

Zion Township Updates 12/16/14

“Compassionately challenging Zion residents to overcome hardships and encourage positive life changes.”

Zion Township is a people-centered local government agency that coordinates area resources and offers a variety of assistance programs to give our residents options to address their critical situations.

- Monthly Report is not attached. We found items that were not tabulating correctly in the system. All of them are being tweaked for the year-end report.
- The Elf Network will be completed on Wednesday, December 17, 2014. Zion Township and Zion Elementary, ZBTHS and Beach Park School Social Workers have identified 94 families that will be supported at Christmas by Santa for the Very Poor, as well as Kiwanis, Zion-Benton Moose Lodge #667, Zion Elementary personnel, Wesley Free Methodist Church, Razzle Dazzles, and Bernie's Books. Love INC worked with area churches to provide clothing and Christ Community Church provided a wonderful dinner for all the families. Special thanks to Kay (Kewalee) Muangkaew, Andrea and Armando Menendez, Diana and Jacqueline Carrillo, Miss Zion – Mackenzie Cmiel and her mother, Dawn as well as Junior Miss Zion Zoe Herburger and her mother Charlene Kuhler, and Angela and Kailee Jackola for donating their Saturday morning to attend the Santa for the Very Poor packing event at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Chicago. They were overwhelmed by the efforts of that organization in providing gifts for our local families. Special thanks for Julie Wendorf for ALL her help over the years, and condolences for the loss of her mother. Zion Township has already met with the agencies involved to create a plan to better assist families next year in accessing resources to help them move out of the situation that makes them need help with Christmas.
- Brochures to help residents and partner agencies better understand what all Zion Township does are available in our office.
- Consumer Credit Counseling Services are available for one-on-one consultation at Zion Township each Thursday. To make an appointment, call 815-338-5757.
- Community of Character words have been chosen and defined. Watch the ZB News, ZB Guide and ZB Community of Character Facebook page in January 1st!!!
- Zion Township partnered with Zion Elementary District to create the Youth Leadership Team. Youth are being trained in the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. At the meeting on 12/10/14, youth assisted in defining the actions that residents could take to show what Respect and Responsibility look like in the community, businesses, parks and in travel areas. This information will be shared with the Community of Character committee.
- The building across the street from Zion Township is being rented by the Lake County Health Department Behavior Services to provide the Williams Consent Decree program, which enables qualifying individuals with mental illness professional support to live independently. They will be opening at the end of January hopefully.
- Zion Township will be closed on December 24 and 25, as well as December 31 and January 1st for the holidays. We will be very short-staffed from December 19 thru January 5th, due to much needed vacations by staff.