**Local Community Services – Grace Widdicombe**

Activities from September 2022 (maybe some October)

**Emergency Food Boxes – Camille Ronzio**

This month we created 83 food boxes including 12 nonperishable boxes to 3 Elementary school locations and 2 to the Family Resource Center. Kiwanis delivered 8 boxes to Awbrey Park families. We thank the Bethel schools for reserving the room for us for monthly deliveries this year.  Cost this month was $1241.44.  We had 37 volunteers helping get the food out including 18 members and spouses from Southtowne.  My 2 biggest needs going forward with the project is a member or two with SUV or truck that can help with either FFLC or Mission acquisitions and a member to do calling of English-Speaking recipients each month to take Nancy Meyer’s irreplaceable place.

**School Supplies – Camille Ronzio**

Working with Susie, we divided the budget, and I worked on the Bethel McKinney Vento and schools needs plus Head Start and she did Homeless support. We were helped by BiMart giving us a discount on spiral notebooks and a gift card and Albertson’s marking down backpacks 50% off the already marked down 50% off price! Both Susie and I were able to get many backpacks out to schools and still be on budget.  We delivered needed school supplies to Fairfield Elementary and McKinney Vento at Malabon, plus some to Chris Ferguson for his work with the high school students at Willamette.

**Emergency Services – Camille Ronzio**

We are working with the Springs for Angel Tree Families for the Holidays. They want the tags up by Nov 1st. We began working with Head Start for the emergency warm clothing they need. We are asking both the club and the new networking group if they can collect socks and underwear sizes 4-12. We are hoping that the sock and underwear collection can start when those for the Kiwanis is completed during the next several meetings. With Board approval we can ask the club.

**Head Start – Camille Ronzio**

In September we delivered crayons, markers, spiral notebooks etc to Head Start for children needing school supplies. Good news, the reading program is beginning again, and we are doing every other month starting the 2nd Wed in November. We have Doug Mozan / Mary Ellen King; Kathi Hoffer / Travis Misfeldt; Ron Sticka / Karen Fretwell and Pat Miller and Camille Ronzio so far but will continue to recruit alternates for this. There are approximately 60 kids in 6 classrooms at Clear Lake and Fairfield which will be served. If we get another set of volunteers, we can do one classroom at Whitaker.

Books are ordered. We are hoping that South Eugene Interact will again do the craft kits. Stephanie Cannon is asking them this week.

**Southtowne Opportunity Scholarships – Camille Ronzio**

Nancy Glines and I met with Casey a young mom raising 6 kids (3 of her own, 1 stepchild and 2 siblings) and getting her phlebotomy degree through Oregon Medical. We are financing one payment for her schooling and with connections to STEP they will fund the remainder. She is halfway through and has almost 90% on her midterm. Over 40 jobs are available for this skill in Eugene Springfield. Camille attended a Head Start Open House to promote this program and 2 other applications are hopefully underway.

**Downtown Languages – Renee Yandel**

Former member John Yaple is getting pumpkins and we will have 2 pumpkin carving sessions in October. Glen will be Santa and Renee is leading the efforts for Posada bags. Camille is getting books and will have non-perishable food boxes as prizes for both events.

**Homeless Support – Susie Andrist**

Provided one dinner for Hosea and Facilitated 4 group sessions from the Kindness Campaign at Hosea.

Provided four dinners for the Youth House and met with our YH liaison to talk about how we might better meet their needs created a new food service plan for YH (If you are interested in this multi-page recipe document, please let Grace know and she will email it to you.)

Working with Looking Glass to fulfill needs in a few areas for their long-term guests. So far have recruited 6 STR members to do a small construction project for their guests’ dogs.

Assisted 10 ECCO students in completing paperwork to get their ID’s. Susie got the club foundation approved as a ‘homeless certifier’ so we can get IDs for homeless students at no cost!

**Fairfield Elementary – Sarah Mellgren**

OBOB is going to happen this year, with some changes. OBOB will start nearer to the holidays and will only incorporate 4th and 5th graders. Volunteers to coach are needed.

**Mission Service – Sam Miller**

The Mission reinstated its volunteer meal service in September. Sam has gathered volunteers for the first Sunday of each month through December.

**Meals on Wheels – Rod Holst**

Weekly deliveries are rolling along 😊 and posted in the new Spinoff each week.