

Photo Album

Reed Middle School Leadership Club



Team Building



School Clean-Up



School Beautification

On Their Way To A Group Hug!



Lead & Learn



Lead & Learn, a neighborhood leadership development program developed in 2004 by Caring Communities, offers monthly networking and training opportunities for Springfield neighborhood residents. The mission of Lead & Learn is to build the capacity of neighborhoods by providing support, technical assistance and training to individuals and organizations. Through Lead & Learn, Caring Communities offers neighborhoods the opportunity to connect with other neighborhoods, to support each other's ability to resolve problems and to work toward positive neighborhood change. Neighborhood residents do not have to be an officer or board member of their neighborhood association to attend.

Lead & Learn topics are decided by neighborhood residents each year, with a different neighborhood hosting each month's program. Past topics have included:

- Marketing Your Neighborhood
- Membership Recruitment
- Safety & Crime Prevention
- How to Give Public Testimony
- Working with Local Government
- Fundraising and Grant Writing



In 2008, Lead & Learn provided 10 training and networking opportunities with a total attendance of 322 people from 11 different neighborhoods in Springfield. A survey of participants found that 89 percent ranked Lead & Learn as highly useful in information gained.

Each November, Caring Communities and the neighborhood associations with which we work recognize those individuals and organizations that have had the greatest positive impact on their neighborhoods through our Neighborhood Organization Volunteer Awards (NOVA) celebration. Each May, we bring all neighborhoods together for a pot luck and social. Dinner and child care is also offered at each Lead & Learn.

Hope Connection: A Success!

This event on March 24, a collaborative between Community Partnership, Burrell Behavioral Health, Convoy of Hope, The Kitchen Inc., Missouri State University, and Ozarks Community Technical College, aimed to serve the homeless population at large and offered a one stop shop to of resources and services on site. We served 235 people and were able to provide multiple resources to help with their current situation:

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| medical/dental/vision care | legal support |
| mental health and substance abuse treatment | housing |
| basic needs (food/clothing) | employment |
| legal documentation and more... | |

A special thank you to:

Springfield-Greene Country Library, Krispy Kreme, Cook's Kettle, McAlister's Deli, Panera, The System-Paul Mitchell, Walmart, Red Robin, T.J. Sales, Coca Cola, Constructive Things..., 33 provider agencies, and 160 volunteers!

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Guide to Homeownership How to Buy and Keep Your Home

Central Assembly of God
 1301 N. Boonville Ave.
 Springfield, MO 65802



How to Buy a Home

Tuesday, April 21st @ 5:30-8:00

The first week we will hear about what the process looks like when you are buying a home. Experts will include a real estate agent, a mortgage broker, an insurance agent, and a home inspector.

How to Keep Your Home

Tuesday, April 28th @ 5:30-8:00

During the second week we will discuss once you have your home, how do you keep it? This week will help participants understand how to budget for unexpected homeownership expenses, how to maintain & improve a home cost effectively, & how to avoid falling into foreclosure.

C.A.S.H Goes To School

The CASH Financial Literacy Program is piloting a curriculum for Middle School students. We have adapted our 4-week curriculum for adults into a 2 hour activity based curriculum. Our pilot group will consist of students from Reed and Study Middle Schools Leadership Clubs. We will be offering these classes in April 2009.

Juego de Corazon para Padres (Active Parenting in Spanish)

These classes focus on issues of self-esteem, effective communication skills, and a variety of discipline alternatives.

- Auto Estima Es La Llave (Self-Esteem Is Key)
- La Comunicación Es Crucial (Communication Is Crucial)
- La Disciplina Mejora El Comportamiento (Discipline Makes the Difference)

Classes will be Sundays - April 19, 26 & May 3rd, 2 pm – 6 pm, at Sacred Heart Church, 1609 N. Summit. Childcare and meal provided.

Leave a message at 888-2020 ext. 116 for more information.

GED/Adult Basic Education

Pathways UMC–Tues. 5-8pm / Thurs. 9am-12pm

1232 E. Dale
 Springfield, MO 65803
 Child Care provided with pre-registration!!!

Study Middle School-Thurs. 5-8pm

2343 W. Olive
 Springfield, MO 65802
 Library

Campbell Elementary –Mon. 3:30-6:30pm

506 S. Grant
 Springfield, MO 65806
 Child Care provided with pre-registration!!!



Other GED sites:

Ozarks Technical Community College

417-447-8860

Missouri Career Center

417-887-4343