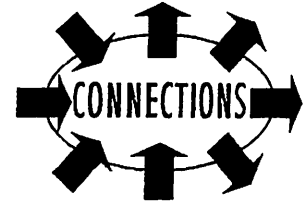


Your Link to Community Services



May 8, 2013

To: Daviess County Commissioners

Board of Directors

From: Daviess County Partnership-CONNECTIONS

Jeannie Burks

RE: Request for Funding 2014

President

Jo Arthur

Daviess County Partnership-CONNECTIONS is respectfully requesting to be included in the County budget for 2014.

Vice President

Rick Powers

The Daviess County Partnership/CONNECTIONS' mission is ***“to provide and promote a collaborative service network that will increase efficiency, diminish redundancy, and eliminate gaps in services to children, families, and individuals within Daviess County”***.

Secretary

Kim Herbertz,

Treasurer

CONNECTIONS started in the Spring of '04 with the assistance of a couple of volunteers. In February '05 the CONNECTIONS Committee hired a part-time coordinator for the program to allow for more stable hours and growth. Office hours are Mon. thru Fri., 9am to 12pm. CONNECTIONS currently has a part-time Director and four volunteers that help answer the phones and enter data into the database. Our database has over 3,000 consumers listed and over 250 providers.

Anita Ash

Jane Ann Beard

Beth McGookey

Pam Niehaus

WHAT DO WE DO?

Barb Wichman

CENTRAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION: CONNECTIONS serves as a central clearinghouse for information. A database of over 250 resources that serve Daviess County is continually updated to ensure appropriate information is available. CONNECTIONS receives calls for information about where to find a specific service in the county, where to get help for a client or student, etc. from agencies, churches and schools. An updated email list is maintained of social service agencies, schools and churches which allow any resource to use CONNECTIONS to send out information quickly.

Christopher Wiles

CENTRAL RESOURCE CALL CENTER: CONNECTIONS is a central point of contact for families in need. CONNECTIONS works closely with the Salvation Army, Trustees, St. Vincent, PACE, Red Cross and the local churches who refer families in need of assistance. CONNECTIONS receives calls for assistance from families needing help such as paying bills; utilities and rent, medication, food, etc. or needing a ramp built, home repairs, eyeglasses, etc. CONNECTIONS completes an application for each call received and verifies information before referring callers to appropriate resources that may be able to help. CONNECTIONS does not give monetary assistance, but links people in need to appropriate service providers within the county that can offer assistance.

CASE MANAGEMENT: CONNECTIONS started providing case management services in 2008. The Case Management allows CONNECTIONS to go beyond just linking people to services, but works with the family and resources to try to find a long time solution by connecting families with resources that provide budgeting and financial counseling.

- Provided the point of contact for the families affected by the flood in 2008
- Provided coordination for 7 families affected by the fire in March, 2012
- Coordinated with churches to help widow with repairs to keep from losing her insurance
- Coordinated with PowerHouse to clean up a fallen tree for widow

WHY IS CONNECTIONS IMPORTANT TO DAVIESS COUNTY?

CONNECTIONS maintains a valuable database of information as service providers and churches who refer calls for assistance. This database is continually updated with each call that comes in to CONNECTIONS recording the number of times a person has called and what assistance the person has received. **Channeling calls through CONNECTIONS helps curtail misuse of the system, duplication of services and exploitation of limited community resources.**

STATISTICS:

In 2012, Daviess County Partnership-CONNECTIONS managed 4,238 calls for information and assistance for Daviess County. CONNECTIONS completed 670 applications for assistance with 61% (serving 1,274 household members) of the applicants for receiving help in the amount of \$48,865.70.

In addition to the call center and case management, CONNECTIONS provides the following programs for Daviess County:

C.R.O.P.: *Community Resources, Organization and Programs, a network for Social Service Agencies/Organizations and Churches. There were 35 different agencies participating in the C.R.O.P. meetings which are held bi-monthly.*

Jubilee Christmas: *The Christmas Assistance program that serves all of Daviess County. Jubilee Christmas served 262 families with 683 children ages birth through age fifteen.*

Ways2HelpOthers Column: *information on ways to donate or volunteer for 31 agencies/ministries were rotated on a weekly basis in the local newspaper (Washington Times Herald)*

RESOURCE DIRECTORY: *CONNECTIONS developed and maintains a Resource Directory for Daviess County and distributed over 175 directories by DVD, email to churches, organizations, businesses, schools and local and State government.*

The Furniture Connection: *served 17 families with furniture/appliances (air conditioner, stove, bed) through donated items*

Daviess County Partnership-CONNECTIONS is requesting \$2,500 from the County Budget to supplement the operating costs of CONNECTIONS for Daviess County. CONNECTIONS receives funds from the United Way but those funds have been reduced in the past few years. CONNECTIONS also receives funds from several churches, but again, with the economy, those funds have also been reduced. CONNECTIONS has also applied for grants, but most grantees do not fund operating costs so it is extremely difficult to find grants to support CONNECTIONS since most of our budget is operating cost.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me.



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Daviess County Partnership
Budget Worksheet-Expense-2013

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.
INCOME SOURCES		Carry-over	New funds projected to be received in 2013	TOTAL 2013	Notes	
1	Fundraising revenue		2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	CONNECTIONS	
2	Donations (CONNECTIONS)	2,602.69	10,055.00	\$ 12,657.69	Churches and individual donations (estimate)	
3	United Way Designations		1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	(UW designations estimate)	
4	Grant: United Way		9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	United Way (payable in 2013)	
5	Grant: VECTREN	1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		
6	Grant: TOYOTA			\$ -		
7	Grant :					
8	Grant: REMC	2,250.00		2,250.00		
9	City of Washington:		1,500.00	1,500.00		
10	Other source(Please specify) :					
11	PROJECTED INCOME TOTALS	\$ 6,352.69	\$ 24,055.00	\$ 30,407.69		

EXPENSES		Required costs	Description of required costs	In-Kind	In-Kind Description	Total projected budget
1	Personnel compensation	\$ 18,500.00	Connections Director			\$ 18,500.00
2	Professional services	\$ 6,000.00	CONNECTIONS Director Case Management			\$ 6,000.00
3	Rent	\$ -				\$ -
4	Insurance	\$ 1,250.00				\$ 1,250.00
5	Telephone	\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00
6	Internet	\$ 240.00				\$ 240.00
7	Repairs/maintenance	\$ -				\$ -
8	Equipment (over \$500)					
9	Materials equip. & supplies	\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00
10	Postage	\$ 44.00				\$ 44.00
11	Food & beverage					
12	Gifts, awards, incentives	\$ -				\$ -
13	Registration fees	\$ 15.00				\$ 15.00
14	Travel	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00
15	Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00
16	BUDGET SUBTOTALS	\$ 26,749.00		\$ -		\$ 26,749.00
17	Fiscal Administration	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
18	BUDGET TOTALS	\$ 26,749.00		\$ -		\$ 26,749.00

*Praising God, proclaiming Jesus, and
drawing people to the foot of the cross.*



May 23rd, 2013

Dear Daviess County Commissioners,

As I follow American church history I've have noticed that we're currently experiencing benevolence requests from community residents at a rate higher than ever before recorded. With this increase in requests comes more logistic difficulties not just for churches, but for all organizations providing aid to the community. I'd like to share with you the blessing the Daviess County Partnership Connections program has been to our church and the community at large in providing for the needs of our community.

I personally experienced how useful Connections could be soon after I moved into Washington. One wonderful day in August 2011 I received a phone call requesting money to help a community member pay her bills. Being unaware of the service Connections provides, I went through the process of checking the fidelity of the request and calling our church treasurer to fill this need, all in about an hour's worth of time. The next day I received three calls from different community residents asking for assistance. The next day I received SIX calls. When a church member heard my lamenting the amount of time I spent trying to adequately verify what I surmised to be several illegitimate requests, they informed me of the service Connections provides. Once I inserted our church into the streamlined process that Connections facilitates, we found we were easily able to identify the most honest needs and more efficiently about to give aid to community members around us.

How does Connections provide a more efficient way of serving people? By "connecting" churches and service agencies together in communication and by keeping a community request database Connections has been able to provide us with timely information about the type of need requested, the number of times people have requested help in the community, where they have received help, what their current resources are, and the mode in which churches can service those in need.

One of the best results of the service provided is that our church receives less requests from those who tend to be benevolence system abusers, allowing us to channel funds and services to those of greatest need. By streamlining the process for our churches in the Washington area, we are all better equipped to help people. As a representative of Washington Church of Christ, I can assure you that our leadership is grateful for Connections and is in full support of the service they provide to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher R. Wiles".

Christopher R. Wiles