Akron Chapter Reading and Literacy

Literacy Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Ongoing yearly, 6 events throughout the year

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $1500

**Partnerships**

Backpack Adventure has multiple partners: the Akron Public Schools; Akron Zoo; Dominion Gas; Buckeye Health; Nationwide Insurance; City of Akron

Partners sponsor a booth for the give-a-way of back to school supplies for 3000 Akron Public School Students in grades 1-5. CCS also provides volunteers for the two day event.

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 4,000

Age range of clients served: 5-14

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): 50

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Weekly In-school Tutoring Program; Book distribution;

Guest Readers ; Greeter and distribute school supplies; coordinate with schools for special events (Dr. Seuss

Celebration).

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: support literacy throughout the Akron community through a variety of events and

activities.

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? Books, bookmarks, pencils , crayons , activity sheets,

games, posters.

The Akron Literacy Program responded to the request to create and implement a focused literacy and reading program with a more hands-on program that aligns with the strategic plan in collaboration with many community partners. Along with Akron Public Schools and the Literacy Committee, CCS successfully launched the Weekly Tutoring Program and “Adopted” Crouse Community Learning Center as a partner. Working closely with the Reading Coordinator and Principal, over thirty-five tutors meet weekly with a second-grade student, who had been a struggling reader. The tutors and students work on vocabulary skills, word games and sight word flash cards along with reading aloud to help them meet or exceed grade level skills.

The Literacy Committee, and member volunteers completed the four previous components of this service project. The Christ Child Society of Akron provided supplies and volunteers for the Annual Backpack Adventure at the Akron Zoo, for the fall Semester, volunteers participated in the Read-to-Me Day at Crouse. CCS members read to students in grades k-6 that day and presented each class with an assortment of books to keep for their classroom library. Dr. Seuss’ Birthday was celebrated at Crouse where CCS provided guest readers, books,

pencils and stickers for the students in grades K-3. For the end of the school year CCS provided summer reading books for all Kindergarten students and a book for each tutoring student.

Additionally, several members continued to do weekly tutoring in several of the elementary schools. Towards the end of the school year, to encourage summer reading for some early learners, new hard-backed books were provided to kindergarten students at Schumacher CLC, and books for the Buchtel cluster summer education program.

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