

## Township Updates 7/21/15

“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 Reports for May and June, 2015 attached.
- The Summer Work Program is coming to a close. The focus this year was on building a foundation of a work ethic and integrating the SIX Community of Character words: Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility, Integrity, Safety and Kindness. Keayon Senter, Chris Kubic, MacArthur White and Rod Henry worked as a team to assist in making this program the best it could be. Special recognition goes to Gail Gloudemans, the Assistant Township Supervisor for her dedication to revitalizing the program this year. The year included a visit to Feed My Starving Children, where the youth packaged food to feed 7,080 meals. The awards dinner will be held on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Zion Park District Shiloh Center. Trustees are invited to attend.
- The Coalition for Healthy Communities was selected to receive a generous grant from Vitalsmarts to educate 25 community leaders from across our diverse tri-community in a highly sought after corporate training, Crucial Conversations. It is intended for our community to be a model of how to address difficult conversations that separate us and truly be an example of what can happen when people learn how to overcome barriers. The training will be held in late August and early September.
- The Zion-Benton Leadership Academy participants have been chosen! The names will be shared next month when the program kicks off.
- ZB Community of Character is looking for nominations for people who are caught living out the character traits of respect, perseverance, responsibility, safety, Integrity and kindness. Send nominations to [zbcharacterclub@gmail.com](mailto:zbcharacterclub@gmail.com).
- The next ZB Run will be on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8am in support of the Zion Park District Foundation. For more info, go to [www.zbrun.org](http://www.zbrun.org).