

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers have served the Family Resource Center in a multitude of ways in the nearly 30 years we've been located in Carroll. In fact, the agency was founded by volunteers and has never stopped needing them.

In an effort to make our communities stronger and safer for children to call *home* these volunteers give of their time, talent, and treasure in the following ways:

- Serve as board members
- Help families in need at Christmas
- Volunteer to help at the Fall Affair
- Provide food and entertainment for the Fall Affair
- Provide essentials for the necessities closet
- donate funding for client needs to pay for basics such as a utility deposit, gas cards, phone cards, grocery cards, medication, etc.
- On-call hours to man the pagers for crisis situations
- Additional hours as in-kind by service providers to respond to a crisis, complete paperwork, accompany them as an advocate when the need exists, sit with them in the hospital "just to keep them company so they're not alone"
- Serve on building committee to construct a new building
- Shop and work in the community to provide a meaningful Christmas for families in need
- Baking at holiday time so families have fresh baked goods in their Christmas basket
- Donate food, furniture, and other items that consumers setting up a home need but can't afford
- Go shopping for toys and teach their own families about the real value and joy of giving
- Donate to Toys for Tots and designate the Family Resource Center as the receiving agency for those goods
- Purchase advertising to promote a need that isn't in program budgets of the agency

By everyone doing a little, it adds up to a lot...

17,000 volunteer hours & services

\$330,000 value

The reward for this volunteerism doubles because it allows us to show local community support and matching funds for grants

Fall Affair story

2008 will mark the 3rd year of the Family Resource Center Fall Affair. It was a brain child of a board member who felt the community needed to have an opportunity to see the good that is accomplished quietly, daily, relentlessly -- while those untouched by a need for our services go on about their lives. It is held the first Thursday of November each year, and it allows the Board to showcase the quality of work for the community's benefit that is pursued. Many hands doing a little form a team, and together we accomplish a lot. It also provides a kickoff for the attendees to adopt a family for Christmas, or an opportunity to give to the Necessities Closet

Holiday Giving for Families in Need

The 2007 holiday season presented us with two families who had lost all their belongings in house fires just weeks before the holidays. The Family Resource Center was able to find donors willing to give gifts, beds, clothing, food and cleaning supplies, phone and gas cards to shore these families up for the holidays and give them healing time with reduced stress.