

Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For August 2009
Submitted by Jackie Reynolds

Highlights of August

- I hired Mickie Sjoberg to be the coordinator/trainer for the new SSUF grant to begin in September. I am looking forward to working with her and feel that she will do a great job coordinating the new project and furthering the mission and work of Rural Solutions.
- The Legislative Breakfast is set for October 29th. Thanks to Debbie for her work to pull together the Breakfast. Details for the event are in the works!
- The family resource centers in the region continue to make plans for the FDC training to begin on September 18th in Akron. The training will last until May 2010 and is a total of 90 hours. Becky Meyer, Mary Gross, and I will be doing the majority of the training.
- Don't forget that we have a small meeting room in our office if you need to use it, holds about 8 comfortably with phone conferencing available.

Financial News

- Rural Solutions received \$5,000 from El Pomar Foundation to continue our work with suicide prevention. It was so nice to be recognized by this supportive foundation.

Preventing Suicide Initiative and Office of Suicide Prevention Grant for Seniors.

- Please see Maranda's monthly report.

Health Disparities Grant

- Please see Michelle's monthly report.
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Rural Philanthropy Days Continuation Grant

- Rural Solutions helped sponsor a Dynamic Boards training facilitated by Carol Crawford from Community Resource Center on August 20th in Akron. At least 12 organizations sent staff to the training and several board members from these organizations attended.

Fatherhood Initiative

- Please see Glenda's report.

Community Connections

- August 11th: I had the opportunity to serve as a member of the 2009 Selection Committee for National Philanthropy Day in Colorado. Fun experience. Met lots of "important" people in Colorado!
- August 20th: Board Development Training for nonprofits in Akron at the Event Center.
- August 25th: Rural Solutions co-sponsored the second Child Enforcement Information Day in Logan County. Attorneys, CSE staff, were available to answer questions that people in the community had about child support enforcement. Co-sponsor was Family Resource Center.
- August 31st: Was a guest for Fort Morgan radio station early Monday morning.

Upcoming Events and News:

- I will be on vacation from September 14th to October 5th.
- Upcoming Bridges out of Poverty Trainings:
 - September 9-10th in Elbert County
 - October 15th, 24th in Morgan County.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Reynolds
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