

Cherokee FOCUS Collaborative Meeting Wednesday September 25, 2013

Collaborative Updates:

- **Cherokee FOCUS** – Upcoming Food Bank Meeting on October 3, Upcoming Housing Meeting on October 10, ZombieFest on October 26, Poverty Simulation is on November 13, working on setting up a Transportation Meeting in November, GUIDE received 75,000 grant to mentor Cherokee FOCUS.
- **Volunteer Cherokee** – Please make your profile at www.volunteercherokee.org.
- **Cherokee Youth Challenge** – Pushed to Spring 2014 because of Poverty Simulation and ZombieFest, Youth Council is going to be opened up for additional members.
- **Cherokee Youth Works** – Step Up Your Game was very successful, Step Up Your Game will happen again in the Spring.
- **Drug Free Cherokee** – Commercial for football games, banners being printed as well, Need volunteers to go out to the schools and work tents at football games.
- **ZombieFest** – October 26 in Downtown Canton, want to partner with prevention people and focus on preparedness, anyone in collaborative is invited to add materials to take-home bag.

Speaker – Jennifer King, Public Information Officer, North GA Health District

- Tobacco Cessation Grant – Educating the public about hazards of smoking and chewing tobacco, and helps fund GA Tobacco Quit Line.
- Nicotine replacement therapy is not typically being used to quit smoking but rather supplement smoking habits.
- One of the focuses of North GA Health District – 100% Tobacco Free Health Model, 94 of school districts in GA have adopted.
- Student Advisory Board for Cherokee County – Encouraged to adopt a project for the year.

Collaborative Partner Updates:

- **Amerigroup (Maria)** – Amerigroup is one of the options for Medicaid and Medicare.
- **Atlanta Community Food Bank (Jolene)** – Next Food Bank Collaborative Meeting on October 3 at Hillside UMC. Food Banks will be in need starting on November 1, If people have questions about food stamps they can call Jolene, food stamps money is decreasing.
- **Cherokee Youth Works (Jeff, Taylor, Kathy, Stacy)** – College classes beginning again, highest test scores, Jeff taking over intake process, 6 new students this month, CYW has been in discussions about partnering with night schools as well to assist more in-school youth.
- **DUI/Drug Court** – 5K Road Race on October 26 at 7 PM at Hobgood.
- **Envision Health Studios (Laura)** – Make a Difference Day on October 26 – She will split the grant with nonprofits that show up to this event with an informational booth.
- **Everyday Angels and Towne Laker & Sixes Living Magazines (Karen)** – Help families with clothing, food and groceries, etc.
- **First Baptist Church of Woodstock (Susan)** – Love Loud coming up, Gosdey project (Sunday school class taking responsibility for making the home a better place for the family).
- **GA Hope (Jessica)** – Mental health and substance abuse treatment, in-home assistance.
- **Give a Kid a Chance** – October 10 Golf Tournament Fundraiser, This past summer 3000 kids received backpacks.
- **Healing Hands Youth Ranch (Jennifer)** – Open House October 12, Fundraiser May 3, Car Wash fundraiser was a success, sponsoring a mare and a colt through Humane Society.

- **Hope Quest (Phil)** – Golf Tournament fundraiser coming up (November 4).
- **Modern Woodmen (Chad)** – Care and Share program (bought 250 dollars' worth of clothing for Step Up Your Game), Matching Funds (1000 dollars approved for Give a Kid a Chance), Matching Funds (2500 dollars for Cherokee FOCUS ZombieFest), Make a Difference Day (Pet Supplies for Cherokee County), Modern Woodmen Youth Service Club wants to donate \$30 dollars to an organization.
- **MUST Ministries (Kendall)** – Trainings for SERV Safe (October) and OSHA (October), Gobble Jog coming up on Thanksgiving Day.
- **Next Step Ministries (Lori)** – Bought a bus, Thursday September 26 speaker is coming in to talk with families about Special Needs Wills & Trusts, November 14 Art from the Heart Fundraiser at Venue 92, RESPITE Day coming up on October 19 at First Baptist Woodstock
- **Papa's Pantry (Sandy)** – Doing a fundraiser on November 14 (Art Auction) at Hilton on Barrett Pkwy at 7 PM to help raise funds for a new space, Job positions posted for part-time job for training center.
- **Public Health** – Lauren Perkins new nurse, Get your flu shots!,
- **Senior Services (Dan)** – Have houses that need rehab (Habitat for Humanity).
- **Sixes Living Magazine** – Would love to help get dates out, If get it by 15th of the month she can get it into the magazine for the next month.
- **Solicitor General (Jessica)** – Actively involved in CPAW and DFC.
- **United Way (Daniel)** – United Way truck coming to the meeting today.
- **VOICE Today** – Coming back next month, Prayer Breakfast coming up on October 26.
- **Volunteer Aging Council (Marcine)** – Partners with Senior Services to provide services for seniors.
- **WB Kearney & Associates (Bill)** – Helping nonprofit organizations with strategic planning.

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