

Zion Township Updates 8/19/14

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

The role of Zion Township is to act as a linkage and referral network to residents of the Zion community, that are facing hardship.

- ✓ • Monthly Report Attached.
- ✓ • New brochure created to help residents and partner agencies better understand what all Zion Township does.
- ✓ • Community of Character Challenge from August 23 – September 15th to get feedback from as many residents as possible on the Six Words we would choose to change our community. Information will be in businesses, on Facebook, in schools, government agencies, community events and the Jubilee Days Parade. Also go to www.zbchc.com to make sure your word is included!
- ✓ • Community of Character Walk at Zion Park District Band Shell on Thursday, September 11th at 6pm, walking to Salem Blvd by Police Station for movie and community activities. ALL interested residents are invited to attend.
- ✓ • Consumer Credit Counseling Services are available for one-on-one consultation at Zion Township each Thursday. To make an appointment, call 815-338-5757.
- ✓ • Summer Work Program was successful with 32 of 34 completing the program and each youth receiving an individualized evaluation by their supervisor. 5 employees were nominated for Employee of the Year, with Justin Wood taking home the honor. 6 supervisors were nominated for Supervisor of the Year, with Sarah Washkoviak, Youth Services Director at the Zion-Benton Public Library taking home that honor. Additionally, one of the youth was hired for a part-time position with the Library after the program ended.
- ✓ • Zion Benton Leadership Academy has chosen this year's 12 participants. Mentors will be solicited this week and both announced soon after!
- ✓ • Senator Melinda Bush's job fair at the Zion Park District brought in 280 job seekers.