

LEADERSHIP MONTGOMERY CLASS XXIX
FINAL PROJECT REPORT FORM
Due Friday, April 26th, 2013

TITLE OF THE PROJECT: *FoodForKids – Montgomery*

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THEMATIC AREA: Education

DATE(S) OF IMPLEMENTATION: From November 2012 to May 2013

DURATION OF PROJECT: Seven months, and can be easily replicated with continued funding

PROJECT LOCATION: Capital Heights Middle School and Carver Elementary School

MEDIA OUTLETS CONTACTED: N/A

NAMES OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING PHOTOS: Kenley Obas and Ken Scott

NAMES OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR WRITING NEWS STORIES OR OTHER ACCOUNTS: N/A

FINAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION: *FOODforKIDS-MONTGOMERY* was designed to demonstrate the value, in terms of better health, grades, attitudes and self-esteem, of providing weekend food for homeless children in Montgomery's public schools. We talked with members of True Divine Baptist Church, which had started a similar program at Brewbaker Elementary School a few weeks earlier, about their procedures and issues. We established the first pilot program at Capitol Heights Middle School. Approval for this demonstration was secured by the principal, Bobby Abrams, from MPS. We raised \$3,250 from several sources including, Publix, Alfa, St. James Methodist Church, Target, and Little Mountain Growers. We established Leadership Montgomery as an agency authorized to shop at the Montgomery Area Regional Food Bank. Target gave us enough backpacks to begin with 12 qualified homeless students at Capitol Heights. These packs were each filled with six to eight pounds of food purchased at 18 cents on the dollar from the Food Bank, and given to the students every Friday afternoon. Parent volunteers received training on Food Bank procedures, and did most of the shopping each week. This program now has 25 students participating, all with parental or guardian approval. A second demonstration began at Carver Elementary School in March, 2013. The same procedures were followed. That program now has 22 students with more asking to come in. Time and other constraints have prevented us from fully evaluating the effect of this program on student grades, health, attitudes, and self-esteem. We expect to have sufficient funds remaining to augment any monies raised by the local PTA to continue the program at least at Carver, during 2014. Perhaps some answers to these questions will be forthcoming at a later time or in replication of the program in future classes.



Capitol Heights Middle School
Backpack Distribution Process



Funding Sources

Graphical Representation of the *FOODforKIDS-MONTGOMERY* Process

Figure 1



WHO WAS SERVED AND HOW MANY PEOPLE BENEFITTED? Homeless children in Montgomery Public Schools were served. About 50 children are now each receiving approximately eight pounds of food every Friday.

OTHER AGENCIES AND GROUPS WHO WERE INVOLVED: Montgomery Area Regional Food Bank; Alabama State University; Montgomery Public Schools; Alfa; Publix; Target; Little Mountain Growers; True Divine Baptist Church; Leadership Montgomery; St. James United Methodist Church.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS PROJECT: This project was intended to demonstrate the applicability of Backpacking as a way to provide food for homeless children during the weekends. It proved successful at both the elementary and middle school levels. It will continue next year at Carver Elementary, and might conceivably be adopted by others as the year progresses. It will require leadership from MPS administrators, school principals and faculty, and from local parent volunteers.

Will this be an ongoing project or will it be a one-time project? As indicated in the previous paragraph, this remains to be seen.

If it will be on-going, who will carry the project forward? This is to be determined.

Describe exactly how your project will be implemented. (Use the back if necessary.)
Reference the Education Team's report, dated May 28, 2013, pp. 5-7. (Full Report attached.)

What is the duration of your skit? Approximately 4-5 Minutes.

What is the duration of your presentation? Approximately 15-18 Minutes.

Describe your presentation. Be sure to include each member of the team in the presentation in some way.

The presentation is a combination of video clips with music overlays, slides, and scripts. Kenley Obas will open the presentation with an introduction to the project; Bob Lane will provide a recorded clip discussing details of project and how important parental and school involvement has been; Ken Scott and Mike Rowell will speak about the issues of money and the value of the Montgomery Area Regional Food Bank to the success of the project; Charlesetta Robinson will discuss the role that Capitol Heights Middle School played in the project and the process of food distribution; Larry Curry and Allen Newton will provide a powerful conclusion to the presentation to emphasize the success of the project.

Which of the following AV equipment will you need Leadership Montgomery to provide?
 Laptop Projector Flip Chart Small Table other (please describe)

Inventory of items submitted, April 26, 2013, from Education Team, Leadership Class XXIX:

1. Final Project Report Form with Cover Page from Leadership Montgomery, Class XXIX, Education Team;
2. Group Report, Education Team, Leadership Montgomery, Class XXIX, dated 28 May 2013;
3. Presentation slides+video on DVD;
4. Photos from the team members in various stages of development, food bank training, distribution at the participating schools;
5. All items labeled for "Education Team, Class XXIX."