

LIBERTY PLAZA PARTNERSHIP REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2008  
DATA & ACTIVITIES  
(Presented October 2008)

PLUS Time –

September participants equaled 23 unduplicated, with 181 visits. Fall programming began September 15. There were 5 new children participants in September. Year-to-date there have been 66 unduplicated children, with 2383 participant visits. PLUS Time is held five days a week.

4-H –

Year-to-date there have been 49 participants, with 205 unduplicated visits. In July, Simply Good Eating/4H from the University worked with the children on easy recipes and good eating habits. No 4H programming was held in August, or yet this school year; waiting to determine cost of U of M intern to conduct programming

ESL/ELL –

ELL had few people interested in participating during the summer. There have only been six unduplicated participants. The fall start date for ESL is being discussed, but has yet to be determined as of this report. We are trying to generate interest in participation by residents.

Fun Science –

Fun Science has begun for the 2008-2009 school year, but did not initiate programming until October. Formal Fun Science classes during the school year are held once weekly on Thursdays. This year, PLUS Time initiated science programming during the summer and is continuing to provide its own science programming and science experiments as part of the regular curriculum during the school year, on alternate weeks from the Mad Science Minnesota staff providers. Year to date there have been 45 unduplicated participants with 319 duplicated participant visits.

Youth VOICE –

In September there were 16 unduplicated students with 70 participant visits. Year-to-date there has been 33 unduplicated students with 994 participant visits. Youth VOICE during the school year is held three times a week. Note: Fall programming began September 15.

Open Cities Health Care –

Year to date, there have been 42 families seen as part of the regular clinic hours. However, for the special clinics such as the flu shot clinic, that number increases to over 60 families at each clinic. Stats for September have not yet been reported. In October, Open Cities will be changing the day of the week they have clinic at Liberty Plaza.

Employment Services –

Total participation visits were 40 in September. There were 17 unduplicated participants in September. Of the September activities, there were 20 assessments, 3 career counseling sessions; 15 resumes prepared, 20 job leads provided; 5 referred to training and 2 placed in employment. Year to date there have been 419 duplicated participant visits and 124 unduplicated participants.

Produce Distribution –

A total of 55 unduplicated families received free goods from the monthly produce distribution in September, with 93 unduplicated families receiving goods year-to-date. Total pounds provided in September were 3,750, with 40,891 pounds provided year-to-date.

#### Adult Computer Lab –

Computer lab participation visits for September were 102; with 22 unduplicated persons utilizing the lab. Year-to-date there has been 54 unduplicated participants with 685 participant visits.

#### Girl Scouts –

There were a total of 12 unduplicated girls who participated in September, with 16 participant visits. Year-to-date there has been 17 unduplicated participants, with 151 participant visits. Girl Scouts resumed in mid-September, after a break in August.

#### Tax Prep –

Tax preparation assistance began the first week in February and ran through April 15. There were 106 persons were assisted with tax preparation. Of those, 64 were repeat ‘customers’ from last year and 42 were new. We have had 3 calls since the end of the tax season regarding help with filling out rent credits. Because our arrangement with our tax consultant was that he would assist individual needs throughout the next several months, these persons have been connected with him. We have just submitted the proposal to the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue for funding support for the 2009 tax season.

#### Volunteer Hours –

September programming for the 2008-2009 school year began on September 15. Volunteers came from Concordia, Hamline, St. Catherine’s and North Como church. These volunteers gave 188 hours of volunteer service in September; with 2682 volunteer hours year-to-date and 259 unduplicated volunteers.

#### Program Coordinator –

As part of duties in September, the program coordinator spent 6.5 hours meeting with parents to discuss disciplinary issues, 5 hours counseling children both with and without families regarding skills, abilities, dos and don’ts, 6.5 hours helping adult residents read letters, understand bills and fill out applications, 7.5 hours making phone calls on behalf of residents and 7.5 hours doing referrals for off-site services.