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Statistics



- National unemployment rate is now above 9.7% Local unemployment rate according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics:
 - Fulton County
 - 2008 - 6.5%
 - 2009 - 12.2% (December)
 - Kosciusko County
 - 2008 - 6.7%
 - 2009 – 11.4% (December)
- Free/reduced lunch rates continue to rise at Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation.
 - 58% at Akron Elementary
 - 58% at Mentone Elementary
 - 46% at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School
 - 42% at Tippecanoe Valley High School

Goals



- No child in Kosciusko County will go to bed hungry.
- Work with high school students in internship program to gain an understanding of helping others, philanthropy, and leadership.
- Work with Special Needs students to give them a sense of belonging and ability to give back to the community.
- Build partnerships within the community to provide a sustainable program.

Expected Results



- Fewer Student will receive discipline referrals in the elementary schools
- Elementary students will have better Attendance on Fridays and Mondays
- High School students will build a sense of responsibility towards each other and community



Process



- Letters were sent to parents of students on the free lunch program inviting them to participate.
- Applicants were reviewed by admin and staff.
- Student interns have started work towards grant writing and organizing the program.
- Backpacks were donated from a local business.
- Food was ordered for the first five weeks of the program.
- Food will be warehoused in the Mild/Moderate room at TVHS.
- Deliveries will begin on March 19th to Akron and Mentone Elementary Schools.
- Elementary students participating in the program will bring the backpacks back on Mondays.
- Interns will inventory the bags, inventory food, order food, and supervise packing.

Partners



- Tippecanoe Valley High School Internship Program
- Staff and Administration of Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation
- Functional Life Skills Students at Tippecanoe Valley High School
- Fulton County Community Foundation
- United Way of Fulton County
- United Way of Kosciusko County
- Area Churches
- Local Service Organizations

Ultimate Goals



- Expand the program for grades 2-5 at Akron and Mentone.
- Expand to include an additional schools and students in Kosciusko County
- Finding a partnership with an additional area business/sponsors that could help fund expansion of the program.
- Make the program sustainable.



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