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Be a Piece of the Puzzle: Value of Feeding a Community 2011 Vernonia Summer Meals Program Pilot Project



How does a program measure success? By the number of kids fed or the enduring collaboration of community volunteers and agencies to provide quality programming to our youth of Vernonia.

	Meals Prepared	#of Volunteers	Hours
Youth (1-18)	3600	10	325
Meals Bought	385		
Volunteers	470	46	1800
Total Reimbursed Value	\$9,775	Match Value	\$ 19,500

Well, we can start with the numbers of youth meals prepared and served. Unexpectedly, Vernonia Summer Meal Program (VSMP) also prepared and served 783 meals to adults.

At the height of the VSMP, 195 meals were served and averaged 100 per day for the 44 days of the program. This is 25% over our initial survey results. (Increased slightly after article submission)

Prevention Objectives	Prevention Theory
Continuing Relationship with School	Adherence to school increases academic success
Daily Nutrition	Reduction of Self harm
Mentorship	Increase positive attachment to healthy adults
Collaboration of Community Partners	Increase success of quality programming while leveraging sustainability of programs.

In the prevention world, the success of this program can be measured by many things. The number of people attending is the output but the potential influence on our kids is a much needed outcome.

For those of you whom utilized the VSMP we thank you: Summer School, Vacation Bible School, Daycare Providers, Sports Camps, Foster families, families and individuals. Next year we hope to include Camp Wilkerson as a site for the week of camp.

AWARD WINNING CHILDREN'S AUTHOR, TRUDY LUDWIG IS COMING TO VERNONIA SCHOOLS TO PRESENT HER NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED PRESENTATIONS ON EMOTIONAL BULLYING

Wednesday August 31 - District-wide staff Workshop, "Creating a Safer Social and Learning Environment in Schools"
Thursday September 8 - at WGS -- K-5th Grade Presentation for students **6:30-8:00 PM**-Parent Presentation, "Understanding Our Kids' Social World: Friendships, Cliques & Power Plays."

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The VSMP planners and staff would like to thank many people and organizations:

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| Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon | \$4,400 Grant for equipment, transportation and staffing |
| Pioneer Baptist Fellowship | Fiscal Agent for grant and plethora of volunteers |
| St. Helen's Summer Meal Program | Menu, meal preparation and encouragement |
| Vernonia School District | Site host |
| Vernonia Food Bank | Bread and the occasional sweet for the volunteers |
| Vernonia Prevention Coalition | Advertising materials, copies and purchase of Food Handler's cards & payment of background checks |
| Skein Slayers | Yarn and materials |
| Vernonia Library | Tuesday programming |
| Hands on Art | Wacky Wednesday programming |
| Master Gardeners | Thursday programming and volunteers |
| Vernonia Foursquare Church | Friday Craft Programming & Volunteers |
| Foster Grand Parent Program | Mentorship and support |
| Dewey Deweber | Clowning around and giving us magic |
| DeAnna Pearl | Grant writing and form development |
| Cathy Meyer | VSMP Food Coordinator |
| Nic Welch | VSMP Volunteer Coordinator |
| Ron Welch | VSMP Transporter (2400 miles to deliver meals) |
| Gina Fields | VSMP Positive promoter |
| Heather Lewis | Gathering up the pieces & recycling program |
| Barb Carr | Completion volunteer background checks |
| Carol Senn | For warming up the place & making coffee |
| Officer Brent Thompson | Eating with the kids and showing how cops are cool |
| Vernonia Rural Fire District | For bringing out the truck, gear and people |
| Three Little Pigs | Saved 66 buckets of slop from the garbage can |

Finally, a huge thank you to the documented 55 volunteers whom tirelessly showed up every week to help set up, serve, clean and put away during our 44 days of the Vernonia Summer Meals Program. Two thumbs up for those of you whom showed up on Fridays to mop, scrub and clean to prepare for Sunday's PBF church and Monday's food service.

We have already begun to plan for next year. If you would like more information please contact DeAnna Pearl at (503) 369-7370.

VERNONIA PREVENTION COALITION

5th Tuesday Community Coalition Meeting at the VCLC 6:30-8:00 PM

August 30th
November 29th
January 31st

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1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline
1-800-273-TALK (8255) Press 1

Vernonia Night Out Aug. 24th

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2011
POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

VERNONIA NIGHT OUT
IS A COMMUNITY APPRECIATION NIGHT FOR ALL THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHOM HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND HEALTHY. COME ON OUT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT & SAY THANKS!

HIGHLIGHTS

- RAFFLE
- B.B.Q. BY THE LIONS
- ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
- TOUCH A TRUCK
- FAMILY FUN

PRESENTED BY: VERNONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CITY OF VERNONIA

LOCATION: ANDERSON PARK, VERNONIA OREGON

Contact person: Brent Thompson, Community Police Officer (503) 429-5291

Wednesday August 24th
Starting @ 5:30

Donations & Prizes From
Vernonia Sentry
Vernonia Prevention Coalition
Vernonia Lion's Club
Local Business
Volunteers Like You!
Thank You!