# JCYF NEWSLETTER



### Jennings County Youth Foundation



# **CHRISTMAS 2019**

### Serving our Community this Christmas

February 22 JCYF met with representatives from Toys for Tots, Spark of Kindness, Jennings County School Corporation, and First Baptist church to discuss how each organization helps our community during the Christmas season. The goal of this meeting was to compare how each organization helps, view overlapping or neglected services, share ideas and recommendations for improving services, share resources, and support each other to reach our goals.

A majority of our time was spent on discussing each organization, how the organizations help families during Christmas, and what resources are used to help purchase clothing and gifts for families. The organizations need more time to figure out dates and compile lists of families in need.

We will be having another discussion around October to share dates and the needs of the community so that we can better help our families in Jennings County. If you are part of an organization that helps families during the Christmas season, please like our Facebook page to receive information about our upcoming events.

Click to here see information from our event:

Affordable Christmas 2018



### **THANKS TO YOU!**

### The Importance of Volunteering

Jennings County Youth Foundation is a nonprofit organization completely ran by volunteers. We rely on the enthusiasm and generosity of our many supporters.

We have numerous volunteers that help at events such as the Summer Food Program, Summer Kids Camp, and the Affordable Christmas. However, we would love for the community to become more involved in the committees.

Our committees are the heart and soul of the Jennings County Youth Foundation. During our committee meetings we come up with new ideas to support our youth, ways to improve our current programs, and fundraising ideas to support our programs.

Collaborating with the community is an excellent way for us to improve upon what we are doing. We want to know what you (the community) want. We want your input on how to best help our youth.

#### 10 reasons to volunteer:

- 10: It's good for you mentally and physically
- 9: It brings people together
- 8: You learn new skills
- 7: It reduces your stress
- 6: You learn a lot about yourself and your community
- 5: It strengthens the community
- 4: You get to give back to your community
- 3: You make the community a better place
- 2: It's fun and you make new friends

#### 1: YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

#### Resources:

North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Maui Volunteer Center Global Vision International 66

Volunteers are
not paid.
Not because
they are
worthless, but
because they
are
PRICELESS!



**GET INVOLVED** 

How can you get involved?

You can RSVP to attend our committee meetings on our website. We hold meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We would love to hear from you.

Our committee meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the JCYF office. The address is 100 S. Webster Street, North Vernon, IN 47265.

You can also like our Facebook page. We have been sending surveys out on Facebook to get your input!

# VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER

JCYF will be hosting a volunteer thank you dinner. The dinner will take place on April 6th at the Community Building, which is located at the Jennings County Fairgrounds.

We will share more information on our website and Facebook page. Make sure that you like our page so that you will see the information as it is added.

We will be sending out Save the Dates soon. Please make sure that you RSVP so that we can plan accordingly.



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Board Meetings	Committee Meetings
3/20/2019	3/13/2019
4/17/2019	4/10/2019
5/15/2019	5/8/2019
6/19/2019	6/12/2019
7/17/2019	7/10/2019
8/21/2019	8/14/2019
9/18/2019	9/11/2019
10/16/2019	10/9/2019
11/20/2019	11/13/2019
12/18/2019	12/11/2019

We encourage everyone to come to our meetings and share your ideas with us.

You can also share your ideas online. Just click the picture below to view the Padlet board.

Click the "Add" button to add a new idea to the board.

We hope to hear from you!

