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PARTNERS IN PRIDE GRANT: BASEHOR'S STORY

Basehor PRIDE first began discussing a community garden over a year ago. Since that time, we've focused and pulled our resources together to make the garden a success. Thanks to the PIP grant, Basehor PRIDE was able to create the fundamentals of a good community garden: laying out basic plots, building a decorative pergola and benches and installing decorative and informational signs. The funds from the PIP grant allowed us to create the foundation for a successful first year as a community garden and we're happy to report that we have 15 plots that are all occupied and growing.

As we were creating the foundation for our community garden this first year, we noticed that there would be a number of ongoing projects that would add to the success of our garden. Furthermore, the interest in our garden was so great this year, we were anxious to expand in the coming years. 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. It provided a stepping stone for us to grow and continue our garden, ensuring it will continue on for years to come.



Look for our next newsletter when we highlight another PIP Grant Awarded community, Wilson PRIDE.

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 consider completing an essay of application to be recognized as a

Community of Excellence in 2013 by October 15, 2012. The guidelines can be found [here](#).

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 will lose this status at the end of 2012 if this process and application is not completed. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Trudy Rice at trice@ksu.edu or (785) 766-3996.

Rural Opportunities Conference

Registration will open in the coming weeks for the Kansas Rural Opportunities Conference November 7-8, 2012 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City. The conference will offer three learning tracks for community leaders and professional staff that spend their days focusing on assisting rural communities to both survive and thrive in today's changing markets. Attendees will learn about opportunities in broadband development, addressing local housing needs, solutions for financing community services and growing your local businesses through export opportunities. The Rural Opportunities Conference also provides an excellent opportunity for sharing and addressing common issues facing the rural communities of Kansas. For more information about the Rural Opportunities Conference, [CLICK HERE](#).

Community Resource Act (CRA) Grant Applications Due October 15

CRA grants helps communities in Kansas create their own community education programs.

UFM's philosophy and educational programming are the models that are used by many communities to develop their own program. UFM Community Learning Center was started in 1968 in Manhattan. Based on the philosophy that everyone can learn and everyone can teach, UFM provides opportunities for lifelong learning and personal development. Community members share their knowledge, hobbies and interests as volunteer instructors for their community's educational program. Class offerings could be on a variety of topics including arts & crafts, recreation, history, earth & nature, health & wellness and much more.

This program provides state mini-grants and technical support for a uniquely

Kansas approach to community development and joint learning. The program is designed to meet the educational, recreational, social and cultural needs of a community.

Eligible organizations are local non-profit organizations, institutions, service agencies or groups primarily concerned with the general welfare of the community which are organized for the purpose of establishing and operating community education programs.

The Community Resource Act (CRA) Program is administered by Kansas State University, Division of Continuing Education, through UFM Community Learning Center. As an outreach program of UFM and the Division of Continuing Education, CRA strives to promote life-long learning throughout the state of Kansas.

For more information about UFM and the CRA Program, call (785) 539-8763 or e-mail Charlene Brownson at cmb@ksu.edu. View the UFM class offerings at [here](#).

The Quarterly Report Initiative for 2013

Each quarter, PRIDE communities are asked to track their impact through a quarterly report and share them with the PRIDE office. 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. PRIDE Quarterly Report forms can be found [here](#).

Events Calendar

October 15, 2012 - Community of Excellence Essays of Application Due

[October 15, 2012 - Community Resource Act Applications Due](#)

November 7-8, 2012 - Rural Opportunities Conference, Junction City

April 26-27, 2013 - SAVE THE DATE - DAY OF PRIDE 2013

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