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LPCFC Newsletter





The Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield Minnesota selected LPCFC to participate in the Health POWER (People Organizing and Working for Equitable Results) funding initiative. The initiative's aim is to address health inequities through community action. LPCFC organized a canvassing event to conduct interviews with community members about their experience living in Lincoln Park. The interviews focus on issues relating to physical activity, healthy eating, and reducing commercial tobacco use. So far the canvassing team has conducted over 170 surveys. The interviews are coming to a close and key points are being selected from the responses. Then a community coalition will be formed and trained on how to address these issues to help the community take action.



One of the reoccurring key points found in the canvassing interviews was a lack of access to healthy foods. LPCFC has many plans to address this issue and one has been completed! At the beginning of September, the Harrison Park Orchard was completed with the help of many wonderful volunteers! LPCFC was able to plant twelve fruit trees, including apple, pear, plum, peach and cherry trees. Next summer some of the trees will bear fruit and community members will be able to stop by and grab some. Head on down to Harrison Park to check it out!



Big Red Bookshelf

Through #GiveAtHomeMN and our online Duluth Opolo fundraiser, we raised over \$2,500 for the Big Red Bookshelf! We used those funds to purchase new books for the shelves and update our bookshelf area. One of the goals set by the Big Red Bookshelf Coalition this year has been to provide books that better represent the culturally diverse populations that the program serves. We are excited to keep working on this goal using the funds raised in recent months.



ChildCare

LPCFC was granted funding from several sources to support the re-opening and expansion of our ChildCare program. LPCFC is currently providing childcare on a flexible schedule, from 6AM-6PM Monday-Friday. We are seeking families who are interested in 2nd shift and weekend hours and will provide care at those times if/when enough families are enrolled. Parents have the option of signing children up for full-time, part-time, or drop-in care. For more information about enrolling, call LPCFC ChildCare at 218-464-0588.



Circle of Security

Circle of Security Classes have shifted to online meetings due to Covid-19. Click [here](#) if you are interested in learning more about the class. You can register by calling (218)-464-0588 or online [here](#).

Covid-19 Preparedness Plan

If you are interested in learning more about the safety measures and actions LPCFC is taking, check out our preparedness plan [here](#).

Donations

We would like to extend a thank you to all of the donations we have received recently. We really appreciate all those who have [supported us](#)! As we continue to work to provide programs to help families, children, and the Lincoln Park community, we would love your help as well! If you would like to support LPCFC's [mission](#), you can do so by contributing [here](#).



LPCFC is participating in GiveMN's Give to the Max Day on Thursday, November 19th. You can donate between Nov. 1st-19th to participate! This online giving event helps to raise money for nonprofit organizations across Minnesota. If you would like to join in on the fun, please donate [here](#)!

AmeriCorps VISTAs



LPCFC would like to give a shoutout to Jake Busch for being the most wonderful 2019-2020 Americorps VISTA. Within the past year, Jake assisted in six fundraisers that raised over \$6250 for the Collaborative! Jake also managed the Big Red Bookshelf Program, promoting the program and working to add a new location at the Lake Superior Zoo. Jake also had the opportunity to assist with the LPCFC Finance Committee. He completed tasks with the LPCFC Human Resource Committee as well, like overseeing volunteers, training staff, and completing interviews and evaluations for interns and a new VISTA. Thank you so much for all your work, Jake!



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new 2020-2021 AmeriCorps Vista, Madison! She is from Hagerstown, Maryland, and graduated from Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania with a degree in International Politics and minors in Economics and Spanish. It is her first time in Minnesota, and she is excited to work in the Lincoln Park neighborhood and explore Duluth. Madison has already shared many great ideas and has been working to address the lack of access to healthy foods in Lincoln Park. We are so lucky to have you working with us and we cannot wait to see all you accomplish!