

2014 Needs Assessment for Sumter

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Accomplishments

Children of the Village Network, Inc. is Sumter County's Children's Policy Council. Our annual accomplishments are noted below. Our sustained programs involved the

*Food bank that distributes the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to approximately 200 clients total per month.

*COTV food bank Brown Bag program distributes monthly groceries to 49 senior citizens within the county.

*A partnership with Pizza Hut provides the means for COTV to distribute semi-weekly pizza to after-school programs, athletes, day cares, housing development residents and local softball teams in the summer time every Tuesday and Thursday.

*COTV receives processed deer meat from R&J Meathouse seasonally.

June 2014

Judge Montgomery and staff will co-host a Fairy Tale Mock Trial along with the Girl Scout Troop-Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama Law School.

Black Belt Community Foundation grant to produce Rosenwald School poster to the Sumter County Board of Education

May 2014

COTV chairwoman and VP presented gifts to valedictorian and salutatorian from SCHS, local public high school.

COTV VP attended award ceremonies at Sumter Academy, Kinterbish Jr. High, Livingston Jr. High and Sumter Central High School respectively.

Finalized Alabama Power Grass Root tree planting project.

Accepted National Letter Carriers Association food drive donation 2014 to COTV food bank.

Scholarship committee accepted scholarship applications.

April 2014

Pizza party for fairy tale mock trial costume contest winner's class.

Fatal Vision Program hosted for 11th grade students within the county in anticipation of their prom at Livingston Center with MADD and the Alabama State Troopers.

COTV President and Vice-President attended JROTC Military Ball at Sumter Central High School.

Alabama Power Grass Root tree project kick-off involving purchasing and planting trees at our center.

COTV President received Girl Scout Woman of Distinction Award 2014 for COTV steering and outstanding service.

COTV Chairwoman, President and Vice President made an appearance at each prom to encourage sobriety for Sumter Academy and Sumter Central High School respectively.

COTV Chairwoman, President and Vice President attended city council meetings to obtain signature from each mayor for Power Talk 21 Proclamations/MADD 2014 proposals.

March 2014

COTV hosted the Dr. Seuss Celebration for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. The event was held at the COTV center.

COTV received Outstanding Benefactor Award for exceptional contribution through leadership and distinguished service from the Alabama Community Education Association. The award ceremony was held in Montgomery, AL.

COTV and Sumter Co. District Court held their annual "Little Red Riding Hood Fairy Tale" Mock Trial for 3rd graders to dissuade children from bullying.

February 2014

Pizza party for "Guns and Drugs Are Out" Mock Trial poster contest winner's class.

COTV VP attended the countywide oratorical contest and presented "Black Legacy" calendars. The calendars were donated by community partner Wheels and Spokes Motorcycle Club.

COTV chairwoman, president, vice president presented award certificates, food coupons and trinkets to oratorical contest winners at Livingston Jr. High, York West End, Kinterbish Jr. High, North Sumter Jr. High and Sumter Central High schools respectively.

COTV provided accommodations for the distribution of free Emergency Response Telephones to senior citizens and disabled citizens within the county by the County Commission.

COTV VP attended a black history program at Kinterbish Jr. High.

December 2013

COTV presented Christmas trinkets to 4th grade students who were mock trial poster contest winners.

COTV presented Santa letters to Macy's in support of the Macy's Make A Wish Campaign.

November 2013

Kick-off to collect Santa letters in support of the Macy's Make A Wish Campaign.

COTV and Sumter Co. District Court held the annual "Guns and Drugs Are Out" Mock Trial for 4th graders.

October 2013

COTV sponsored movie day for public and private school 10th grade students and teachers within the county.

Approximately 130 public school students accepted our invitation to see the movie "The Butler."

COTV participated in AYP Motivational day at Livingston Jr. High School for grades K-8th grade by providing pizza coupons, wrist bands, halloween bags and trinkets.

COTV Chair and President met with Sumter Co. Board of Education Superintendent and new truancy officer regarding the recently instituted truancy plan.

COTV donated trinkets in support of Boyd Community day and a senior citizen event in Cuba community.

September 2013

Screening applicants for CJPO/VP of COTV.

Met with Community in Action.

August 2013

Scholarship committee met to screen 2012 applications for award.

July 2013

TV and radio PSA's regarding distracted driving and underage drinking and driving aired on local tv stations and radio.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Juvenile Prevention

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
The CJPO Cora Hutchins is in place to promote programs so that children do not become delinquents. Sumter Co. District Court has several prevention and intervention projects throughout the year to dissuade children from engaging in delinquent behavior.	Summer employment would be very helpful to allow children to take on the responsibilities of being employed and earning income from their labor. This area lacks YMCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs and other social environments that teach athletic skills as well as academics.

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Our CPC utilizes grants and donations to manage the costs of our intervention programs.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Vulnerable Families

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Children of the Village Network, Inc., (CPC) Children of the Village Network, Inc., Food bank and clothing closet National Association of Letter Carriers-Stamp Out Hunger Food collection West Alabama Food Bank Sumer Co. Department of Human Resources Corporate Partners such as: Wal-Mart, Pizza Hut, West Alabama Bank & Trust, Regions Bank, General Dollar	Jobs for adults and juveniles Financial resources to fund parent leadership conferences Funding for honors and merit programs

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Our food bank continues to distribute bi-weekly to eligible persons and BrownBag distribution monthly to 49 senior citizens.

PSA regarding food bank distribution.

PSA regarding distracted driving.

Upon receipt of adequate funding and personnel we will conduct an 8 week effective parenting course.

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Child Literacy

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Children of the Village Network, Inc. (CPC) Sumter Co. Board of Education Pizza Hut United Way of West Alabama Wheels & Spokes Motorcycle Club LexisNexis Wal-Mart Individual donors	Adequate funding is relevant to the realization of each action item.

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

Having a grant writer on staff would help greatly. Funding for such a employee is requested.