

Strategies

Leda Albright expressed congratulations to the Rim Community Resource Network on its successful application for their mini-grant. Strategies is a state-wide training and technical assistance collaboration with offices in Northern, Central and Southern California. Ms. Albright reported that RCRN has already paid their membership dues for the California Network of Family Strengthening Network and Julie Burnette attended the meeting. This is an advantage because San Bernardino County has been under-represented and they are at the beginning stages of setting standards. Also, this membership is important to funders.

Ms. Albright also reported that Julie Burnette would be contacting the members of RCRN who would be involved in the strategic planning meeting, scheduled for February, where they would be working together to revise the mission statement and develop a vision statement.

DYNAMICS for Victims & Supportive Services

Karen Linn reported that Lori Lefler has just opened an office at 31220 Hwy. 18, (next to CHP) Running Springs (909) 867-3800. Ms. Linn is a volunteer in the office and has just received her Masters in Forensic Psychology, specializing in children.

Headstart

Glenda Harvey reported that they are currently at full capacity. She requested that if anyone knows of a family with three to five year olds, they should be encouraged to call for additional information.

Friends of Mary Tone

Jim Manson reported that a copy of the Mary Tone DAC Final Report is attached, detailing their findings and recommendations. Mr. Manson stated there is a brand new vision for the campus, which is to create a 'one-stop shop' for all the mountain community's needs.

Mr. Manson spoke about Friends of Mary Tone, a volunteer service that as the building fills up would provide a concierge service, as well as involved in fundraising and promoting 'Volunteer Days' to maintain the facility.

DOVES

Carrie Burt introduced herself as the new Community Outreach person.

Assemblymen Tim Donnelly

Janet Nelsen, Field Representative, attended to introduce herself and become familiarized with our network and address the needs of the region.

Rim Recreation & Park District

Bob Kinzel reported that Youth basketball is currently enrolling players for boys and girls teams. They are also looking for volunteer coaches and paid referees and scorekeepers.

Department of Children's Services

Lisa Brenner reported that their department is currently in the process of restaffing, to enable them to resume assisting in the mountains.

Ms. Brenner referred to a unique case wherein two deaf people needed deaf-security monitoring equipment in order to have a 10-month old returned to their care and she requested help from RCRN in

securing this equipment. Jim Manson suggested contacting Butch at Rim Lumber and Julie Burnette suggested contacting Susan Gomez at Another Way to apply to their Special Needs Program.

Children & Family Services

Maria Thomas reported that on December 1st, from 11:30am to 1:30pm, they will be hosting an Appreciation Luncheon for families and agencies at Pharaoh's Adventure Park, 1101 N. California St., Redlands. Community Partners are invited to bring materials to display at the resource table.

Rim Recreation & Park District Foundation

Carol Kinzel reported that they are going after two grants to help with the issues of a Bache ball court (lawn bowling) and a Frisbee golf course.

Rim of the World Historical Society

Carol Kinzel, representing the Educational Outreach Program, reported that they are now conducting fall tours.

Mtn. Boys & Girls Club

Steve Tilden reported that they are currently serving 80 children in the afternoon, 75-80 at Lake Arrowhead Elementary and 50 at VOE.

Rim Rotary

Jack Winsten thanked Recreation & Park District for donating the land, building the fence and providing the water for the Rim Rotary Community Garden, on Grandview, in Twin Peaks. The beginning plots are reserved for non-profits and groups, such as seniors, schools, etc.

Mr. Winsten reported that Rim Rotary and Lake Arrowhead Rotary are providing a Christmas party for the forty-two residents of Grandview Towers on December 7th at 12:00 pm. The food has been arranged and the gifts are on order, however, they need assistance with 42 smaller boxes of staple foods to be distributed at the luncheon and it was decided that food collection could be stored at Mary Tone. He wondered if there were any organizations that would provide fresh fruit/vegetables and dairy for the residents when their supplies run low each month.

In response to a query, Mr. Winsten advised that anyone interested in making a monetary donation could do so payable to Lake Arrowhead Rotary Foundation, a 501c3, and mark the memo Grandview Tower Luncheon.

Rim of the World School District

Kerry Castillo reported that she has been eblasting the school sites regarding the coats so children in need can get a coat. Ms. Castillo reported that there are 288 students who are homeless or living in substandard living conditions.

Hearts & Lives

David Stuart reported that turkeys would not be available through Janice Rutherford's office for Project Santa this year and with Mtn. Kids Christmas no longer in existence, the majority of the burden to supply food and toys would be taken up by Dixi Willemse, Mtn. Helping Hands and Holland Lowe, Operation Provider.

The coat distribution has been changed to November 22nd from 11:00am to 3:30pm at the Lake Arrowhead Community Presbyterian Church, 351 S. Hwy. 173, Lake Arrowhead. We are very much in need of coats and winter garments for children. The coats will be collected until December 3rd, at which time the boxes will be converted for the collection of toys.

Julie Burnette reported that Hearts & Lives will be providing a chicken dinner, purchased through Navidad En El Barrios, in Los Angeles, on December 10th, as well as providing toys and food vouchers at Christmas to First 5 families only.

Julie Burnette reported on the California Network of Family Strengthening Network meeting that she attended on October 28th. The purpose of the meeting was to review the draft of network standards and make further recommendations of the standards. A draft of the network standards is available to anyone requesting them. Ms. Burnette stated that the standards are broken up into five categories: Family Centeredness, Family Strengthening, Diversity, Community Building and Evaluation, and this document will show you where you are and where you want to go. Any program could implement these standards.

Ms. Burnette reported that desks had been donated by ITT Technical Institute and computers donated by Arrowhead United Way and have been set up for the use of clients to access websites such as c4yourself.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45pm

Minutes prepared by Joy Drury