

## White River Families First Coalition Meeting Highlights – August 22, 2016

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**Present:** Britt Nelson, Kristi Shafer, Eddie Haberkorn, Kathy Norbeck, Barb Melvin, Ann Trullinger, Pat Valentine, Chloe Lopez, Rebecca Morales, Sue Z. Hart, Mike Jansen, Meagan Rhoades, and Monica Gaub.

**Let's Make a Deal for Families:** Rebecca Morales has girl's clothes available – Chloe will take them. Sue Hart has a double stroller – Monica recommended donating it to Little Angels Outreach. Monica has a single bed box spring and a trundle bed available.

### **Knowing our Communities – Building Beyond the Walls, Sue Z. Hart (founder)**

Building Beyond the Walls provides basic construction skills training and incorporates sustainable and universal design. Trainings are inclusive for people of all abilities and needs. Processes driven to learn skills safely. Participants agree to give 50 hours of community service in exchange for the free 8 week training, usually held for 8 Saturdays. A concrete foundation class with New Hope Community Garden was held in Enumclaw in spring. Most recent project was an 8'x12' building project in partnership with Enumclaw Expo. Participants ranged in age from 16 – 78 years. Instructors are volunteers. This building is being raffled to support both non-profits and tickets can be purchased for \$5 each. The drawing is this Saturday. BBtW needs volunteers instructors and folks with specific skills like electrical. They are seeking a location for their next build which is a wheelchair accessible playhouse for Prairie Ridge, who helped raise fund for materials for the project. Applications are online at [BuildingBeyondTheWalls.org](http://BuildingBeyondTheWalls.org). Future projects include building a new Expo information booth and four ATM shelters. Contact Sue @[BuildingBeyondTheWalls.org](mailto:BuildingBeyondTheWalls.org) or 253-346-2064.

### **Families First Coalition Business**

- Discussed ideas for future meeting speakers and topics. Suggestions included: school bond plans and updates, Relay for Life and cancer services, coalition participant's organizations including trends, changes in need and gaps in services, Sumner Rotary and their next big project, and WonGen Central Community Services.

### **Resource Sharing & Announcements:**

**Chloe Lopez, Buckley Youth Center** – The last Music in the Park for the summer is this Thursday with Coco Loco, a Latin Band. There will be root beer floats and vendors. On Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> there will be an info session and spaghetti dinner at the youth center for the community to learn more about services and volunteering.

**Mike Jansen, WRSD School Board** – Gearing up for new school year and planning of bond construction.

**Kristi Shafer, PTA** - Attended the PTA leadership conference. Excellent speaker on marijuana. The kickoff for Relay for Life in Buckley is on Halloween this year.

**Eddie Haberkorn** – The Mom & Me Mobile Medical Clinic will be at the Catholic church in Sumner soon.

**Meaghan Roads, WRSD** – Peachjar is used by the district for distribution of event fliers. Janet Schuster is teaching the high school leadership class and seeking volunteer opportunities. September is National School Attendance Month. Meaghan distributed a handout on school attendance.

**Pat Valentine, Buckley Eagles** – Will be doing holiday community dinners. The Historical Museum dinner is on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Kathy Norbeck, Buckley Library** – Summer events have finished and fall programming starts in September.

**Barb Melvin, WRSD** - Seeking internships with job training for special needs students. She will be connecting with Sue and Building Beyond the Walls.

**Ann Trullinger, Community Presbyterian** – Backpack program starts in September.

**Britt Nelson, Plateau Outreach Ministries** – Serving more people this year than previous. Connecting with school counselors and principals to work with families.

**Next Families First Coalition Meeting** – Monica, September 26<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 at Fire Station. Topic will be marijuana.