

White River Families First Coalition Meeting Highlights - November 26, 2016

Present: Shelly Pricco, Kimberly Caldwell, Eddie Habberkorn, Allan Gamblin, Jeri Gamblin, Amy Molen, Hugh Flint, Pat Valentine, Ellen Boyd, Margi Rudy, Leah Haugen, Kathy Norbeck, Marvin Sundstrom, Cindy Orcutt, Ann Trullinger, Jan Burley, Angie Riggsby, Carianne Sellers, Sue Z. Hart, Donn Lewis, Marcy Boulet, and Monica Gaub.

Let's Make a Deal For Families: Kimberly Caldwell has an Ikea sectional in Navy Blue 240-274-7306. Cindy might have a family who needs it. Leah Haugen may have a box freezer abut is in Ellensburg. 253-985-7780. Monica knows someone. Cindy Orcott has a client who needs a microwave big enough for a dinner. Amy has one to donate.

Knowing Our Communities: Alan & Jeri Gamblin, Just Serve. Website is called Just Serve which helps you share your volunteer needs with community members and for volunteers looking for service opportunities to connect with organizations. Most organizations don't have enough volunteers. Just Serve is accessed online. Can download the app as well. Justserve.org. Submitting a project online is easy. Need more postings so that there are local opportunities shown in Buckley. Can't use for politics, non-discriminatory, not for fundraising activities, no proselyting.

Coalition Business: Monica and Ellen shared information about the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation coalitions grant opportunity. This would be a collaborative effort with the Coalition and the Buckley Youth Activity Center. They proposed hosting youth forums at the middle school and high school in the Fall of 2017 and utilizing that information to do strategic planning for the youth center. There was consensus to submit the grant with the intent to fund these activities.

Announcements/Networking

Angie Riggsby, Fire Dept. - Blood Drive Dec. 17th at the Fire Station 8 – 2:45.

Cindy Orcutt, White River Comm. Outreach - East Pierce Fire & Rescue will be taking over the Christmas giving program in Bonney Lake. 253-863-1800. For those who live In 98391 zip code are and can show proof of DSHS or free & reduced lunch. Open Life Church, Passion Worship, Lake Tapps Community Lake Tapps Christian Church and many other churches are partnering. Students will be able to sign-up through their school counselors. 30 Families that Cindy works with have been adopted for Christmas. Need donations of gas cards.

Jan Burley, Comm. Presbyterian Church - Doing backpack program. Donations are gladly accepted. 85 students served each weekend.

Ann Trullinger - This Saturday is the Holiday Stocking Stuffer Bazaar at the Fire Station. About 35 vendors and a bake sale and raffles. 8am – 4pm.

Monica Gaub, Facilitator - Sent out the Winter Wishes list from WRHS via e-mail as follow-up from last meeting.

Kathy Norbeck, Buckley Library – 3rd week of renovations at the library. Re-opening next week. Friends are picking out books from the Giving Tree. Wrapping books next Friday – about 250 different students. Looking at ways to get more books into kids hands throughout the year. During the closure, a couple programs were held at the youth center and hope to do more partnership classes there.

Leah Haugen, WR Family Support Center – Food benefits assistance is now available at the center. Info distributed. This Wednesday is open insurance enrollment event from 9am – 12noon.

Margi Rudy, ECEAP – Free preschool for 3 and 4 year old children in 7 different communities. Applications accepted year round. Done on a priority basis, not first come first serve. Family support services, health

and nutrition and family priorities are part of the program. Flyers distributed. Energy assistance is now available. Income eligible program. Two types PSE and LIHEAP – can get funding from both programs or just one, depending on where you live. Phone appointments being taken, may have to call multiple times. Electric, gas, propane and even wood purchase. Appointment line is 1-855-798-4328.

Ellen Boyd, City of Buckley – Lunches will be available for free for all children and youth at the youth center during winter break. Modified hours 11 am – 4 pm. Senior center Santa giving program is serving home-bound seniors. Contact Ellen if you know someone to complete an application 360-829-0190.

Pat Valentine, Eagles – Chamber having Christmas Auction Dec. 3rd at Buckley Eagles. Kids Christmas Party Dec. 17 from 12 – 2 free – hot dogs, juice, popcorn, games, cookie walk, Santa and presents. Dec. 25th 2 – 5 free Christmas Dinner – free but take cash donations for food bank. Thanksgiving dinner very successful.

Donn Lewis, City of Bonney Lake – Dec. 3rd starting 6 pm is Bonney Lake Tree Lighting, food drive, music, refreshment, activities and school choir performances. Santa visits. Gingerbread House competition has registration on the City site.

Amy Molen, Smile for a Lifetime - Provides orthodontic scholarships for kids. Just awarded 3 scholarships last month and 2 earlier this year. Kids give back 40 hours of community service. Go to website to get application. Not as many applicants as expected. Will provide assistance in completing the applications. Brochures distributed.

Eddie Habberkorn, BL Lions & Mom & Me Mobile Medical – Prairie Ridge Christmas Party from 12 – 3 with Santa. Bonney Lake Senior Center having a Christmas Dinner on the 16th and 17th and Lions are helping out. Need nurse and doctor volunteers for Mom & Me Mobile Medical Clinic.

Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls – Just finished the playhouse for Prairie Ridge. Painting started last Saturday. Glory, an artist from BL, and the EPFR volunteers are helping to design and complete the interior. Moving structure on Friday through Buckley on 410. Dec. 10th will have a dedication around 11:30 am. Several local service organizations and coalitions provided lunches. Looking for a permanent training location with 14' ceiling and large door opening that can be secured. Also need a construction trailer.

Kimberly Caldwell, Prairie Ridge Comm. Coalition – Christmas Party still needs volunteers on Dec. 10th from 12 – 3. Stuffed animal walk, beanie baby bingo, crafts, Santa's secret shop, free books and more.

Shelly Pricco, Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation – Jason DeShaw presentation was amazing. HS and MS each had their own presentation. 20 students came forward afterwards expressing concerns about themselves, family member or friend. Work continues with the district. NAMI Family to Family 13 week class will start after the first of the year – for any family who is living with mental illness. Register on the website.

Next Meeting: No Coalition meeting in December due to holiday. Next meeting will be January 23, 2017.