

Director's Report for September 24, 2018

1. I gave a building tour to Stan Bills from the Snow Redfern Foundation on Sept. 11th. We received \$5,000 from them in 2017 which provided one semester of scholarship funding for five children at the Lakeview CLC and four children at the Roper Before and After School Program. This scholarship assistance covered the money that we did not receive due to the lower rate paid from Title XX payments. The Snow Redfern Foundation is in Alliance, NE. Stan called and said he was coming to Lincoln and wanted a tour of Willard. He was very impressed and told me to make sure that we apply again next year. We have the exact kind of program that they are looking for.
2. We have hired a receptionist that will be working at the front desk on M-W-F mornings and on M-T-Th nights when we have activities in the building. This is going to be a big help to actually have a person in the building at night making sure that the Scouts are not riding up and down the elevator, etc.
3. So far in the building at night we have Boy Scout Troop 55 and Committee meeting along with Swordfighters on Monday nights; Indian Hills adult and child bible study on Tuesday nights; and Cub Scouts and Committee meeting on Thursday nights. Hoping to add more programming once the parking lot is completed
4. Willard got some very nice publicity on Thursday the 18th from the news conference announcing Community Health Endowment of Lincoln 20th Anniversary Legacy Projects. CHE is celebrating 20 years in the community and held a presentation about the agencies that will receive funding and will be making the biggest impact on Lincoln this year. Mourning Hope and Parks and Rec were recognized for the Schroder Park Wellness Campus and for making a positive impact on children and families. Willard got recognized as their partner in this project. CHE is investing \$560,000 in this project in addition to the \$100,000 that Willard has received from them. Food Bank of Lincoln and Lincoln Community Action were honored for the Healthy Food Access Project for their food truck that will deliver fresh produce around town in low income neighborhoods and a community kitchen that will make hot meals for the summer programs and for children across Lincoln.
5. The Community Health Endowment will be holding their Board Meeting at Willard on Sept. 26th at 1:00 pm with tours following at 3:30 pm.