

PROGRAM UPDATES

POWER WEEK - Wabasha County by Kali Robinson

The power week in Wabasha went very well. The majority of the kids earned a credit, but those who did not were able to use the power week to complete community service hours, with their probation officers. We had the opportunity to give back to our community, at the National Eagle Center, which was a really awesome experience.

I brought some youth from Wabasha, to Red Wing, to attend the cooking class at the Elk's. They really appreciated the opportunity, and were raving about the fact that they got sent home with so many goodies. It was a really neat experience having youth from both counties having fun together.



Power week participants volunteering at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, learning to give back to their community.



Power week participants touring and learning about the National Eagle Center.



Power week participants learning about self-care, through building dream collages with staff.

YOUTH MENTORS NEEDED

In school mentoring program seeking mentors for youth grades K-12.

For more details,
call **651-468-5677**.

PROGRAM UPDATES CONTINUED

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

by Chelsea Will

This past year at Red Wing Youth Outreach, I have started implementing our Independent Living Skills Program at Goodhue County Educational District within the Pathways Program. I taught this class every Monday from September 2016 - May 2017. The students who completed this class received a credit and can access any of the benefits we offer to those who complete our programming.

I started working with a particular youth at the beginning of the school year, doing one-on-one's, our ILS curriculum, and updates on how life is going. At the start of our meetings, he would say a few words at a time, but then answers would quickly change to " I don't know" or this student would put their head down on the table and refuse to talk anymore.

As the school year progressed, this student would hardly speak with me during our sessions and often would skip our meeting all together. I continued to attempt meeting with this student and keep a connection, but our sessions were getting shorter and shorter. My best connection at this point was in the classroom, where this student had to interact in order to receive credit for that day.

In the last few days of school, I administered assessments and surveys that we require our youth to take, and I wasn't certain what response I was going to get from this particular student. Our assessments and surveys went how I thought they would, with minimal communication.

After he had completed everything, I asked him if there was anything he would like to chat about. At first he looked at me and then put his head on the table. After waiting a minute, he lifted his head with tears in his eyes and told me EVERYTHING that was going on in his life in this past school year.

I quietly listened to him, and when our conversation had ended I thanked him for opening up to me. This student also let me know that he was interested in staying connected over the summer. I saw this youth, yesterday and he jumped up to see me! He wanted to know more about summer programming and if there were more ways for him to be involved with Youth Outreach.

It is moments like this one that encourage youth workers to continue meeting with youth--even when they act like they do not want to open up. Consistency is what all youth crave, and I believe through my consistent out reach to this particular student is what allowed him to open up to me in our final meeting of the school year.

For more youth stories or program updates, visit our website at:

redwingyouthoutreach.org



Chelsea leading youth in a team building "pipeline" activity requiring a ball to roll from one side of the room to the other and into a bucket using half pipes only.

YOUTH UPDATE

To Sponsors of Youth Outreach,

I have, unfortunately, lived through quite a crazy roller coaster of a childhood. Many times I worried about myself and my family financially. That changed on August 4th, 2016 when an awesome family adopted me. No more worries right!?



Cece prepares for her college dorm with support from Youth Outreach.

Well, not exactly. Things didn't go as planned so I now I am back at a foster home again. This has been a difficult experience with my family. I am now once again worried about how I stand financially. The idea of trying to better my future by going to college had been this immense blessing, until I realized how unprepared I was. Thankfully my luck changed. Your incredible generosity through supporting Youth Outreach has helped me purchase college supplies. Not everyone gets to have blessings like you and Youth Outreach. Thank you for having my back. It's hard to touch everyone, but if you can get just one... I've been told, that is quite a reward. I am so blessed and grateful for your contribution that will help me next year when I attend Winona State University. Thank you!

Cece T.

25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING

KITCHEN PROJECT

After 25 years of serving youth and young adults in the Red Wing community it's time for Youth Outreach to EXPAND! We are very excited to announce that with the celebration of 25 years of service, we are dedicated to raising funds to build a working kitchen at our Youth Outreach office during our 2017 25-year anniversary campaign. We look forward to expanding our programs to include more nutrition education. We are asking you to consider donating to Red Wing Youth Outreach to help fund our kitchen remodel.

SUMMER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We would like to thank our monthly sponsors for our kitchen fundraising efforts. June: **The Buzz Salon**, July: **Red Wing Bicycle Company & Outfitter**, August: **The Elks Club**. Stop into these local businesses and thank them for their ongoing support.



Thanks to our June sponsor "The Buzz" for help in our fundraising efforts.



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25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE



Thursday, September 28

Colvill Park Courtyard

5:30-7:00 pm

Join us for an open house to celebrate our 25 year anniversary. This event is open to the public. Please join us for cake and share success stories from the last 25 years.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, October 28

Baypoint Park, Red Wing

5K Run/Walk at 9 am - FREE kids race to follow

Join us as we gather together to celebrate Halloween, and raise money towards our 25 year anniversary kitchen project!

Early Bird Registration Open Now

Name _____

Address _____

Age (on 10/28/17) _____ Male Female

Signature _____

(Parent signature needed if under 18)

Early Bird Registration Fee (through 10/13/17): \$25.00

Registration Fee After 10/13/17: \$30.00

Student Rate (10-18 years): \$15.00

Children under 10 (tshirt not included): Free

Make checks payable to: Red Wing Youth Outreach or register online from our Facebook page: @redwingyouthoutreach



Costumes contest for runners!

Awards for top male and female 5K finisher and for best costume.

Circle Shirt Size

Youth: SM MD LG

Adult Women's: SM MD LG XL

Adult Men's: SM MD LG XL

Adult Men's: XXL-(extra \$3)