

The Community Partnership 2010 Annual Report



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Since everyone else has done such a great job letting you know about our programs I thought I would spare you too much verbiage and let our pictures speak for themselves!

FYI: This year we served more than 12,000 individuals in Dent, Crawford, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas counties (15 Counties served by CKF)

Some Friends of Capable Kids and Families®

We are so fortunate in CKF to have friends to help out when times are tough. We had a special donation for a family who needed a special piece of equipment. We have volunteers who help us clean all of our toys and make food for our meetings. I wish I could name everyone but I am afraid I will only be able to share a few of the special people who make all things possible!



Family fun at
Splash Zone!



Cozy Quilts and Winnie-the-Pooh –
what could be better?



Thanks Friends!

Our friend Susie Baldwin made a great new friend for us, Joanie Bast-Haussels, who made 20 quilts for CKF. The quilts from Joanie are being distributed to kids who are undergoing serious medical procedures or hospitalizations.

Susie also organized a children's pillowcase project with several sewing/quilting groups. They are making 100s of child sized pillowcases for kids and plan to donate some to Capable Kids!

Our wonderful family fun day at Splash Zone would not have been possible without the generous support of the **Wal-Mart DC 69 in St. James**. Families had a wonderful time and everyone had the chance to relax and make new friends!

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Linking Hearts



This amazing day brings together children who are eligible for adoption with adults who are considering adoption. The day is filled with fun activities, a S&T buddy, carnival games, and free food. The event is held at Lion's Club Park in Rolla in September. To learn more about this event please visit our web site:

http://www.thecommunitypartnership.org/our_programs/community_and_youth_development/linking_hearts/

Have you Considered Foster Care or Adoption?

The adoption and foster care process may take some time, but the rewards are well worth the effort. You will find there are many resources available to you, and we recommend that you become involved in as many ways with the foster/adoption community as you feel comfortable.

Licensing Requirements for Foster or Adoption in Missouri

In order to adopt or foster in Missouri, you must:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Be in good physical and mental health
- Have a stable income
- Live in an apartment, condominium or home as long as it meets licensing standards

You can be single or married, with or without children in your home.

Does it Cost to Foster or Adopt?

There is no fee.

For additional information please visit: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/adopt/activity/index.htm> or <http://www.adoptuskids.org>

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Legislative Day

Legislative Day is one of my favorite events. Every other year (non-election years) we invite all of our elected officials to travel with us around our region to visit the families and clients we work with. This day takes a lot of work but the results are worth every minute! We begin our preparation by asking our clients if they would be interested in talking to their elected officials and telling their story. Then we set out a travel schedule with the legislator, one or two board members, and a TCP staff member.

Last year we visited childcare providers, CKF families, Community Work Support participants, foster parents, teen parents, and others. The legislators have reported how valuable this time is to help them learn about issues facing their constituents and families love having the opportunity to speak one-on-one with their elected officials. This year MoSci also contributed to our event by hosting a lunch for members of the tour and some of our Community Builders. After listening to the legislators talk about the tours, the Community Builders asked to participate in future tours!



Visits on Legislative Day



Clockwise, at noon: **Darren Lingle**, Director of Outreach and Projects for U.S. Representative Joanne Emerson, visits a childcare center.

Missouri Representative **Dan Brown** laughs with Abbey and her mom.

Tom Thomas, Board Member learns first-hand about CKF.

Tom Manion, Board Chair tries out the Fit Phelps jump-roping at a local school.

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So Much to be



Sharlene Morgan won our *Above and Beyond Award* in recognition of her mentoring. Sharlene wrote us a gracious letter thanking us for the award. "I find it very gratifying to think that my few efforts make a positive difference in several lives." Sharlene is modest – her mentee has several challenges but Sharlene has not given up – her mentee recently told Sharlene; "You are my backbone."



Left: The **MoSci Foundation** annually awards some of our hardworking Young Parents with scholarship funds – Robyn Wolfe, Megan Toole (proud recipient), and **Delbert and Shirley Day** celebrate!

Center: An **anonymous donor** called and asked that we award bicycles to all the children in our Young Parents program – this little girl is so very happy with her new pink bike!

Right: The YP cooking class, made possible due the generous donation of an **anonymous donor**, included great food and guest chef **Mary Graham**!



Our Young Parent participants received a gift of cookware and classes thanks to an anonymous donor– we were also delighted for the gifts of **Jamie Archer and Theresa McCarthy Brow!**



Thankful For!



First Christian Church (now Greentree Christian Church) has been so very generous to TCP. They allow us to not only use their facilities but each month a small faith group from the Church fixes dinner for our Young Parent Participants! The food is always wonderful and it is great to have more caring adults involved in the young parent's lives!



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and More...



CWS clients receive low cost loans to purchase a car – **Denny Ford** also supplied car care and maintenance classes!



Erica Westenberg, gifted high school musician shared her gifts with CKF Families!



Fit Phelps supports the **Headstart** garden – kids supply the rest (with a lot of help from **Esther!**)



Fit Phelps (soon to be Fit Helps), through the generous support of the **Missouri Foundation for Health**, was able to contribute to a healthy community. We worked with schools to support greater physical activity (jump roping rallies) and healthy food options. We also worked with communities to mark walking trails and were even able to supply the great disc golf set at Ber Juan Park!

Childcare Providers Help Create a Healthy and Thriving Community Yet Rural Subsidy Providers are Unfairly Compensated

Childcare providers often do not get enough credit for the work they do to make sure children are safe and ready to enter school. Additionally, rural providers who accept State subsidy are also poorly compensated.

In rural Missouri (unlike urban) the State child care subsidy for infants is insufficient to even pay for a worker's minimum wages, social security, and Medicare.

Missouri's subsidy allocation for infant care disproportionately favors urban areas and helps to perpetuate the negative outcomes of children living in low-income rural households.

<https://dssapp.dss.mo.gov/ccrate>



There is more than a **\$12,000 difference** in the amount of income earned (or lost) per worker based on geographic location. "Urban" childcare centers can **make** \$10,358 per year while a center in "rural Missouri" will **lose** \$2,974 per worker per year.

Families with young children living in poverty pay 32% of their monthly income on child care, nearly 5x more than families at 200% of poverty or higher.

http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/publications/PB_Smith_LowIncome-ChildCare.pdf

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Annual Ask Event: Your Investment...

Every October we invite the community to our only fundraiser. During this one hour annual luncheon, we tell our story and ask for the financial support of our community. During our 2010 fiscal year we had 212 individual donors who contributed more than \$100,000 to The Community Partnership - amazing!



If you are not already involved in our work we invite you to learn more about us. Please visit our web site or join us at one of our monthly tours. Please give us call – we look forward to getting to know you!



Equals Great Results



Young parents can make positive choices!



CKF kids and families have the support and care of new friends!



YP participant Hannah is now a police officer!