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ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP'S Partnership Report

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Adding Value, Bringing Hope

New Occupation in Trying Times



The SkillUP program offers Food Stamp recipients the opportunity to gain skills, job training and work experience through local colleges and job centers across Missouri. This no-cost program is offered through the Department of Social Services, Family Support Division (FSD).

SkillUP offers services such as:

- Staff Assisted Job Searches
- Job Search Training
- Work-Based Learning
- Vocational Training
- Education
- Supportive Services

Jason Parra worked in a Branson hotel, which, like many in the area, was impacted by the economic hit taken by the massive tourism industry.

As he did in previous years when laid off with a family to support, Jason visited the Missouri Job Center to search for jobs and applied for Food Stamps (SNAP) benefits at the local Department of Social Services, Family Support Division (FSD) office. However, this year would be different. Jason learned about the SkillUP Program.

The SkillUP program is Missouri's employment and training program for Food Stamp (SNAP) recipients. With limited job listings available to him, Jason decided his time would be best spent in class building skills, breaking the cycle, and trying something new.

At age 39, Jason went back to school. In a few short weeks, on May 13, Jason was back to work. He hit the road for Prime trucking with the CDL he obtained thanks to the SkillUP program. He started at \$600 a week while in training and will earn more in the future.

He also gets medical, dental, vision and life insurance, a huge benefit for his family.

If you are eligible for SkillUP, you can take advantage of classes, training and work experience based on your individual needs. Community colleges across the state offer SkillUP participants training for careers in areas like construction, health care, and many others. These colleges include Mineral Area College in Park Hills, St. Louis Community College in St. Louis, Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City and others throughout Missouri.

To check out a list of providers and find out more about SkillUP, visit on.mo.gov/skillup or call 855-FSD-INFO (855-373-4636).

SkillUP is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FSN).

Our Mission

To build, nurture, and strengthen families, insuring that every person has the opportunity to become a healthy, productive, and contributing member of the community.

Our Goals:

- Parents Working
- Healthy Children & Families
- Children & Families Safe in Homes & Communities
- Children Prepared to Enter School
- Children & Youth Succeeding in School
- Youth Ready to Enter Adulthood

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RECURRING CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

- ◆ **SPECIAL NOTE: THE FREE CLASSES (LISTED BELOW) OFFERED BY PARKLAND HEALTH CENTER, ARE NOT BEING HELD AT THIS TIME, BUT WILL CONTINUE JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHECK THEIR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**
 - ⇒ **Childbirth Classes** Offered monthly. Open to any expectant parents. Visit parklandhealthcenter.org/baby for current schedule and registration.
 - ⇒ **Breastfeeding Classes** Offered monthly. Open to any new or expectant mom. Visit parklandhealthcenter.org/baby for current schedule and registration.
 - ⇒ **Sibling Classes** Offered monthly. Open to any parents and their children. Visit parklandhealthcenter.org/baby for current schedule and registration.
 - ⇒ **Diabetes Self-Management Class** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Farmington Public Library. For more information, visit parklandhealthcenter.org or call 760-8396. Open to all ages.
- ◆ **Life After Loss Support Group:** Sponsored by Heart & Soul Hospice, the group is a safe place to process grief, learn healthy coping skills & connect with others. Open to public. 3rd Thursday each month, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at 412 Cayce St., Farmington. Please call 756-7066 or email farmingtonhospice@pmma.org.
- ◆ **NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group & Family Support Group:** Both meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the LIFE Center for Independent Living, 725 E. Karsch Blvd., Farmington. Call 573-701-4185 for more information. www.nami.org.

SFCCP Board Meetings
 (Open To The Public)
Wednesday at Noon,
September 9, 2020
Training Room at SFC Weber Rd. Facility
1101 Weber Rd., Farmington, MO

Tune In To These Monthly Radio
Programs on KREI
with Mark Toti & Mike Ramsey
Community Partnership Radio Show
3rd Thurs., 9:30 a.m. and
on KFMO 4th Mon., 7:35 a.m.

Educare News

Like everyone else in this crazy world, Educare is just trying to get back to work. Of course, just like your organization, getting back to work looks so much different than it did before March!

Trainings/workshops are offered monthly for day care providers to meet state-mandated training hour requirements. A 10-person maximum limit in the conference room leaves more than 6 feet social distance space around each participant. Day care visits by Educare staff will hopefully begin again in late August, but they'll still look different as we will have them outside with face masks and hand sanitizing before and after (and during, if needed).

Educare would like remind you of the resources available for use in our resource center. If you need a laminator, book binder, or paper folder we are here for you. The laminator has a \$1.00 usage fee which includes the first foot. Each additional foot is .75. NOTE: It takes 10 minutes to warm up, please call ahead if you would like us to turn it on for you. The bookbinder has a \$2.00 usage fee. Plastic spines are available for .10 each. Paper folding machine prices vary according to the size of the job.

For more information about Educare resources, stop by the office and we'll give you the tour...socially distanced, of course.

—Liz Bennett, Educare Director

A Look at Shared Blessings Transitional Housing Ministry

Our mission statement is to transition people who are homeless to self-sufficiency in a compassionate, caring, respectful manner.

Shared Blessings Transitional Housing Ministry has been in SFC for nearly 15 years! Volunteers strive to help the homeless gain self sufficiency in less than 90 days. We help men, women and children.

To date, we have helped thousands of homeless families, as well as single people, ranging in age from newborn to 82 years old.

All applicants must call 573-358-2998 to apply. Office hours are manned by dedicated volunteers from 8 am to 8 pm. Our live-in attendant mans the office 8 pm to 8 am, 4 days a week. We have a one bedroom apartment within the building for this attendant. Currently, we are taking applications for this position. Please email, sharedblessingsshelter@gmail.com, if you are interested in applying.

We are in desperate need of volunteers. There is a task for anyone who would want to join our team. You will be Blessed!

Volunteers of expertise in mental health, counseling, physical health, spiritual health, etc. are always needed. As well, as anyone who can help with transportation, babysitting, parenting classes, etc. If you have time to just visit with our residents, we need you!

Over the past few months, we were fortunate enough to acquire a loan for much needed roof repairs on our 1910 building. A new office was added, as well as a roof over our concrete slab in an effort to have a donation sorting area. We are totally funded by what is donated to us or by fundraisers. With COVID, we have had to cancel most fundraisers, and the fundraisers we did have were not gainful.

Please consider coming to take a tour and learn what we do everyday to help those who need us most!

-Shelly Bess, Director



Usually, we reserve this space for upcoming events, but since most events are still on hold right now, once again, we're going to share some information about some of our community organizations and how they are doing business during this pandemic. [Please email tiffany@sfccp.org to include your information in our next newsletter.](mailto:tiffany@sfccp.org)

- **Dress 2 Impress Resale** is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by during regular business hours to learn more about how this downtown social enterprise is unlocking potential for: Teens & Adults on the Autism Spectrum; Free Interview/New Career Attire; Business Professionals; Savvy Shoppers; and Volunteers Dress 2 Impress is an upscale resale boutique that supports the vocational training program, Visions of Hope, tailored for local teens and adults on the autism spectrum. Your clothing donations and dollars spent at Dress 2 Impress make a huge impact in your community and the surrounding area. "We look forward to sharing with you all that God has done through this big dream and our prayers for infusing hope for the future of so many." - Jessica Harmon, co-founder
- **East Missouri Action Agency** is now seeing clients in person but by appointment only. A secondary outreach office called the Uplift Center (573-454-2304) located at 605 Wallace Rd. in Farmington is now open. The office in Desloge can be reached at 573-431-0103. The Uplift Center, in addition to EMAA's regular services, has a day facility for the homeless. This includes the opportunity to do laundry and shower, receive a hot meal and have access to computers to look for work. **EMAA also has Ameren UE air conditioners available for those who qualify and the Summer Epic program is still going strong for those who need assistance with their utility bills.**
- **Grace Presbyterian Fellowship** is again beginning their 13-week GriefShare sessions on August 9, 6-8 p.m. at the church, located at 1034 E. Karsch Blvd. in Farmington. Contact gracepresfellowship@gmail.com for more info.
- **Head Start Enrolling Now!** This is a family-based preschool program. Participants receive: NO COST Tuition; Health and Dental Screenings; Nutritious meals; Preschool Curriculum; Social Skills; Community Resources for Families; Parent Education and Parent Activities. Fill out an application online at www.eastmoaa.org or contact East Missouri Action Agency at 573-431-5191 for more information.
- **Mineral Area College** will be offering another **MMTP** (Missouri Manufacturing Technician Program)/ General Industry Career Readiness Program (GICRP) class. **Class begins Monday, August 3rd thru Friday, September 4th** (no classes on August 19th thru 21st for required MAC staff training), Monday thru Friday, 12:00 - 5:00 pm. CDC guidelines will be followed including the practice of social distancing. Participants do not have to qualify financially or academically since the MMTP grant program covers all their costs. Professional development and work ethics which include Acceptance, Accountability, Ambition, Appearance, Appreciation, Attendance and Attitude is offered. Participants will be able to complete the following and earn credentials: WorkKeys the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC); OSHA 10 General Industry Safety Card; MSSC Safety assessment for national certification; MSSC Quality Practices and Measurement assessment for national certification; Mineral Area College Certificate of Completion. Pass the course and both MSSC assessments for the Missouri Manufacturing Technician Program (MMTP) certification and receive a Certificate of Work Ethic Proficiency. For more information, contact Tina Miller at tmiller@mineralarea.edu or 573-518-3840.

Golf Tournaments Galore!

It seems that this is the time for Golf Tournaments! As you know, a good golf tournament is also a good fundraiser. Here are three upcoming tournaments that you may want to be involved in. FORE!

- **AUGUST 7th: 15th Annual Farmington Regional Chamber Golf Tournament.** Crowne Pointe Golf Club in Farmington. \$450 per team. Call the Chamber at 573-756-3615 to register and for more information.

- **AUGUST 8th: 3rd Annual Par-Tee Fore Kids Charitable Golf Tournament.** Terre Du Lac Country Club in Bonne Terre. \$240 per team. Call Kim Pate at 573-783-1445 to register and for more information.
- **September 10th: Four-Lady Scramble.** St. Francois Country Club in Farmington. \$55 per player, \$32 per cart. Call Tr4ish Shaw at 573-631-2705 to register or for more information.



SFCCP FACE MASKS

The Partnership has cloth face masks available for your event. These are a thin, t-shirt-type material that make it easy to breathe and are machine washable. If you'd like to pick up a few, please just give us a call or email tiffany@sfccp.org and we will have some set aside for you.

The 2020-2021 edition of the [St. Francois Co. Community Resource Guide](#) is completed and ready for distribution! Stop by anytime to pick up a stack to give to your clients and customers.

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