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FRN Develops Non-profit Support Program

Moundsville W. Va. - The Marshall County FRN is pleased to announce that it has developed a Non-profit Support Program in partnership with the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. The foundation has invested \$98,000 in the initiative.

The Non-profit Support Program is designed to promote an efficient and viable non-profit sector through organizational development, professional development, and networking opportunities. The program will work with at least 8 non-profit groups throughout 2013 and currently has the opportunity to add organizations.

“We are excited about this opportunity and feel honored that the Benedum Foundation has funded our program and shares our goal to help support the work of local non-profits,” said Latrisha Whitelach, strategic planning director at the Marshall County FRN.

There are 3 phases to the program. The first phase will focus on intensive and individualized organizational development. With the help of FRN staff, participating

organizations will assess their overall organizational health in the areas of internal operations, organizational culture, and community collaboration. Once these assessments are complete, the FRN staff will work with the organizations to develop a strategic plan and help prepare them to execute it.

The second phase will focus on supplemental support and professional development. This phase includes various trainings and certifications in the areas of funds development, accounting, budget development, policy development, and public relations/marketing, based on the requested needs of the participating organizations.

The third phase of the program will focus on leadership development. Representatives of participating organizations that have completed the first and second phases of the program will be invited to participate in a Leadership Team to work together on community issues.

“We are hopeful that this program will help to build the capacity of the non-profit sector in our community,” said Whitelach. “We

have worked in strategic planning processes for the past 6 years and we are excited to expand our efforts to include the Non-profit Support Program.”

The FRN is a catalyst of change, an organization that understands and is responsive to the needs and opportunities in the community. Working with community groups, the FRN develops innovative projects and brings new resources into the area. In the last 6 years the FRN has secured and invested over \$3 million in the community.

The Marshall County FRN is a non-profit organization that is helping to make Marshall County a better place to live and work. For more information on the Non-profit Support Program or if you are a non-profit interested in participating in the program, please contact (304) 845-3300 or visit www.marshallcountyfrn.com.

PRIDE Surveys

In conjunction with Marshall County Schools, the Marshall County FRN will be administering PRIDE Surveys to students in grades 6, 9, and 12 in Marshall County.

PRIDE Surveys serve as a valuable tool to help understand substance abuse trends and everyday pressures for youth and how to best address them.

The FRN is working with Marshall County Schools to administer this survey so that local solutions can be developed for any issues that Marshall County youth report that they face.

Please note that the PRIDE Survey for grades 6, 9, and 12 asks students to report:

- incidence of alcohol, tobacco and drug use;
- age of onset of drug use;
- perceived risk of drugs;
- parents'/friends' approval of student use of drugs or threatening behavior;
- discipline problems at school and outside school;
- feeling of safety at school and in neighborhood;
- time of day/week for using drugs;
- ease of obtaining drugs & location of drug use;
- effect of using drugs;
- academic achievement;
- activities at school and in community;
- family life.

Participation is voluntary. If your child does participate, any information he/she provides will

be kept anonymous.

In order for youth to participate, parents must complete the parental consent form. In addition, youth will need to complete the student assent form. Both the completed parental consent form and the student assent form must be returned to school by September 7th, 2012, in order to be eligible to complete the survey. In most schools, students received the forms in their first day of school packet that was sent home.

The surveys will be administered in October. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FRN at (304) 845-3300.



The Marshall County Family Resource Center (MCFRC) is pleased to announce its new location in the offices of the Marshall County FRN located at 1501 Second Street, Moundsville. With the renovation of the FRN's new building and additional office space available, the FRN now has the opportunity to house all of its programs under one roof.

The next MCFRC event is a Father & Child Sleepover at the Good Zoo on Saturday, September 8 from 7:00pm - 11:00am Sunday. The overnight stay is free and open to the public however there is a \$25 refundable deposit to hold your spot. To RSVP please contact, Melody Osborne at (304) 810-4294. For a calendar of events & updates, please like us on Facebook.

Cameron Pool Restoration

The Cameron Pool Committee is seeking help with the restoration and re-opening of the Cameron Community Pool next summer.

The committee is currently accepting any donations to help with their efforts. All monies raised by November 30, 2012, will be DOUBLE matched by a company where a Cameron Alumnus works! Please send all donations to:

City of Cameron, 44 Main Street, Cameron, WV 26033, and mark "Pool" in the memo line.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Mayor, Julie Beresford at 304-686-2366, or Cameron Pool Committee Vice-President, Sarah Burge at 304-686-3500.

To stay connected to the project, please "like" them on Facebook.

FRN Leads Data & Planning Teams

The Marshall County FRN has led the Data and Planning Teams in Regions 1 and 4 in WV as part of the Strategic Prevention Enhancement Grant through the Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities (BHHF)

Region 1 includes Brooke, Hancock, Ohio, Marshall, and Wetzel Counties. Region 4 includes Barbour, Braxton, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, and Upshur Counties.

The teams were tasked with translation of data on substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion for community profiles.

These profiles were developed by BHHF.

Please share the link to the profiles with your contacts and provide any feedback about the research contained in the profiles to marshallcountyspfsig@comcast.net Please let us know if you would like to see additional data as it relates to substance abuse prevention or mental health promotion or if you have any comments on the data collected.

To share the link, copy and paste below:

www.dhhr.wv.gov/bhbf/sections/programs/ProgramsPartnerships/AlcoholismandDrugAbuse/Research/Pages/CountyProfiles.aspx

As part of this process, the FRN also led teams to the development of the comprehensive substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion plan for each region. The plans were submitted and are under review at BHHF.

In addition, the work of the data and planning teams established by the FRN will be continued through the new substance abuse prevention services grantees, the Youth Services Systems, Inc. in Ohio County and Harrison County FRN.

Restore, Reinvest, Reinvent Project

It is well known that Economic Instability is an issue for most communities and the City of Moundsville is no different. To help with this issue, the FRN has partnered with the city to house a new AmeriCorp VISTA to help mobilize community members around revitalization efforts to form neighborhood associations by wards.

The AmeriCorp VISTA will work with community members interested in these efforts to develop a an action plan, implement beautification projects,

and initiatives.

The Restore, Reinvest, Reinvent Project hopes to raise awareness of the economic instability issues facing the city and to actively engage the community and community leaders in community revitalization efforts.

In addition, the new AmeriCorp VISTA will participate in the Unifying Moundsville project with WVU's strategic planning process, as well as write grant applications when needed.

RX Return Donated to Cameron Police Department

The FRN has partnered with the Cameron Police Department to provide the community with a safe and responsible way to return unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs for disposal.

In July, the FRN donated an Rx Return, prescription drug drop box to the Cameron Police Department located at 44 Main St.

Items that are acceptable to return are prescription and over-the-counter medications. Certain items cannot be accepted

in the Rx Return, including; needles, aerosol cans, and leaking liquids. The Rx Return is open to anyone in the community, no questions asked.

If you are interested in safely disposing of unwanted or expired medications, you can quickly drop them off at the Cameron Police Department.

This service is available and monitored 24/7 and all submissions remain anonymous.

Beautification Day at FRN

In an effort to help keep our community looking nice and to kick-off the Restore, Reinvest, Reinvent Project, the Marshall County FRN hosted a Beautification Day on Thursday, August 23. The FRN's new building was purchased one year ago and has had a complete transformation.

Efforts to help beautify the property included; pulling weeds, picking up trash, sweeping sidewalks and parking lots, and painting. The staff worked most of the day to clean up the property and are hopeful it will inspire other residents to do the same.



Marshall County Chamber's Annual Dinner

Thursday, October 4
Social hour at 5:30pm
Dinner at 6:30pm
located at the Moundsville Training Center

Tickets are \$30 and on sale at the Chamber Office call (304)845-2773.

Guest speaker is Darell Bull with Williams Ohio Valley Midstream.

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Marshall County Calendar

September 2012

Wednesday, September 5

Chamber Breakfast Meeting at 7:30am at the Guest House.

Thursday, September 6

Marc Ellison, The Associate Director of Training for Marshall County University Autism Training Center will be presenting at Marshall County Autism Support Group at 6:00pm. Open to Families and service providers.

Friday, September 7

PRIDE Surveys - Parental consent and student assent forms are to back to homeroom teachers for participating students in 6, 9, 12 grades in Marshall County.

Friday, September 7

Unifying Moundsville Project Meeting at Noon for community stakeholders.

Saturday, September 8

"Good Zoo Father & Child Sleepover" from 7:00pm to 11:00am Sunday. Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Melody Osborne at the Marshall County Family Resource Center (MCFRC) at (304) 810-4294.

Monday, September 10

"A visit from Charles Dickens" performed by George Bartley at 6:00pm at the Library. History will come alive when the great British author Charles Dickens is portrayed by actor & scholar Bartley.

Saturday, September 15

Build-A-Kite Workshop at Grand Vue Park from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Come learn about kites and make your own in this hands on workshop! \$5 dollars per kite kit.

Friday, September 21

Marshall County Starting Points is sponsoring a Free Baby Safety Shower for all Marshall County residence from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the Benwood/McMechen Housing Kubeck Room. For more information or to register, please contact (304) 232-2250.

Saturday, September 22

Club Championship Golf Tournament at Grand Vue Park beginning at 10:00am. Pass Holding Members-Only event. The Club Championship Golf Tournament will be an individual, 18-hole stroke play event to determine the best golfer at Grand Vue Park and earn bragging rights one entire year. Includes lunch!

Saturday, September 29

"A Day of Service for WV"- Appalachian Outreach will be participating by providing opportunities for service at their warehouse in the old Giant Eagle building in Moundsville. Individuals or groups are asked to call (304) 845-2762 to reserve a time.

October 2012

Monday, October 1

"Meet The Candidates" starting at 6:00pm held at the McMechen Volunteer Fire Dept. on Marshall St. in McMechen. Get informed for the 2012 elections! Sponsored by the Woman's Club of McMechen and the Moundsville-Marshall Co. Public Library.

Wednesday, October 3

Chamber Breakfast Meeting at 7:30am at Young's Cafeteria.

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CASA is providing training to become a CASA Volunteer for Children at 6:00pm. Please contact CASA for more information or to RSVP at (304) 810-0952.

Thursday, October 4

Marshall County Chamber's Annual Dinner from 6:30pm - 8:00pm and cocktail hour beginning at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased for the event by calling the Chamber Office at (304) 845-2773.

Thursday, October 4

"The More You Know" at St. Mark's Lutheran Church located at 141 Kruger Street in Wheeling. The Resource for Parents is from 9:30am - 11:30am and the Workshop for parents and agencies is from 12:15pm - 2:30pm.

Thursday, October 4

Appalachian Outreach is holding a Celebrity Server Night at Greco's in Wheeling from 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

Saturday, October 6

"Night Hike & Campfire" at Grand Vue Park beginning at Dusk. Bring your flashlights and join us for a walk in the woods with a campfire to follow. \$2 dollars per person.

Tuesday, October 9

Marshall County FRN's General Membership meeting at 11:00am at the FRN located at 1501 Second Street, Moundsville.

Sunday, October 14

"Creepy Critter Craft Workshop" at Grand Vue Park beginning at 1:00pm. Check out some creepy critters and make a creepy critter craft! \$2 dollars per person.

Friday-Saturday- October 19-20

"Treats and Thrills in the Park" beginning at 7:00pm each night at Grand Vue Park.

Saturday-Sunday, October 20-21

Fall Festival at Grand Vue Park starting at 10:00am

November 2012

Thursday November 22

Chamber Breakfast Meeting at 7:30am at Perkin's Restaurant.

Thursday November 22

"5th Annual Turkey Trot" at Grand Vue Park beginning at 9:00am.

Thursday, November 22

Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Grand Vue Park from 12:00pm - 3:00pm.

NOTE: This listing is for information purposes only. Information is believed to be accurate at the time of printing. Any exclusions or misprints are purely accidental. To send a calendar item, please email frnpr@comcast.net.