

LIBERTY PLAZA PARTNERSHIP REPORT – AUGUST 2008
DATA & ACTIVITIES
(Presented September 2008)

PLUS Time –

August participants equaled 47 unduplicated, with 240 visits. Summer programming began on June 16 and ended on August 15. There were 9 new children participants in June, 3 new in July and 4 new participants in August. Year-to-date there have been 61 unduplicated children, with 2202 participant visits. PLUS Time is held five days a week. Note: Fall programming began September 15.

4-H –

This calendar year, 4-H programming began in April due to intern and staff availability. 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. In July there were 45 unduplicated participants with 86 participant visits. No 4H programming was held in August.

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.

Fun Science –

Fun Science ended its school year programming at the end of May and is planned to resume in September. In May there were 45 unduplicated children with 75 duplicated visits. Year-to-date unduplicated participants equal 45 children with 319 total participant visits. Formal Fun Science classes during the school year are held once weekly on Thursdays. Fun Science is planned to resume in October. This year, PLUS Time initiated science programming during the summer and is planning to continue to provide its own science programming and science experiments as part of the regular curriculum during the school year.

Youth VOICE –

In August there were 23 unduplicated students with 60 participant visits. Year-to-date there have been 32 unduplicated students with 924 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 day, there have been 34 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. In July 8 families were seen. No clinics were held in August.

Employment Services –

Total participation visits were 53 in August. There were 20 unduplicated participants in August. Of the August activities, there were 23 assessments, 3 career counseling sessions; 32 resumes prepared, 20 job leads provided; 10 referred to training and 3 placed in employment. Year to date there have been 379 duplicated participant visits and 107 unduplicated participants.

Produce Distribution –

A total of 63 unduplicated families received free goods from the monthly produce distribution in August, with 85 unduplicated families receiving goods year-to-date. Total pounds provided in August were 5,000, with 37,141 pounds provided year-to-date.

Adult Computer Lab –

Computer lab participation visits for August were 88; with 24 unduplicated persons utilizing the lab. Year-to-date there have been 49 unduplicated participants with 583 participant visits.

Girl Scouts –

There were a total of 6 unduplicated girls who participated in July, with 28 participant visits. Year-to-date there have been 16 unduplicated participants, with 135 participant visits. Girl Scouts was not held in August, but will resume in September.

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 –

August programming ran from August 1 through August 15. This summer, Concordia did not have college student volunteers available. There were a total of 22 unduplicated volunteers in August coming from Hamline, and churches. These volunteers gave 342 hours of volunteer service in August with 2494 volunteer hours year-to-date and 223 unduplicated volunteers.

Program Coordinator –

As part of duties in August, the program coordinator spent 5 hours meeting with parents to discuss disciplinary issues, 3.5 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 hours making phone calls on behalf of residents and 6.5 hours doing referrals for off-site services.