

4 Kids and Community, Inc. 2013 Review

*We wanted to show you how your support has helped in accomplishing
4 Kids and Community's mission and goals.*

Thank you for your support and hope you enjoy the newsletter: 4 Kids has been busy!

4 Kids and Community, Inc

A Non-Profit
providing
support
to help People
succeed.

Mark your calendar:

Baked
Potato
Fundraiser!
Friday,
February 7th
5pm to 7pm
P-T High
School
Commons Ar-
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New Mission and New Board Members

4 Kids and Community, Inc (4 Kids) had a busy 2013. While finishing the United Way paper-work, we determined that the mission statement needed to be updated. In July the board approved the following mission statement: *Provide support to the Perkins-Tryon community by being the intermediary between the community, schools, local businesses, churches, organizations and individuals to meet the demand for school supplies, other school related items, nutritional needs, personal hygiene supplies and educational and life skills workshops, so that members of the community have the opportunities to receive the neces-*

sary tools to succeed. With the new mission, the board expanded what 4 Kids can do for the schools and community.

Also, 4 Kids had some changes on the board. Robin and Tina Foster's resignations were accepted due to moving out of state. Board of Directors as of January 2014:

Program Director/President Amy Petermann, Treasurer Tonya Gilbert, Vice President Debbie Sanders, Secretary Kelley Sasser, Chris Petermann, Nancy Blair, Shaunna Smith, Robin Nichols, Carla Wollenberg, Marty Voelker, Gaye Lynn Chaney and Anita Hauf.

Book Bags Program: Continue as Normal or Improve: New School Supplies Program

This is 4 Kids oldest program. It distributes book bags and all the supplies on supply the lists to the schools to help those who cannot afford to purchase them. 4 Kids has done a wonderful job meeting those needs at all four school sites. The program is working, but questions were raised, "Can 4 Kids do a better job? Is this solving the problem?" Once those questions were asked, 4 Kids sat down with teachers to see what can be done differently. 4 Kids then created the School Supplies Program and tested it out with Pre-K. Here is a list of a few issues 4 Kids looked into solving: First, school supplies are expensive and the prices are only going up. Second,

families in general are living pay-check to pay-check. Third, what supplies are available to purchase is determined by the stores. For example, this summer the rest mats available at a Stillwater store were the thicker, more expensive rest mats. The thinner version that the teachers like and that costs less were not available. To solve this problems, we have parents write a check to 4 Kids to purchase the supplies for each student and we deliver the supplies to the school teachers. The program will roll out for grades Pre-K thru 5th in February with a June 1st deadline. This allows households with multiple students to pay for supplies

over several months. The price per grade is a set dollar amount based on each grade's supply list- 4 Kids will be buying in bulk, the prices will be lower. 4 Kids will be buying what the teachers want and delivering the supplies a week before school starts to give the teachers time to get rooms ready. 4 Kids will deposit funds into a separate account from the non-profit funds. If a family needs assistance, the Book Bags Program is in place to help fulfill those needs. 4 Kids will know how many students need help and how much to raise to meet those needs! This is just one way 4 Kids has tried to improve and help students succeed.

Classroom Supplies Program

Like the Book Bags Program, the Classroom Supplies Program received the "what can 4 Kids do better to help?" question. The Program still takes care of the database for the High School that is now used by 9th thru 12th graders and the dissecting animals order will be placed soon. Art Supplies and the planners for 5th and 6th graders were purchased. The Middle School (formally the

Junior High) received new pencil sharpeners, calculators, individual dry erase boards for math classes and other supplies. The Intermediate received dry erase markers and other classroom supplies. After sitting down with the teachers, 4 Kids decided to buy classroom sets of supplies for the grades Pre-K thru 5th. One of the things that was accomplished

is 4 Kids bought 25 scissors with caddy for each class in grades K-3rd. This one-time purchase allows the scissors to be re-used year after year. Bonus: 4 Kids and parents are not buying scissors year after year. These are only samples of the support 4 Kids is giving the schools and how 4 Kids is trying to continually improve how it helps.

Snack Pack Program, Holiday Food Packs Program and Hygiene Kits Program

The Snack Pack Program feeds students every day and the FCCLA is learning about community service through preparing and distributing snacks to all the sites. Community groups make the individual snack packs. The Holiday Food Packs Program supplements the Food Bank's Weekend Program to make sure student's receive enough

food for the Holidays. The Hygiene Kits Program makes sure the basic necessities are available to students at the schools and distributed via the Lions Club Christmas Boxes. These programs take care of the physical needs so students can learn.

150 Snack Packs consumed each day
36 Holiday Food Packs for each holiday
125 Hygiene Kits distributed

United Way Agency



In Spring, 4 Kids finished the allocation process for United Way funds. After a one-on-one interview and then the allo-

cation board interview, 4 Kids received the good news. January 2014, United Way will begin dispersing the awarded

funds to the program! 4 Kids was also showcased on the United Way campaign video. See it on the web!

4 ♥ of Community

In September of each year United Way has a 'Day of Caring.' In Perkins, volunteers do work for those needing extra help. This includes

yard work, tree trimming, flower beds planting, painting etc. 4 Kids decided that one day is not enough, so the 4 Love of Com-

munity Program was created. 4 Kids will be doing numerous work days around the community. Look for more details.

*Projects:
Flowerbeds and yard
clean-up*



Information Exchange Program

In November/December the Information Exchange Program is utilized. 4 Kids becomes the intermediary between the different organizations helping families in the area with Christmas food and gifts. The past two

years 4 Kids has worked with Lions Club and First United Methodist Church to share the Christmas lists. The goal is to help those in need, but limit duplication. Information was passed to another church and

the lists were used to stretch resources for a community toy drive. With information being exchanged, 4 Kids identified another area to expand the programs to help the community!

Workshop Program

In September, Amy Petermann went into Perkins-Tryon High School and did a 4-day Personal Finance Workshop for the Seniors. This was expanded by 1

day from last year. Like last year, this was a huge success. The seniors were exposed to useful information. The interest lesson was eye-popping!

4 Kids is working on expanding the program to include: Internet Safety, Bicycle Safety and Summer programs for Car Care and other workshops.

*75 students learned
about Personal
Finance.*

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