

Food Access Coalition for Kittitas County
February 12, 2009
Notes

Present:

Rance DeWitt, Celtic Café
Roger McCune, FISH
Gary Peterson, FISH
Billie Lorig, FISH
Shelly Lounsbury Griffin, community member
Colleen Donovan, Heifer International
Hilary Foss, Kittitas County Extension Master Gardeners

FISH Updates:

Gary is on to find people who need home delivery of food and shaking bushes to see if others are in need. He is putting together a plan.

Hope Source has given FISH their old weatherization truck with lift. Hope is to get to Kennewick once a week.

Need more volunteers for pick up

They now have a walk in freezer/cooler

Food bank use is up about 100 households? People? over last 3-5 months, new households

Billie:

He is working with **Rodeo Bowl**. If someone brings in 3 cans of food, then they get a free game of bowling. The First Friday brought in 200 pounds of food.

He is worked with Dr. Cutsinger's class. Students helped and did an excellent job.
Student groups: org control, graphics, media

Students get class credit, Billie gets help

In process of evaluating what they can improve for next time

Planning a "**Child in Need**" **backpack program** at Mt Stuart School.

It would be two days per week (Saturday and Sunday, with distribution is on Friday)

The kids' nutrition is modeled on Seattle Public Schools and Highline, using the USDA Food Pyramid.

Billie working with DNR as sponsor.

Sign up for the program would be on a volunteer basis. Don't want to pinpoint kids.

Billie needs to clear with school and get ok/approval from school district before going public.

Only for grade school at this point.

Hilary: Also need to consider Upper County. Has Master Gardner contact who is maintenance.

Rance: Youth Center has school, starting with highest number of students
In new building, more able to provide work for community service

Roger: Budget - hoping to do it without a whole lot more expense.
Central is donating backpacks (Lorinda Anderson)
NW Harvest providing variety of food

Billie:

Working with Parke Creek Juvenile Facility, 30 - 2 years, teenagers 13-18

Working with FISH

Kittitas Interactive - disabled adults

Doing a lot with CMA

Large base of volunteers right now

Working with university; turned room into "classroom"

Working with 2nd Harvest out of Tri Cities, getting a lot of produce, bottled water, apples (2 bins), cheese, salad

"grocery rescue" program with Fred Meyer (meats), Albertsons (dairy) = 1800 pounds/week

Joanne could use more volunteers.

Maybe could figure out truck run?

Have offered to have Apoyo join FISH at facility. Having to vacate in April. Phil on board; need BOD approval. Could manage resources.

Billie is also working with **CWU Curriculum integration**

Steph Simson

Starting Fall Quarter "course curriculum" FISH, includes Marketing, grant writing, nutrition.

The Spanish dept. may be able to help with translation and interpretation

Lorinda Anderson Hennessy SOC 460 yearly program

80% of class will structure FISH gleaning program

Once structured will get labor from Civic Engagement Center

Good return on food acquired, anticipate surplus - need to share

Spring Workshop Agenda, March 7, 2009 at First Lutheran Church