

Communities In Schools of Clark County



December 2009

This is a special "Much to Be Thankful For" edition of the CISCC newsletter. In this newsletter, we want to acknowledge the many blessings our organization has to be grateful for this holiday season.

We Are Grateful For.....

Becoming a Metro United Way Agency!!

In October, CISCC received the fantastic news that we have been accepted as a participating agency with Metro United Way. We are very excited about this honor. We have collaborated with MUW on several projects in the past including 3, 2, 1 Read, Book Harvest, and Camp Kindergarten, and we are so excited about this expanded partnership. We anticipate that it will be extremely beneficial to both agencies. Metro United Way agencies are held to the highest standards of outcomes and business practices and we are extremely proud to have reached this level of operation.

We Are Grateful For....

An Amazing Group of Resource Coordinators

Resource Coordinators are truly the heart and soul of many of the programs and services provided by CISCC. They are responsible for running homework clubs, tutoring students, facilitating service learning clubs, coordinating the 3, 2, 1 Read program, collecting student data, and so much more. And they manage to do all of that in 20 hours a week! We are so very, very grateful for the time, hard work, and love that each of our Resource Coordinators bring to the job. Pictured below are the 2009/2010 School Resource Coordinators: Kara Barrett, Lynn Dierking, Leigh Ann Wahl, Crystal Haynes, Angie Marlin, (second row) Linda Shingleton, Dave Hammond, Kathy Fox, Janet Clark, Dawna Seavers, Gail Terry, and Darrel Haub.

We Are Grateful For.....

Our Dedicated Group of Volunteers

There are not enough words to express the enormous amount of gratitude we have for all of the volunteers who give so generously of their time to CISCC and to the children of Clark County. The work of over **130** CISCC 3, 2, 1 Read volunteers has touched the lives of hundreds of children throughout our community.

We are still recruiting volunteers for the 2009/2010 school year. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a 3, 2, 1 Read volunteer, please contact the CISCC office. The time commitment is minimal and the rewards for both the students and the volunteers are huge.



We Are Grateful For.....

An Awesome Board of Directors

The Communities In Schools of Clark County Board of Directors is made up of a dedicated group of volunteers who donate an incredible amount of their time and passion to CISCC. We are truly thankful for each and every board member. CISCC Board Members for the 2009/2010 school year include: Randy Koetter (Board Chair), Dr. Mary Anne Baker, Andy Bramer, Judge Vicki Carmichael, Lynne Choate, Walt Coppinger, Christina Gilkey, Sandra Gordon, Travis Haire, Kevin Hammersmith, Dr. Polly Hendricks, Kye Hoehn, Dana Huber, Bryan Jackson, Les Kavanaugh, Eric Keller, Kevin Kirchgessner, Shari Lawler, Chip Pfau, Myra Powell, Stephanie Pruitt, Sherriff Danny Rodden, Greg Scales, Dr. Marcia Segal, Billy Sue Smith, Kevin Smith, and Sheryl Yoder.

We Are Grateful For.....

Those Who Continue to Support CISCC by Attending Fundraisers

As we continue to seek funding to sustain CISCC programs and services after the completion of the Lilly CAPE Grant, CISCC is especially grateful for those who continue to support us by attending our fundraising events, such as our annual golf outing and our semi-annual trivial pursuit nights. Our most recent trivia night was held in November at Kye's. Twenty-seven teams participated in the event and we were able to raise almost \$5000! Thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening a success. Pictured below is the winning team.



We Are Grateful For.....

The Optometrists and Interns Who Recently Provided Vision Screenings for over 1400 First Grade Students

During the month of November several local Optometrists and a host of interns generously volunteered their time to partner with CISCC and provide free vision screenings for every first grade student in all of Clark County's 17 public elementary schools. Thank you Dr. Michael Brumit, Dr. Marcus Braaten, Dr. Brian Van Der Ploeg, Dr. Polly Hendricks, Dr. Gary Mestel, Dr. Steve Mattas, and Dr. Kelly Dice (pictured).



We Are Grateful For.....

The Opportunity to Teach Students to Give Back

We received word in November that CISCC was awarded a \$5000 grant from the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana. The grant is to fund Service Learning projects in each of our ten supported schools. Resource Coordinators will facilitate these Service Clubs that will allow identified students to choose and implement projects that will help others throughout the community.

We Are Grateful For.....

An Outstanding Executive Director

CISCC's Executive Director, Cathy Graninger was recently named one of five finalists for the Clark County Woman of the Year. Cathy was recognized for the many ways she makes our community a better place. We are proud of you, Cathy! Thank you for all you do.

We Are Grateful For.....

Keeping Children Warm this Winter

CISCC will be providing over 80 brand new winter coats this year for children who may otherwise go without. Through this "Warm Christmas" Program we have been able to provide hundreds of coats to needy children over the past four years.

We Are Grateful For.....

Our Partners in the CAPE Grant

The Lilly Endowment CAPE Grant has been an enormous blessing for CISCC and we remain extremely grateful to our partners in providing the programs and services outlined in the grant: Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, Centerstone Mental Health Services, New Hope Services, River Hills Economic Development, Head Start, and Winnie Walker. We are also incredibly grateful to the three Clark County School Systems for allowing us to partner with them and for their continued support.

We Are Grateful For.....YOU!

If you have received this newsletter, then that means that you have been involved with CISCC in some way. It is only because of people like you that we are able to continue to serve the children of Clark County. Whether it is through your time, a donation, or your continued interest and support of our organization, we sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Also, we are attempting to "go green" and distribute many newsletters via email, however if you would prefer to receive your newsletter through the U.S. Mail, just let us know and we will happily mail a printed copy of all future newsletters to your home or business.

To learn more about CISCC and find out how you can be more involved, please contact Cathy Graninger or Michelle Allen by phone at (812) 280-0028, or by email at cls@ciscclark.org. Your gift to our organization will help continue our important work. All gifts are tax deductible as we are a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations and correspondence can be sent to our address at 1406 Frederick Ave., Jeffersonville, IN 47130.