

Director's Report for August 27, 2018

1. The child care programs are going great. Our Roper program is full with 150 children and a waiting list. Lakeview has more children signed up than we had last year with 58 enrolled. Preschool and Pre-K enrollments are coming in slowly. We have signs up in the West A neighborhood and over by Lakeview School advertising these programs. Hopefully we will get a surge of enrollees in September. Currently we are all working at the child care sites to maintain child care licensing ratios. No college students want to apply at the beginning of the school year until they have their classes figured out.
2. I am still working on getting an estimate comparison for insurance rates for Willard. I should have something by the next meeting.
3. The Willard Resource Fair was held on August 18th from 9:00am to noon. We had 20 vendors and about 25 participants. The Center for People In Need helped so much with this event. They had spread the word to all of their contacts and participants and they were expecting to have 100's of people here that day. The vendors included a booth for people to sign up for food programs and other programs at Center for People In Need, Clinic With a Heart, Legal Aid, Aging Partners, League of Women Voters, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, WIC, Mourning Hope, Community Hope Federal Credit Union, Lutheran Family Services Health 360 and many more. The vendors told me that they had a good time connecting with the other agencies. I was hoping that we would be able to get a sense of what was really needed in this neighborhood but that didn't happen. Maybe we will try again at a later date. WIC will be bringing their services to Willard starting in September.
4. The United Way Campaign Kick Off is set for September 6th, 7:30 to 9:00 am, at Embassy Suites. If anyone would like to join me please let me know. We will be doing our United Way drive this Fall so if you want to be a part of our staff contribution also let me know.
5. Dani and I have been doing a lot of speaking engagements for Kiwanis Clubs. The West Lincoln Club is going to help us with the golf tournament and they also do a lot for us at the Lakeview CLC. When I told them about the changes happening at Schroder Park they are very willing to help with that too. They are going to be good partners for Willard.
6. Willard has hosted two meetings here this month. Mourning Hope had their board meeting here and then walked the grounds where their new building will be located. Lincoln Community Foundation had their board meeting here and that is when we found out that we were going to receive our grant for \$10,000 for operations. I hope to continue to do community events here so that people will come in and see what we have to offer.