

HealthVisions Update

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Faith in Action Respite Care is a Winner!!

On July 25, 2002 Health Ministry Partnership's Faith in Action Respite Care Program was awarded the 2002 Age of Excellence Award for the Care giving Agency of the Year. This award was presented by REAL Services/Area 2 Agency at a luncheon at the Century Center in South Bend. Sharon Burnside continues as coordinator of the program.

***Congratulations
on a job well
done!***

Welcome Bettye Welcome Bettye

Bettye Green has joined Health Ministry Partnership as coordinator of community outreach efforts. Bettye provides monthly health screenings at 13 locations, including the Mayor's Partnership Centers, and at other neighborhood gathering places such as "Bob's Quick Video". Between March 1 and June 30, 2002 Bettye completed 1580 health screenings at these centers. Bettye's efforts are focused on the poor and underserved in the South Bend area.

School Health Programs

Health Ministry Partnership is off and running with all the tasks associated with beginning a new school year. The two nurse coordinators are Beth Clemans and Eileen Dvorak. Beth and Eileen serve 24 schools in St. Joseph, Elkhart and Marshall counties. They have recruited several new volunteers for the new school year. We currently have 80 volunteer nurses assisting in the parochial schools that we serve. Last year our volunteers logged more than 5,600 hours of service. We couldn't do without them!

Immunization compliance is a major focus at this time of year. Our goal for immunizations is 95% the same as the Healthy People 2010 goal. Last year we exceeded our goal with a compliance rate of 98%. Vision screening is the second major task of the fall. We screen all 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 8th graders for vision. We work closely with local eye doctors who volunteer their time to do a more comprehensive screening with all of the 1st graders, and students who are new to the school.

Beth and Eileen are working on care plans for all students with diabetes, seizures, and/or asthma. We hope to complete at least 80% of the care plans this year. The care plans assist the teachers and school staff in providing necessary care for students with chronic illnesses.

HMP Starts Health Ministry in FIVE Churches



Rainbows Update

Health Ministry Partnership is proud to announce the continuation of the Rainbows program this school year.

Rainbows is a support program for children who have experienced the loss of a parent through death or divorce. Last year we piloted the program in four schools with great success. We trained 6 facilitators and 31 children participated.

We recently received \$2050.00 from the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Care Foundation to assist with the cost of training the additional facilitators needed to expand the program. Beth Clemans continues in her role as the Registered Director of the Program.



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This is an exciting time for **Health Ministry Partnership**. We have signed agreements with five churches to assist them in the development of a health ministry in their congregations. A nurse has been chosen in each of the churches to be the coordinator and leader of the health ministry team.

Mary C. Gallagher and Mary Sweet Rooney began the orientation for the nurses on Tuesday evening September 3, 2002. The orientation continues on each Tuesday and Thursday evening in September. Some of the areas to be explored during the orientation include:

- Health Ministry
- Spirituality
- Being part of a ministerial team
- Introduction to policies and forms
- Team building

In-service and support meetings for the nurse volunteers will continue throughout the year. The nurses represent a wide range of professional experience including Parish Nursing, home care, community nursing, college level nursing education, Public Health nursing, emergency department nursing with certification as a sexual assault specialist, and nursing supervision.

Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka was the first to sign an agreement. The other participating churches are Sacred Heart in Lakeville, Sacred heart at Notre Dame, River Valley Community Church and Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church.

We are looking forward to adding new churches each year!

4th Annual FAITHFUL LIVES Celebration

November 14, 2002,

Century Center in South Bend.

Sponsored by Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center

The featured speaker will be Ron Clark; Disney's *American Teacher of the Year 2000* and the beneficiary of this year's event will be **Health Ministry Partnership**. Individual tickets for the event are \$150.00 for patron party and dinner and \$100.00 for dinner only. More information is available by calling 574-247-8791.