

Youth and Family Services Committee
October 2, 2009

Attendees:

Annika Head – VISTA
Karin Ward – Beaver Creek School
Eileen Conn – Kiwanis
Yolanda Sprinz – Women's Civic Club
Bob McDonald – SWEI
Janet Aniol – Kiwanis

Annika Head opened the meeting.

Update on Food Backpack Program

- first week went well
- served 5 families, 10 children
- expanded to 7 families, 17 children in 2nd week
- goal of 75 children by the end of the year
- Dr. Daniel Bright Elementary in Cottonwood and Clarkdale Elementary are also participating
- anyone can make a tax deductible donation at verdefood.org!

Update on Aftershock Program at Beaver Creek School

- it is an afterschool daycare program
- 30 children are signed up but one never knows how many are going to come on any given day
- Annika Head is working to set up a daily schedule and curriculum with education based games and activities such as arts and crafts, science experiments, interactive games, and computer time
- working on getting supplies
- Kiwanis is making a generous donation with the proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner
- also working on a hip hop dance class available to Aftershock students first and then possibly opening it up to the rest of the school
- need more funding to hire more staff so program can be made available to more children

Karin Ward announced that the school has received 20 spots from Head Start for the preschool

- Beaver Creek is going to operate as a satellite of Camp Verde
- school will receive new playground equipment, new carpeting, a teacher, and an aide
- will still be able to use own curriculum
- will begin in January 2010

Update on Food Bank Distribution

- next date is Saturday Oct. 10, 2009 between 7:45 and 9:45
- Annika is working to create a volunteer pool to help with the distribution every month

Update on Food Boxes

- next date is Wednesday Oct. 14, 2009
- must pay by 8:00am Wednesday Oct. 7, 2009!
- in November we will be receiving 100 boxes, 60 of which Kiwanis is buying for their Thanksgiving distribution

Builder's Club (leadership club for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade) is having a dance on Friday Oct. 23, 2009

- \$2.00 for one person or \$3.00 a couple

Halloween Spooktacular

- Saturday Oct. 31, 2009 from 5:00-7:00pm
- Aimed more at younger children
- Games, trunk o' treating, costume contest for home-made and store bought, jack o' lantern contest for carved and painted pumpkins

Key Club (leadership club for highschoolers) is having a game night on Friday Nov. 20, 2009

- should location be at Beaver Creek School or Baptist Church or other?
- Video games, karaoke (?), a place to lounge around and socialize
- Band or dj?
- Find a way to make it something the kids want to go

AIMS testing

- how can we get the parents more involved in helping the children prepare?

Teen Center in Camp Verde has shut down

- let it be a lesson learned that we have to work to not let any of our programs go under
- make sure that community is really supportive of what is happening in our town

Service to “shut ins” or people who cannot leave their houses to get necessary resources

- contact Verde Valley Caregivers to get a directory of disabled individuals in Beaver Creek
- contact meals on wheels

Community Resources Pamphlet

- need to have a **one** pamphlet with information about all the clubs, committees, councils, organizations, etc. that provide any sort of resource to members of the community
- work with Adult Center on their existing database
- needs to be bilingual
- break up by topic and location