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# 4 Kids and Community, Inc. 2015 Review

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# **Community, Inc**

A Non-Profit providing support to help People succeed.

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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!

### **Bennet Basore Award**

During the Stillwater Area United Way's annual board meeting with all twenty-two agencies, 4 Kids and Community was awarded the Bennett Basore Award. The award goes to the agency that reduced the need for United Way allocations despite improved services, agency that shows progress on long range planning, accomplishments focused on agency mission and level of participation by agency board and volunteers. It was an honor to receive this award! Thank you so much for your help!



A few comments from teachers that you have helped:

"You are a blessing!! You have helped me so much! It is really appreciated everything that you do!"
"Thank you for everything you do! I was able to better meet the needs of my students because of your
donations."

"You do an awesome job! Thank you for all you do for our children and our community!"

"You are awesome, and we truly appreciate you!"

"Thank you for all that you do!"

"This group is a life saver. Without it – I don't know what supplies we would have to use!"

# This basket is presented with love during this season by: 4 Kids and Community Perkins Of Christ Of Christ Of Christ Consum Grocery Radous 4.88

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.

# **Angels at Christmas**

For Christmas again this year, 4 Kids and Community partnered up with Perkins Lions Club and Perkins Church of Christ to provide Christmas cheer to 34 families with 84 children.

4 Kids' Information Exchange Program was active during the season, staying in contact with the numerous churches that provided Christmas benevolence. With this program, 4 Kids shares information in order to help the most families and to maximize resources.

We can continue giving numbers of all that was accomplished, but the following testimony from one of the families sums up the impact on lives:

"You made our Christmas. The kids had a wonderful Christmas thanks to

all of you! And thank you so very, very much for the food. One doesn't realize how important things are until vou have been in a hard spot. And then to have people like you all just come and help is like God sending angels to help. You all are angels and we appreciate everything you have done for us! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Everyone loved the things given to the kids! The kids loved everything! There was not one thing they didn't love! Please tell the lady that made the stuff God Loves You! Bears that the kids sleep with them. And Thank you! Please tell everyone we thank them and appreciate the help! You all brought a lot of happy tears and relief! Thank you 4 Kids and you all!!!!"

### **Highlights**

250 Students receive a snack pack each school day

150 Hygiene Kits passed out

70 Students participated in Personal Finance Workshop

10 classroom sets of books purchased

150 Book bags with supplies passed out

115 different Teacher's supply request fulfilled

25 Families received five food boxes: three in summer, 1 at Thanksgiving break and one for Christmas break

1 Database for the high school purchased

1 Supply Closet stocked with supplies for teachers

200 Parents purchased school supplies for \$35

340 weekend food bags distributed

Touching the lives of every P-T student!!

# United Way, Perkins Masonic Lodge, and Kickin' Childhood Hunger

Once again 4 Kids and Community was awarded funds from Stillwater Area United Way! New fund amounts begin this month.

4 Kids will receive matching

grant from the Perkins Masonic Lodge for the Baked Potato Fundraiser.

In January and then again in September, 4 Kids applied and won two grants from a local non-profit Kickin' Childhood Hunger. Total amount awarded: \$10,100 to help with snack pack program and the food program.



## **Message from Director**

Six years ago, with help, 4 Kids and Community was started. We raised \$1,800 in six weeks to supply books bags with supplies to grades K thru 5th. 4 Kids has come along ways, and I have grown as a director, leader and person as well. When I met with Mr. Simma many years ago, I do not think I fully grasp the amazing road I was about to start down. Since

that faithful day, 4 Kids became an independent non-profit, increased to nine different programs, helping countless students and teachers, became a Stillwater Area United Way agency, included many wonderful people as board members or volunteers and raised to date \$119,896!!! This list along with the highlights listed above takes the entire 'village' to accomplish. It takes businesses, churches, organizations, individuals, grants, board members, volunteers willing to serve.

Thank you so much for your help. I am the program director, but I am unable to accomplish everything without you. Every board meeting starts with a prayer inviting God to sit down with us as we take care of His children. God is the one who nudged and sent me down the path of service. He was there for the beginning and may He be reflected in all that 4 Kids and Community does in the future. God Bless this wonderful village!



2015 Donations, Grants & Fundraisers Total:

\$41,519.31

Largest amount raised in one year!

### 2015 Donors

Businesses
Payne County Bank
Daylight Donuts, Perkins
The Railroad Yard
Premier Trading & Transportation
Perkins Drug
Perkins Dental Group
Country Comfort
Sander's Copy and Design
Williams Grocery
Ralph's Packing Company

Churches
Church of Christ
Cimarron Valley Church
Eden Chapel UMC
First United Methodist Church

Lost Creek UMC

Organizations FCCLA

FFA

Perkins Chamber of Commerce Perkins Lions Club

Perkins Ministerial Alliance

Perkins 4H Club Perkins Round-up Club

<u>Individuals</u>

Chris and Amy Petermann Roger and Tonya Gilbert Neal and Cindy Trowbridge John and Gina Doyle Bill and Virginia Sasser Eddie and Lisa Smith Steven and Shelia Farmer
La Nell Harris
Diane Bridenstine
David Lara
Steven and Mary Cundiff
Karen Roper
Richard and Linda Rogers
Debbie Hixson
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Amy Brown

Grants

Stillwater Area United Way Perkins Masonic Lodge Kickin' Childhood Hunger

Did you know, 4 Kids and Community has no payroll or building expenses?!

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