



CNCS - WV STATE MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2013

Education

West Virginia's Promise - VISTA

West Virginia's Promise VISTA, Lisa Berray, serving at Harpers Ferry National Historical, received the Teacher Ranger Teacher grant through the University of Colorado at Denver for \$11,000. This program will allow HAFE the opportunity to host a teacher from the region who can assist in the development and implementation of history and stewardship-based programs in regional classrooms, creating opportunities for under-served students to have greater access to the resources of the National Park Service.

Step by Step VISTA

Step by Step VISTA, Jennifer Bartram, working in conjunction with Man Middle School and Man Middle teachers have been conducting the "Backpack Program" at the Middle School. The program is devoted to providing food that the children can prepare themselves to ensure that they receive enough food each day. The program currently serves 18 low-income students at the middle school at this time. The VISTA recruited other community volunteers from a local church and items were donated to the church for distribution at the school. The program gives food to the children every Friday and will continue through the end of the school year.

Economic Opportunity

United Way of Central WV - VISTA

United Way CWV VISTA member Lauren Borho, serving with the Mineral County Family Resource Network, reported that her site was instrumental in the reconstruction of a local park. The site partnered with the City of Keyser and received a \$20,000 grant from Kaboom, the city matched \$10,000 and the community donated \$3,500 for the park's new look. The city purchased new play equipment for the park, new plants and cleaned up old yet useful equipment. With over 50 volunteers the park was revamped and the city held a ribbon cutting. The excited children and parents that attended were the first to run, jump and climb on the park's new equipment.

Healthy Futures

WV Community Development Hub– VISTA

Through the efforts of the HUB Farm 2 School VISTA project, The Jackson's Mill Market Garden will accept WIC and Senior vouchers for produce harvested that will allow low income families and seniors to access fresh locally grown produce.

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West Virginia's Promise VISTA, Lisa Berray, serving at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park received the Ticket to Ride Grant through the National Park Foundation for \$8000 in field trip funding for low-income schools in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. The grant will ensure that every student in Jefferson County will have at least one opportunity per year to hike and partake in wellness activities at Harpers Ferry NHP.

WV Campus Compact – VISTA

The WV Campus Compact VISTA member, Rachel Crum, serving at Shepherd University organized the Shepherd University potato drop where volunteers unloaded and sorted 42,000 pounds of potatoes for 30 different hunger relief agencies. The VISTA estimates 299,288 people will benefit

Step by Step– VISTA

Step by Step VISTA, Erica Horton, assisted with an event at the Historic Oak Hill School to provide free baseline physicals and Hepatitis B shots to SALS Youth Build Workers, Experience Works workers, staff and youth that attend the programming there. All of the individuals receiving the services are low-income community members and most do not have medical insurance to cover the cost of these services. This is a monthly event and the VISTA is working to expand the health services provided to include dental exams for the youth in the future.

Best Regards,

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