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**PRIDE Community Happenings**

**Anthony PRIDE** held a very successful community cleanup campaign. Sixteen bins filled and 3 loads of electronics for recycling! The event was above and beyond expectations, and some great local partnerships were formed in the process. See more details and upcoming projects in **Anthony PRIDE's Facebook group**. While some events were on hold due to COVID-19 and agricultural activities, **Burden PRIDE** continued to work on their community garden. They held a ribbon cutting ceremony and were featured in a newspaper special highlighting different organizations in Cowley County. You can see posts about the garden and other great informational and community items on their **Facebook page**. **Friends of Vermillion** has taken on some activities recently. They’re working to preserve the History Rooms above the city building by providing a dehumidifier and performing some spring cleaning and sorting. They’ve also started a summer reading program for area youth, delivering 39 packets to local children who were to be in the running for prizes
Well Done You!

Dearest Kansas PRIDE Community Volunteers:
Jan and I would like to take a moment to let you know how much we appreciate you! There aren't really words that can capture how we feel, and even the Proud Mr. PRIDE here can't really sum it up...

When the countdown came for 2020 no one would have ever imagined the challenges we would face. Not just the usual challenges, but one of historical proportions. We all watched as things began to change...and have tried to adapt the best that we can.

We have been honored to be a part of this journey with you. Providing resources for getting work done from home, project funding, economic development, family finances, well-being, you name it. Without your input we could not have gathered what you needed.

We have sat in on your Zoom meetings as you learn a new skill. We have provided you guidance on your events, and although our hearts ached along with yours as we watched your organizations reschedule or cancel your events, we have been inspired (as others have) to witness you pivot to the challenge. You moved things online. You took the precautions and followed through with projects. In other words, you proved that you are unstoppable. Things may be postponed, but the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in you!

Thank you all, for your inspiration. For the honor of making us a part of your journey. And as always, THANK YOU for all that you do! - Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmenon@ksu.edu

Volunteer Recruitment/Project Ideas
During our recent Friday Facebook Live broadcast (you can find recordings in our feed here) some ideas came up about recruiting volunteers and
• Schools across the state are looking for opportunities where their students can participate in community service projects. The State of Kansas lists civic engagement (community service projects being part of that) as a component for success in a high school graduate. You can find more details on that in the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation guidelines. Instead of the schools reaching out to the city, churches, non-profits and civic organizations for project ideas, why not have the local PRIDE committee submit a list of their upcoming projects and needs to the school? Create a list with a timeline and anticipated need for labor, skills, and resources. Give that to the superintendent and secondary school principals. Be sure to put your contact information on the list. Ideas can range from getting assistance from students to create brochures and social media ads, videos, picking weeds, installing park equipment, helping with fundraisers, or assisting with a grant writing process.

• What if your PRIDE committee sponsored a local volunteer fair? Invite the hospitals, school district, churches, animal shelter, non-profits, etc. to set up a booth to talk about their organization and volunteer needs. Set it up downtown where people can walk up and down the street visiting booths, or set it up in a community building. Maybe it could be a part of an event you already have planned. Fall festival? Independence Day? This is also a great way for organizations from the community and area to network and partner to address various needs. You could consider offering a game or activity that will get people engaged and get to know your volunteers, and perhaps feel more comfortable with your organization.

  - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu

CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS
Did you know that K-State Research and Extension’s Nancy Daniels presents grant writing workshops (she also does First Friday E-Calls, another AWESOME resource for communities, which are listed on a link later in the newsletter)? Check out the link below for more grant workshop locations and registration information. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, some of the upcoming in-person workshop dates may be subject to change, so keep checking back here or on the website for updates. Upcoming workshops to be held in Linn County,
Leavenworth County, Riley County, and Woodson County. We are also working on an online format for the future. More details to come.

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**External Funding Opportunities**

Want to put your new grant writing skills to use? Here are some opportunities for project funding outside of the Kansas PRIDE grants:

**Humanities Kansas Culture Preservation Grants:** Humanities Kansas offers grants for up to $3,500 with the goals of preserving stories that document the human experience, increasing public access to our shared cultural heritage, and enhancing organizational capacity through the use of a Project Consultant. Types of projects funded: oral histories, digitization efforts, collections care, hands on training, and more. There are a few rolling deadlines left this year - August 31st, September 30th, and October 30th. For more details click the link.

**Waste Management’s Charitable Giving Program:** If your community is served by Waste Management and you have a project in mind that involves the environment (preserving or enhancing natural resources), environmental education (targeted at middle and high school students), or other causes that Waste Management supports take a look at their Charitable Giving site for more details on guidelines and how to apply.

**Roddenberry Foundation’s Catalyst Fund:** The Roddenberry Foundation has a continuous grant cycle for those seeking funding for innovative projects. Funding requests can be between $2,500 and $15,000 and can be for an experimental program, new service – something that improves on what’s already out there and has a potential for a tangible, measurable impact. They favor ideas that inspire others, build partnerships, and are inclusive of those they are intended to benefit. Even far out ideas are welcomed. Visit the site for examples of previous awardees and additional guidelines on how to apply.

**Kansas Volunteer Commission’s COVID-19 Volunteer and Mentor Support Mini-Grant:** A grant to support volunteer and mentor initiatives that mobilize residents to address significant needs in their community as a result of COVID-19. These grants awards will range from $500 to $2,500 for projects that take place before October 30, 2020. Grant application deadline is September 2nd. Visit the link for guidelines and application.
From the History Books

"Publicizing the PRIDE Program" was released in the 1970s and speaks to the importance of letting people know about your local program:

You are now the Publicity Chairman for your Community PRIDE Program. You have an important office with many opportunities to help the PRIDE Program. Unless the citizens of your community are aware of the program and work for the betterment of your town or city, the development efforts have little chance for success. You can help inform people about activities and progress.

Any item of interest to your PRIDE Committee is also of interest to the community as a whole: plans of work, names of partners, meeting announcements, project progress and goals, survey results, and interviews with committee members make for good news items. Developing a publicity plan for the year with article ideas for each month, including news outlets they will be submitted to, can be helpful.

To watch the modern version of this publication, check out the Telling Your Story video and accompanying materials on our Education page. For more history take a look at our Newsletter Archives!

Up for a Community Visit? We Are, Too!

Our offer at the end of each newsletter is to come to your community so we can present an overview of the program, should you be interested in enrolling, or to discuss the program and any of its components or training modules in person if you’re already in the program. Travel restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 situation prevent us from visiting in person currently, but we still would be more than happy to host a Zoom meeting where your PRIDE group members, city council members, chamber participants, Masonic Lodge, or other groups could individually log in to see the presentation and ask questions. Just e-mail us at PRIDE@ksu.edu to set up a schedule.
To view pre-recorded webinars giving an introduction to the program, step-by-step instructions on how to enroll or report, fundraising, recruiting volunteers, and more, head over to our Education page for more. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu

Aside from posting news and information on the Kansas PRIDE Facebook Page between newsletters (we don't want to end up in your junk folder!), we (as in Jan and Jaime) are now hopping on Facebook Live on Fridays for some education and small talk - and sometimes the odd trivia question! Join us on Fridays (usually around 10am or a bit later - Jan and I (as in mostly I) are still getting used to it!) for some learning opportunities!

Like Us On Facebook!

COVID-19 Resource links

It is recommended that community PRIDE groups follow their local health department’s guidelines for any meetings or events during the pandemic. Additional resources for families, businesses, communities, and more can be found at the links below:

K-State Research and Extension – Research-based guidance and information
Kansas Department of Commerce – COVID-19 Response Page
U.S. Small Business Administration – COVID-19 Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources
Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Coronavirus Resource

First Friday e-Calls: Check' em Out!

K-State Research and Extension offers entrepreneurship webinars every first Friday of the month, and there have already been several great sessions this year. If you missed them, they've been recorded and are available to view at your convenience along with the slides and some notes. Visit: https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/ for all past sessions. Creating an online sales presence for your business, Baby Boomers and the rural housing supply, and filling empty buildings are
Have a local event going on? Got great places to visit? Eat? Play?

Why not send your ads here and we will place them in our newsletter? You just have to send a high quality photo and the verbiage you want to use and we will place them in our newsletter for one month!

Send Your Ad Here!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Quarterly Report Dates:
- October 15th, January, April 15th, July 15th
2020 Kansas PRIDE Communities

So far the following communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program for the year of 2020.

And if you'd like to enroll go here and click on the blue "Enroll" button: https://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/enrollment-reporting/index.html

- Admire
- Agra
- Alton
- Anthony
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Assaria
- Axtell
- Blue Rapids
- Burden
- Bushton
- Caldwell
- Caney
- Centralia
- Clifton
- Columbus
- Conway Springs
- Council Grove
- Delia
- Dover
- Dwight
- Elk City
- Ellis
- Fort Scott
- Glasco
- Grainfield
- Grinnell
- Harper
- Haysville
- Lakin
- Larned
- Lecompton
- Leonardville
- LeRoy
- Lincoln
- Linn Valley
- Lucas
- Luray
- Macksville
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
- Mount Hope
- Newton
- Nickerson
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