Director's Report for September 29, 2014

1.) Staffing all the child care sites continues to be a challenge. We are not getting qualified applicants for the positions so our staff has been working overtime and long hours to cover the shifts. Sarah Reinke and myself have been working at the sites everyday to help cover the hours. We are not the only child care in this position. Several child cares are voicing the same concern. We don't know if all the college students are working at all the new restaurants in the Haymarket or are just not interested in working. We are advertising in all the college websites and we get a few calls but this has been the worst year yet.

Enrollment at the Child Care Sites as of Sept. 23, 2014

Roper Before and After School Program – 160 (highest enrollment ever)

Lakeview CLC – 55

Willard Preschool – 15

Willard Pre-K House – 20 (full enrollment)

Teen Before and After School Program – 20

2.) Amazon Smile deposited $10.00 to the Willard Community Center bank account on 8-7-14. It is a small amount but I think it will continue to catch on. Continue to tell your friends to sign up for Amazon Smile when they purchase products on Amazon.

3.) The United Way Day of Caring held on Sept. 5th was a lot of fun for the Willard Pre-K Program and five great guys from Lincoln Industries. The volunteers washed the outside of the Lakeview House while the children napped and then they provided a reading/activity packet to each child that had been provided by United Way. The children had fun with all the rhyming words in Mr. Brown Can Moo and the volunteers then helped them find rhyming words and colored the activity sheets. After all of that they still found time to play outside with the children and helped them play baseball. What a great day!

4.) On Sunday, Sept. 7th, a group of 6 volunteers from First Lutheran Church came to Willard and gave the second floor, south room a fresh coat of paint. They worked really hard and did a great job for us. It made the room look so much cleaner. Thank goodness for volunteers that are willing to give up a Sunday to come to the non profits to lend a hand.

5.) We have a new business utilizing the space at Willard these days. Third Rail Content, a video company, has been using the third floor, north room to video people for a commercial for Licorice International. They needed the space and it is working out great for both of us. They have been here twice in Sept. and we hope that they continue to come back regularly. They pay the normal rental fee of $50.00 every time they come.

6.) We have purchased two new computers for the office as ours were very much in need of updating. We were able to order them from Dell for $1283.98. They are Inspiron 3647, Windows 7 Professional, 64 Bit. We were also able to order Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2013 for only $96.00 through TechSoup because we are a not for profit. I want to thank Irene Willams and her tech crew at Foundation For Educational Services for researching the computers and finding what we need and also Matt Meierdierks, Sarah's brother in law and computer tech for Lincoln Industries for helping us to order the computers and determining what Microsoft package we would need.

7.) Nifco will be coming out to do make some change and repairs to our boiler in preparation for the winter season. There should not be a cost to this as it is still under warranty and the changes that need to be made could not be done while the system was running last winter.