The United Way and Riverbend Head Start Unite Against Dental Epidemic

The American Dental Association recognizes that early childhood caries is a significant public health problem calling it an epidemic among underserved populations. It claims that poverty is the number one predictor of early childhood caries in preschool-aged children between birth and five years of age.

The United Way’s $86,500 2013 grant to Riverbend Head Start & Family Services supports the agency’s oral health project which seeks to find solutions for this challenge as we prepare children for kindergarten. Children ages birth to five qualify for our Head Start programs because they live below the poverty line, have a disability, or are involved with the Department of Children and Family Services.

Support from the United Way helped a Granite City family that included a pregnant mom and two boys. A Riverbend Head Start case manager requested that our nutrition specialist go to the family’s home and visit with the mother because she was diagnosed with gestational diabetes. During the visit, the mom said she could not give up soda and showed she was passing her passion on to her boys when she gave her six-month-old son soda to drink. A year later, the boy visited a local dentist as part of the Head Start program. He received more than $4,200 worth of dental care, which included having six teeth removed. The United Way gift helped to cover the cost of the surgery that Medicaid and other funding sources would not.

When tooth decay is left untreated, it can be painful and issues can develop such as speech delays, bodily infection, poor nutrition, and behavior disorders and impact a child’s ability to focus on learning.

“We want to try and catch them at a young age, so they don’t need oral surgery at three to five years old,” said Julie Mouser, Essic Robinson Head Start center nurse.

Riverbend Head Start educates parents and children about the importance of oral health. Teachers help the students brush their teeth after every meal and snack served at the center.

RHSFS employees donate $14,717.68 to the United Way

“Our employees see first-hand the vital role the United Way plays in improving the lives of the children and families we serve, so I believe that is why we are so successful in our campaign.”

– Lori Bostick, Riverbend Head Start & Family Services human resources director.

Show off those pearly whites! Camille and Michael brushed their teeth after eating a snack at the Essic Robinson Head Start center. Each classroom at the center has a sink where kids brush their teeth after each meal and snack served at the center.
President’s Message

The theme of this academic year is we’re all in this together. It took everyone’s help to overcome that nine-letter word that begins with s (sequestration) so we could continue to work towards a common goal of preparing disadvantaged children for kindergarten and strengthening their families.

Golden Gains

In the bar graph, you can see that despite that challenge we accomplished our goal of preparing children as they entered kindergarten this fall. All of the children whom we assessed made gains in the key child development areas.

The children are assessed in the fall, winter and spring using Teaching Strategies GOLD in areas such as literacy and gross motor development. GOLD is a child assessment tool that predicts future school success based on widely held expectations.

The assessments document children’s development over time and help staff adjust curriculum accordingly. It also helps us to provide feedback to parents and guardians about how the children are doing.

We ended the previous school year abruptly and had to make difficult decisions about reducing and changing services. Our Board of Directors and Head Start parents on Policy Council reviewed several plans and worked together to find the best way that we could continue to serve our families.

We closed our Venice Head Start Center which cut the number of children we serve at our centers by 34. We also reduced our home visiting program by 24 children and ended our partnership with Step by Step Child Care Program which served 20 children.

We successfully saved the amount of money needed for the first half of our contract year, and we are on track to save the necessary amount for the second half of the year and moving forward into 2014’s budget.

We want to thank the community for helping us to overcome this challenging time by being champions of our mission, inviting others to get involved and through investments. Together we enable children and families to develop positive skills to meet life’s challenges.

Chuck Parr, ACSW, President & CEO
See Our Mission In Action

Why do we exist? Riverbend Head Start & Family Services impacts the lives of children under five and expectant parents by reversing the effects of poverty. Our mission is to enable children and families to develop positive skills to meet life’s challenges.

What do we do? The agency operates Head Start and Early Head Start programs. These are research-based programs for child development. Our early childhood education, parent education, health, nutrition and social services change the trajectory of children’s lives every day.

How can you help? You can be an instrument of this change by referring families, volunteering and donating goods, services or funds.

Call me. Let me introduce you to our mission by giving you a tour of a center. See first-hand how you can make a difference!

Kristen Gosling
Public Relations Director
618/463-8913 or kgosling@riverbendfamilies.org

Readers Wanted Ready Readers and Riverbend Head Start partner for new volunteer opportunity

It’s a first in Illinois and Riverbend Head Start & Family Services is excited to be a part of it! Ready Readers, the St. Louis-based non-profit volunteer reading program, is expanding to the Metro East and partnering with the agency to provide volunteer readers in the classrooms. It is a partnership that has been discussed for four years.

“From the moment in 2009 when I first heard about the Ready Readers program in St. Louis, I was convinced that it was a natural fit with our Riverbend Head Start children,” said Jane Hill, a Riverbend Head Start & Family Services supporter who introduced the agency to Ready Readers. “What a joy it is today to see these two entities partner in order to bring this excellent literacy program to our children!”

The volunteers will be asked to read aloud for 30 minutes per week in a classroom at one of our five centers in Madison County. The hope is that the children become more exposed to books, reading-related activities and develop a relationship with the volunteer reader.

“The children begin associating their special reader with the fun and pleasure of reading, therefore, creating a positive, predictable, reliable experience weekly with someone who loves books and reading,” said Ready Readers Executive Director Lisa Greening.

“Literacy skills are one of the key indicators of children’s future success in school and education,” said Debbie Fremont, the child development coordinator for Riverbend Head Start & Family Services.

The volunteers are trained and every month given a new set of books. Through the year, the volunteer will present each child with at least six new books. Each book also includes a list of ideas for parents about how they can use the book at home.

“Many of the children do not have their own books at home. They will learn to value the written word,” Fremont said.

To volunteer or for more information, call Ready Readers Volunteer Program Coordinator Diane Sinclair at (314) 825-8751.
Kids Beat The Heat At Fun Fair

Ninety plus degree temperatures didn’t stop kids from smiling and laughing as their skills were put to the test at the Riverbend Head Start & Family Services booth at the Edwardsville Family Fun Fair in July. The theme of the free public event was an old-fashioned fair at Edwardsville City Park. The Head Start team set up an obstacle course that challenged kids to walk across balance beams, do arm circles, and stand on one foot and jump. They were rewarded with a new toothbrush. Living a healthy and active life is just one of the things kids enrolled in Head Start programs learn.

The fair also gave parents the chance to meet the new Edwardsville case manager who is located at the Edwardsville center at 710 N. Main Street.

“I love serving the community and I went to college here,” said Case Manager Vanessa Jones who graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. “I enjoy it to the fullest. People are laid back and friendly.”

Parents also got to meet Collinsville Lead Case Manager Sylvia Morton and Case Manager Eanista Bailey.

“It helps us connect with the community and network with other groups that provide services,” said Morton.

[Images: A girl checks her balance as she makes her way across the balance beam on the obstacle course. Collinsville Home Based Lead Case Manager Sylvia Morton holds a child’s hand as she maneuvers through the Riverbend Head Start & Family Services obstacle course at the Edwardsville Family Fun Fair.]
Shirley’s Kids Nurse’s retirement plans include helping others

Helping others is what Godfrey resident Barb Blair has been doing for 40 years as a nurse. As she prepares to retire this fall, her future plans include the same mission.

“I want to fill my time with my interests of caring for my family, cooking, baking, decorating, reading, walking, movies and volunteering,” said Blair.

She got a jump start on volunteering by serving as the chairwoman for the second annual Riverbend Head Start & Family Services Shirley’s Kids campaign. The campaign gives people the opportunity to sponsor a child in Madison County, which helps the agency prepare impoverished infants, toddlers and preschoolers for kindergarten.

Blair was initially hesitant about chairing a campaign since it would be her first time, but that hesitation disappeared after she met with the staff at the Essic Robinson Head Start Center in Alton.

“It was about this time our first grandchild was born, and so I compared the lives of our children and grandchildren to the lives of the children at the Head Start center. I realized that this volunteer job was meant to be for me, that it would truly be a privilege to be able to help in any way that I could,” she said.

Campaign founder Shirley Emons, of Godfrey, introduced Blair to the agency’s mission to provide quality child development and family strengthening services that engage children and families in developing positive skills to meet life’s challenges.

Emons came up with the idea of a local sponsor a child campaign in 2012 after attending the agency’s annual Circle of Care dinner. She and her daughter sponsor children in Guatemala and Emons approached the agency about doing something to benefit Riverbend Head Start children.

“I was so impressed with many of my close friends who volunteered for many causes,” said Emons. “The sponsoring a child campaign has been an awakening.”

Emons and Blair attend the same church and she knew Blair would be a perfect chair for this year’s campaign.

“Barb is exuberant and I knew she would do a great job,” said Emons.

“I’ve always believed that mothers and fathers are the first teachers to our children. The program at the Essic Robinson center helps teach these children, along with their parents, so the kids will be able to start kindergarten with the same skills, socially and verbally, as their peers,” said Blair.

Head Start Works!

• Head Start graduates are at national norms in early reading and early writing by the spring of their kindergarten year
• Higher proportion of Head Start parents read to their children more frequently than non-Head Start families
• Higher proportion of Head Start children receive dental care than children not in Head Start
• Head Start also increases the amount of time parents spend supporting their children’s education

(Information provided by the National Head Start Association)
2013 Circle of Care Award Dinner

Fueling the Future
Couple honored with Circle of Care Award

Bill and Vicki Schrimpf of Edwardsville raised $68,000 for local children at a dinner held in their honor on May 9.

Themed “Fuel a Child’s Mind,” Riverbend Head Start & Family Services annual Circle of Care Award Dinner recognized the Schrimpfs impact through their professions, volunteerism and philanthropy.

In their award acceptance speech, Bill Schrimpf credited his father for his family’s desire to give back. He said, “I consider this award as partly his because he instilled those values in us.”

Bob Schrimpf passed away earlier this spring.

“By lending their time, talent and treasure to missions that change lives, the Schrimpfs are making the region a better place for all of us,” said Brett Stawar, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the agency.

To help others succeed in life, the Schrimpfs volunteered for and donated to the missions of the United Methodist Church, Riverbend Head Start & Family Services, United Way of Greater St. Louis, Lewis and Clark Community College, Alton Memorial Hospital, Salvation Army, Crisis Food and service organizations such as the Wood River Women’s Club.

In addition, the Schrimpf family has owned and operated a successful fuel company since 1932. It was founded by Bill Schrimpf’s grandfather and has been nurtured by four generations to date.

During her 29-year career at Winchester, a division of Olin Corporation, Vicki Schrimpf has increased revenue from royalties over 16 times. Her leadership in the licensing division was based on the same cornerstone of caring: train, coach and mentor employees, keep them strong and the business will follow.

The Schrimpfs were leaders in their professions and retired at the end of May 2013. They plan to spend more time with their family which includes four children and nine grandchildren, as well as more time on their philanthropic causes.

The Schrimpfs were chosen as this year’s honorees by a committee of the board of directors of Riverbend Head Start & Family Services. The social service agency created the award in 1994.

The couple was presented with a unique award at the event, “The Bill & Vicki Schrimpf Giving Tree.” Stawar explained that the four foot by six foot painting of a tree surrounded by children had leaves with over 200 donor’s names printed on them.

Created by local artist, Peggy Brooks, it hangs in the lobby of the Essic Robinson Head Start center located at 1802 East Broadway in Alton.

“Our children, staff, parents and visitors can enjoy it every day,” said Stawar. “It will remind us that there are hundreds of people in our community who care about our children. And it will inspire others to support our mission as well.”

Head Start student Elijah couldn’t stop smiling as he showed off the gift he received from Circle of Care honoree Bill and Vicki Schrimpf. They gave gifts to all the students who participated in the Circle of Care program.

The students from Cathy Harris and Gwen Redden’s classes at the Essic Robinson Head Start Center in Alton sang “Wheels on the Bus” and “Lean on Me” at the Circle of Care Award dinner.

Bill and Vicki Schrimpf sit in front of the Giving Tree that was named in their honor. The tree pays tribute to those who support the agency’s mission.
Parents Use Head Start to Achieve Personal Goals by Titus Croxton, Head Start father

I am a huge devotee of Riverbend Head Start & Family Services because it has changed my entire outlook on being a father. It’s helped me become a more knowledgeable father and well-rounded family.

I was 16 when Ashley and I were expecting Lucille. It was a complete surprise and nerve-wracking time. Ashley, the smart one in our family, asked her mom for advice, her mom suggested Head Start.

Ashley called and pretty soon our case manager, Amy Cornell, started visiting Ashley once a week at her house. I didn’t get to participate because of work, school, and the fact that at the time we didn’t live together.

But then, Amy started leaving stuff behind for me to read. I read it and it was advice along with expected milestones, tips, and activities to do with parenting. But there were things about being a dad in there, too. Things I never would have thought of before, so I started getting more involved with the program.

I met Amy after Ashley had moved in and the appointments were scheduled so I could be there. Over the last six months, she has made my whole family, including my parents, much stronger and more confident.

Amy helped us set goals for Lucy and for ourselves to achieve. Amy also helped and encouraged Ashley to get her GED and get in to Lewis and Clark Community College where she is currently majoring in child development. Lucy is hitting every baby milestone right on target. I am graduating from high school early and starting college at Lewis and Clark too. At my school, I helped start a group for teenaged dads like me and I manage to work 30 hours a week at a local oil change facility.

It’s not an easy life. Luckily, I have a perfect daughter, her perfect mom and a lot of support from my family and school. We have plans to get married next summer and we owe the foundation of our family to Riverbend Head Start.

Thank you for supporting this mission and impacting families like us.

Titus Croxton spoke at the Circle of Care Award dinner about how Riverbend Head Start changed his life when he found out he was going to be a father. Ashley, and their daughter, Lucille, also attended the event.

Email kgosling@riverbendfamilies.org and request that you be added to the list of the first people to receive the announcement.

The next Circle of Care honorees will be announced in December.
2013 Circle of Care
Steering Committee • Past Recipients • Supporters/Sponsors

2012 Circle of Care Steering Committee
Bill & Vicki Schrimpf • Lori & Terry Artis • Richard & Donna Georgewitz • Bryan & Susan Hatfield
Matt & Jenn Schrimpf • Brett & Sheri Stawar • Dwight & Cheryl Werts

Past Recipients
2012 Ed & Patty Morrissey ~ 2013 Bill & Vicki Schrimpf

2013 Circle of Care Supporters
Sponsors are in bold.

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January 1, 2012 – December 21, 2012
Most recently audited fiscal year.

Head Start/Early Head Start

Head Start and Early Head Start are federally-funded child development programs for qualifying children under age five. Created in 1965, the federal Office of Head Start awards grants to local nonprofit organizations, such as Riverbend Head Start & Family Services, to operate programs in their communities. As stewards of these federal funds, RHSFS is publishing the following in accordance with the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007.

Riverbend Head Start & Family Services

Income and Expenses

2012 Head Start / Early Head Start Program
Audited Public and Private Funds
Total $9,050,207

- 1.8% - Local In-Kind Received $166,189
- 2.0% - State Government $184,336
- 3.0% - US Dept. of Agriculture $269,406
- 39,704
- 0.4% - Other Income

August 2012- August 2013 Program Year Highlights

2012 Head Start / Early Head Start Program
Audited Expenditures
Total $9,074,677

- 18.0% - Salaries & Wages $4,369,956
- 14.0% - Contractual Services - $1,268,701
- 14.0% - Other Expenses $251,828
- 10.1% - Occupancy Expenses $912,232
- 7.0% - Travel & Vehicle $261,916
- 1.6% - Depreciation on Equipment $141,670
- 1.8% - Supplies $162,514
- 2.8% - Local In-Kind Utilized $166,189
- 1.5% – Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits $1,367,980
- 1.5% - Assistance to Individuals – $111,212
- 0.7% - Insurance – $60,529

Results of the Most Recent Review by O. H. S.

In March 2011 the federal Office of Head Start conducted an onsite review of RHSFS. Its Overview of Findings stated that our Head Start and Early Head Start programs were found to be out of compliance with three applicable Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements. There are over 2,000 Standards to observe. Issues relating to the Standards were:

1. Paper cups, torn paper and unswept dirt were found on one of our six playgrounds.
2. A portion of a storage shed had a 12-inch splintered strip of wood, dry rot and a 5-inch hole at the bottom.
3. Less than ten percent of enrolled children had a diagnosed disability at the time of the review.
4. Per the Davis-Bacon Act, in three cases, RHSFS did not ensure wages paid for construction labor and mechanical work were not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality. RHSFS anticipates the next federal review of the agency to happen between October 2013– May 2014.

The most recent financial audit was completed by the CPA firm, C.J. Schlosser, Inc. in Alton, Illinois in May 2013 and approved by the board of directors on May 20, 2013. There were no questioned costs.
* MATCH IT!
The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services requires a local match for our Head Start grant.
Thank you for your donations, grants and volunteerism that made up that match in 2012.
Matching Funds + Parent and Community Volunteers = Local Match Requirement $405,871

**Parent Engagement**

*by Stacey Triplett, Family Service Worker at Granite City South Head Start Center*

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**2013 Proposed Budgetary Revenue and Expenses**

*2013 Head Start / Early Head Start Program Proposed Budgetary Revenue Total $8,505,593*

- 2.0% - State Government $171,280
- 1.8% - Local In-Kind Received - $153,612*
- 0.15% - Other Income $13,500
- 0.05% - Depreciation on Equipment $4,374
- 93.1% - Federal Government $7,920,701

**2013 Head Start / Early Head Start Program Proposed Budgetary Expenditures Total $8,425,089**

- 1.8% - Local In-Kind Utilized - $153,612*
- 0.79% - Insurance $67,026
- 0.05% - Depreciation on Equipment $4,374
- 48.3% - Salaries & Wages $4,075,166
- 4.5% - Contractual Services $1,227,437
- 2.7% - Travel & Vehicle Costs $234,640
- 3.0% - Other Expenses $253,670
- 0.79% - Insurance $67,026
- 15.3% - Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits $1,295,286
- 1.1% - Assistance to Individuals - $94,420
- 1.3% - Supplies $111,287
- 1.0% - Other Expenditures $908,171
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The children in Felicia Jeffries and Stacy Sharos’ Collinsville classroom couldn’t wait to get inside a new playhouse PNC Bank donated to the agency. The children smiled ear to ear as they watched Collinsville branch manager Doug Rankin assemble the house that PNC staff decorated. They couldn’t stop laughing as he put the chimney on his head! When he finished, the children took turns going inside and looking out the windows to pose for the camera.

Maya, Yosgart, Jazlyn, Denny, David, Aron, Angel, Adan, Taylor can’t wait to get inside the playhouse that PNC Bank Collinsville branch manager Doug Rankin is assembling for them.