Project Sunlight
Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.
North College Center at Mineral Area College

Guest Speaker: Connilee Boehne, Executive Director of
Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri

Project Sunlight is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to
end the cycle of child abuse and neglect in St. Francois County.

For more information, visit www.projectsunlight.com
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Dates To Remember

January is National Mentoring Month, a campaign held each January to promote youth mentoring in the United States! (See page 3) Become a mentor!

- 1-22-09 Thank Your Mentor Day**, an opportunity to join others in honoring an important mentor in your life.
- 1-27-09 Missouri Child Advocacy Day 2009.** www.childadvocacyday.org 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the State Capitol and Truman Bldg in Jefferson City, MO.
- 2-07-09 Trivia Night for Carter's Clubhouse** 7:00 p.m. at North College Center on MAC Campus (see page 2)
- 2-11-09 SFCCP Board Meeting**, Noon in The Conference Center in The Factory
- 3-10-09 Project Sunlight Task Force Meeting** 4:00 p.m. at North College Center, MAC
- 3-11-09 SFCCP Board Meeting**, Noon in The Conference Center in The Factory
- 4-18-09 12th Annual SFCCP Health Expo!** Mineral Area College. 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Scholastic Book Fair

**February 16, 2009 - March 9, 2009 at The Factory,
200 W. First Street, Farmington
Open 7 days a week!**