Day of PRIDE - Community Sharing

Every PRIDE community has a story to tell about the projects they have implemented. With the change in format of Day of PRIDE (June 4, 2011) this year, community sharing will have a new look. Instead of creating a display, we would like to give you the opportunity to share a one-page fact sheet about a project or projects you have completed in the past two years. Please give details and contact information so if another community would like to duplicate the effort, they know who to contact. Sharing will take place on the last leg of the bus tour and then fact sheets can be left on a table for pick-up before the evening meal. This should be a great way to share your story with less effort than creating a display. Day of PRIDE brochures will be coming your way soon.

Quarterly Reports: Reflecting Your Community Efforts

Yes, it's that time again. Quarterly reports are due April 15. This report covers the first quarter of the 2011 calendar year. This is new for 2011 since we have shifted the program year to the calendar year. This is now the FIRST quarter of 2011. Quarterly reports are collected by the state PRIDE program to document your hard work and to track the impact of the state program. We are always excited to read about what your PRIDE group has done. Your quarterly reports also help us promote your projects on the PRIDE website and on Facebook.

Reporting should include project work, investment of volunteer hours and your fundraising efforts. From your quarterly reports, the Kansas PRIDE Office is able to report the financial impact of your work. This comes through the investments of public and private donor contributions you record on the reports. In addition to local support, certain funds, such as the KSRE Get It Do It program funds, are awarded exclusively to PRIDE Communities and should also be included. Other community investments, such as Community Development Block Grants, KAN-STEP and Small Community Improvement Grants through the state of Kansas can also be reflected on quarterly reports if your PRIDE group was involved in acquiring these funds. Whether it was through the support of the application, the grant writing process itself or through surveys or gathering of information, these funds should be reflected on your quarterly reports.

It is important to remember that when you submit your quarterly report, you are reflecting the efforts of your community. You are telling the story of your community and what has happened in the last few months. Sometimes things are slow, sometimes things are hectic, but when your numbers are not reported, an accurate picture of your efforts cannot be realized by outside eyes. Opportunities to gain support might be lost. Ideas and connections concerning your community efforts might be overlooked.

Quarterly reports are more than mere numbers. They are a tool that can be used to reflect your hard work. Don't forget to record your youth involvement and project collaborators. Click here for the quarterly report form.
Thanks for Your Participation

It was great to see everyone at the spring workshops. Thanks to the host communities of Melvern, Goff, Stafford, Lucas, Grainfield and Marion. If you missed the workshop but would like to watch the presentation, “Generations: Adapting to Volunteers of Different Ages”, click here. If you would like further information on this topic, a great book to read is “Generations: The Challenge of a Lifetime for Your Nonprofit” written by Peter Brinckerhoff.

Healthy Yard Healthy Community Doortags

With the arrival of spring, flowers are blooming and people are working in their yards. Don't forget to take a moment to recognize those people in your community who are doing a great job keeping their yards attractive. We still have a supply of the thank you doortags which you could use to recognize those individuals. If you would like a supply, please call Jaime at (785) 532-5840 or email Kansas PRIDE.

Dates to Remember

April 15th - 1st Quarter Reports Due
June 3rd - Kansas PRIDE Board Meeting, Larned
June 4th - Day of PRIDE, SW Kansas Tour, Larned