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Save the Date!

Don't miss Day of PRIDE 2013. Mark your calendars for April 26-27, 2013. More information will be available in the coming months.

Welcome Brandi Nelson

Dan Kahl, PRIDE Program Coordinator, is on a sabbatical from July 1-December 1, 2012. We wish him success as he works to finish his PhD. During the next few months Brandi Nelson, Kansas Department of Communications KELP coordinator, will be working with Jaime Menon and Trudy Rice to continue to provide technical assistance to Kansas PRIDE program communities. Brandi will be posting to the PRIDE Facebook page community highlights so be sure to become our friend to keep up on all the great happenings. She will get her content from your quarterly reports so be sure to send them in!

Get It Do It PRIDE Communities Highlighted

Dr. Daryl Buchholz pointed readers to a great article related to the Get It Do It grants that many PRIDE communities have received. It encourages adult-youth partnerships to develop opportunities for residents to engage in healthy behaviors. Take a minute to read about this great program.

I want to point you to an article highlighting the importance of community, adult and teen relationships, and creating positive social capital. [Click here for the link to the article](#). While the story doesn't mention 4-H, it certainly points to the foundational principles of positive youth development and how employing such principles can have a positive influence on teens, adults and an entire community! It represents some great value statements with respect to the work that does go on in 4-H and community PRIDE programs throughout the state. Congratulations to Elaine Johannes for the recognition she has received for the work that has gone on in several Kansas communities.

Kansas PRIDE Communities of Excellence will have an opportunity to apply for funds to support such initiatives through the Partners in PRIDE grant process sponsored by Kansas PRIDE, Inc. For more information, see the next article.

Partners in PRIDE Grant

The Partners in PRIDE (PIP) Grant, a Kansas PRIDE, Inc. established community grant program, partners with local PRIDE programs to provide incentives for community improvement initiatives. Such projects and activities MUST have the potential of bringing long term impact to the quality of life of local citizens, and must address issues related to one or more of the Seven Capitals: Built, Social, Human, Financial, Political, Natural and Cultural. To date eight Kansas PRIDE communities have received these funds and are actively engaged in project implementation.

A quote from a PIP awarded PRIDE Community, Orville Stokes of Basehor PRIDE:

The funds from the PIP grant allowed us to have a community garden, complete with pictures and a solid plan. With this information, we were able to apply for an additional and substantial Community Garden Grant that has allowed us to continue to expand and grow our garden project. We've used this additional funding to build a shed and provide tools to garden participants. Moving forward, we also hope to add fruit trees and additional decorative flower beds to the garden project.

The PIP Grant, combined with the hard work of interested community members, is the reason behind our success as a Community Garden. Furthermore, it provided a stepping stone for us to grow and continue our garden, ensuring it will continue on for years to come.

Application for the next round of funding must be received by August 12, 2012. [Click here](#) for application guidelines.

To be eligible for these funds, the local community MUST currently be a Community of Excellence for the 2012 program year. To apply for the funds the local PRIDE program must identify and prioritize local efforts, insuring that those projects identified will be viable, meet the program criteria and will have long-term impact on the community. The award amount will not exceed \$2,000 from Kansas PRIDE, Inc. per award and must be matched 1:1 at the local level.

If you have questions or need assistance in applying for these funds, please contact Trudy Rice at trice@ksu.edu or (785) 766-3996.



Community of Excellence Essay of Application

If your local PRIDE Community is enrolled as a STAR Community or a Community of Excellence Community for the 2012 program year, you will need to complete an essay of application to be recognized as a Community of Excellence in 2013. Essays are due by October 15, 2012. [Click here](#) for the guidelines.

The *Community of Excellence* designation is a noteworthy accomplishment for a community PRIDE group. The application consists of an essay which is used to determine a community's readiness to be designated as a *Community of Excellence*. A community designated with this award should be able to demonstrate that they have created a shared vision and mission and are working in an inclusive, collaborative manner on projects of high importance to the community. Essays for Community of Excellence should detail how the PRIDE group has engaged the people of the community, include the plans that have been created and share stories of how the community knows it has been successful in community engagement activities.

ALL current Community of Excellence Communities (with the exception of Glasco, Larned and Humbolt who have completed the process) will lose the COE designation at the end of 2012. Plan now to complete the essay of application to receive COE status through 2015! If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Trudy Rice at trice@ksu.edu or (785) 766-3996.

K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Partner

The Kansas PRIDE program is seeking your nominations for the 2012 Extension PRIDE Partner Award!

The Extension PRIDE Partner Award recognizes an individual from KSRE (other than the PRIDE program staff: Dan Kahl, Trudy Rice or Jaime Menon) who has provided exceptional support to PRIDE communities, or supported the PRIDE program at the state level.

If you have worked with an Extension agent that you would like to recognize for their support, or who has shown exceptional leadership or service to your PRIDE community work, please take a moment to nominate them. [Click here](#) for the nomination form.

Nominations should be submitted to the K-State PRIDE office before August 1, 2012. Nominations can be mailed to:

Kansas PRIDE Office
101 Umberger Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

or returned via email at: PRIDE@ksu.edu. The selected candidate will be recognized at the K-State Research and Extension annual conference held in October.

Quarterly Report Reminder

It's that time again, quarterly reports were due July 15, 2012. If you have not sent them in but intend to, take a moment to let us know.

Each quarter, PRIDE communities are asked to track their impact through a quarterly report and share them with the PRIDE office. Do not forget: this year, we have an incentive! Any PRIDE Community that sends in quarterly reports on schedule for all four quarters in 2012 will have their community put into a drawing for a chance to win two free registrations to Day of PRIDE 2013! [Click here](#) for the quarterly report form.

Events Calendar

August 12 – Partners in PRIDE Round 2 Grant Proposals

October 15 – Community of Excellence Essays of Application

October 15 – Community Resource Act Applications

November 7-8 – Rural Opportunities Conference, Junction City

April 26-27 - Save the Date-Day of PRIDE 2013

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