



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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The Executive Director of **The Threshold** contacted Paul to facilitate a process with the organization's leadership that would result in 3-4 goals for the organization to achieve over the next three years. The mission of The Threshold is to create opportunities for people with disabilities. After a pre-planning meeting with the Executive Director, Paul designed and facilitated a strategic thinking process that engaged 22 participants over three sessions.

As a result of Paul's facilitation, 94% agreed that the process of identifying and prioritizing goals increased their ability to identify issues and set priorities and 89% agreed that the process of creating goal statements increased their ability to clearly define strategic positions their organization desires to achieve. Overall, participants rated Paul's facilitation as excellent (4.6 on a 5-point Likert Scale). One participant commented that they "really appreciate Paul's facilitation. He does an excellent job of understanding the ins and outs of an organization that he is not familiar with." Since Paul's facilitation, the organization's board formally approved the goal statements.



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Program Highlights January 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- Wed., Jan., 9th** **Supporting Farmers Mtg.** Millhome Supper Club, Kiel, 9am-12pm
- Thu., Jan., 17th** **Dairy InSight: Marketing.** Belgium Legion Hall, 10:30am-12:30pm
- Thu., Jan., 17th** **Introduction to the Master Gardener Program.** Public Agency Center, 6:00pm-7:30pm
- Thu., Jan., 28th** **Robotic Milking Systems.** Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, 10:00am-3:00pm
- Thu., Jan., 30th** **Pesticide Applicator Training.** Public Agency Center, 9:00am-2:00pm

FEBRUARY

- Tue., Feb., 12th** **Taking Care of You series-Session 1,** Family Center, West Bend, 6-8pm
- Tue., Feb., 19th** **Taking Care of You series-Session 2,** Family Center, West Bend, 6-8pm

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

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Beef Quality Assurance Certification trainings were offered at many locations across Wisconsin. Twenty-two participants were in attendance at the Washington County location where Stephanie was the trainer. Based on a 5-point Likert scale, participants rated their knowledge before and after each session. Participants indicated a 1.5 point increase in knowledge of “the use of beef check-off dollars,” a 0.8 point increase in knowledge on “consumer perception of beef production,” a 0.4 point increase in knowledge on “beef care and husbandry practices,” a 0.4 point increase in knowledge on “feedstuff guidelines,” a 0.5 point increase in knowledge on “feed additives and medication,” and a 0.8 point increase in knowledge on “injectable animal health products.” Two participants commented, “Stephanie explained the topics well.” When asked which management practices participants intended to implement or change after attending the training, they indicated improving their handling facilities which is the largest contributor to cattle bruising and can cause animals stress if not properly designed.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Welcoming New Families: On November 29th, 25 families attended Part 1 of New Family Orientation—Welcome to 4-H. It provided families with a chance to better understand 4-H terms, the opportunities that are available through 4-H, what role parents play and to answer questions that they might have.

The evaluations were positive. 22 adults responded “yes” to “Would you encourage other new families to attend?” Several youth commented that they enjoyed learning camp songs.

4-H Lock-In: On December 8th–9th, 4-H held its annual lock-in at the West Bend YMCA. This is for youth in 4th–8th grade, facilitated by high school youth and chaperoned by adults. There were over 80 youth that attended the lock-in. There were activities all night including, open gym, crafts, structured games, swimming, movies, racquetball, dodge ball and a sleeping area for those that couldn’t stay up the entire night.

Cloverbud Workshop: The first workshop for Cloverbuds was held on Dec. 15th at the Fair Park. Over 30 youth in 5K–2nd grade attended with a parent and made an ornament and a snowman wind chime.



FAMILY LIVING EDUCATION

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Washington County Home and Community Education (WCHCE): WCHCE members had the opportunity to participate in educational programs at the club, county, district and state level this past year. Over 20 WCHCE members attended the state conference in Pewaukee last September and HCE officers attended the district meeting hosted by Kenosha County in October. County programs included “Medical Research in Our Backyard” with a tour at Spaulding Clinical and “Casa Guadalupe: The Bridge of Integration” presented by Director Noelle Braun. Conversations generated at county meetings once again provided the space to ask thoughtful and impactful questions to gain a better understanding of issues that effect our families and communities. County educational programs had over 275 attendees, including attendees from the general public. Each club also holds 9 meetings per year.

A new partnership with Karl’s Place was established in which household baskets were given to clients after participating in their program. Members again coordinated the annual Mitten Drive for children in the county. Over 800 pieces were delivered in the county.



NUTRITION EDUCATION (FoodWise/SNAP-Ed)

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FoodWise has expanded educational outreach in FY19 to youth at **McLane Elementary School** (West Bend), enrollees in **Casa Guadalupe Education Center’s** after school reading program. The MyPlate lesson was also provided at another site, **Green Tree Elementary** (West Bend), reaching a total of 15 youth, K-Grade 2. 87% of the youth participated in the food tasting (containing the featured vegetable from Harvest of the Month, a **Well Washington County** initiative); 80% took the HOTM mini poster www.washozwi.gov/harvest-of-the-month, and indicated they intend to make the bell pepper recipe at home with their families.

Multi-level programming efforts: Renee engaged in indirect education and networked with **Molina Healthcare, Feeding America, Full Shelf Food Pantry, United Way, and The Threshold Inc.** at the third mobile pantry in West Bend. Further, she provided assistance at Enchantment (food collection event for **Full Shelf Food Pantry**), training a new Board member and networking with volunteers; participated in Casa’s Breakfast with a Professional event; and suggested at **Head Start’s** Policy Council meeting monthly posting of HOTM on their Facebook page.