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CIS of Puyallup's 8th Annual "Friendraiser" Breakfast and Auction

On March 27, 2013 Communities In Schools of Puyallup held its 8th Annual "Friendraiser" Breakfast and Auction at the Washington State Fairgrounds. Approximately 200 people, representing a diverse array of businesses and professions, were in attendance. Through the generous contributions of community members, we were able to raise nearly \$15,000 to support effective CIS programs and services for the students of Puyallup.

Patti McMullan of Emerald Ridge High School was the recipient of the 2012-2013 Educator of the Year Award in recognition of all the fine work she does to inspire students to learn and achieve. The award for Student Citizen of the Year was presented to senior Amisha Parikh for her extensive dedication to community service. Communities In Schools of Puyallup was also proud to recognize Jerry Kelly as the CISP Volunteer of the Year Award winner in recognition of the 10 years he has spent generously giving his time and support to struggling students as part of our Good Samaritan Readers Program.

Our keynote speaker was Terrie Garrison, principal at Sunrise Elementary. Her speech highlighted the partnership between Sunrise and CISP and the positive impact site coordination has had on transforming the lives of at-risk children at that school.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of Communities In Schools of Puyallup we want to thank everyone who attended and volunteered at our 8th Annual "Friendraiser" Breakfast and Auction. We also want to thank everyone who partnered with us to make this event successful. Your support is the foundation of our success.

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors:

WA State Fair



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Educator & Student Citizen of the Year MC Melanie Stambaugh



Volunteer of the Year

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Save the Date
Saturday, September 28, 2013
CIS Fundraiser Golf Tournament



March Gladness 2013 32 Schools Making 1 Big Difference

For the past eight years, the passing of the month of March signals the completion of our district wide community service program, March Gladness. This year the March Gladness leadership team set out to fulfill their mission of '32 Schools Making 1 Big Difference.' \$58,652.37, 25,902 items, and 4,168 volunteer hours later, our students and staff truly made a dynamic impact in our community.

From January to March more than 14,000 students and staff participated in fundraisers, supply drives, food drives, and hands-on service projects. Highlighting a few of this year's 75 projects: Rogers High School raised \$3,600.00 to benefit Mary and the Cystic Research Foundation; Puyallup High School collected 8,000 items for the Puyallup Food Bank and \$200.00 during their Pack the Gym in support of the Special Olympics programs at Puyallup and Rogers High Schools; Ayleen Jr. High raised \$4,044.66 during their Cash for Cancer Drive supporting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; Ferrucci Jr. High hosted a 'Cops versus Teachers' Basketball game that raised \$5,965.00 for the Casen Buswell Charity; Woodland Elementary raised \$11,371.00 through several projects in support a local family; and Sunrise Elementary raised 1,800 food items for the Salvation Army. To see the full report of individual school projects, visit: <http://marchgladness.org/projects/2013-report/>

A special thank you goes to Communities In Schools of Puyallup's Senior Student Representative, Autumn Fenz. As the leader of the March Gladness leadership team, Autumn has dedicated numerous hours to coordinating March Gladness 2013. We wish Autumn the best as she graduates from Puyallup High School and attends the University of Washington in Seattle to study Business Administration in the fall.



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Fill the Canoe School Supply Drive



Each year Communities In Schools of Puyallup (CISP) collects school supplies for local students in need; and those needs continue to grow.

In 2012, almost 1/3 of Puyallup School district students were classified as at or below the poverty line, and more than 330 of those students were homeless.

For the fourth consecutive year, CISP is partnering with Red Canoe Credit Union to host the "Fill the Canoe" school supply drive from August 5 – 23. In tandem with convenient drop off locations throughout Puyallup, Red Canoe will have a large display in their lobby at 165th and Meridian for the public to fill with much needed items. The Credit Union will then **match these donations pound-for-pound** to make an even bigger impact.

Last year our community raised over 2,900 pounds, and CISP was able to distribute backpacks and school supplies to school counselors at every school in our district –**all 32 of them!**

Once again this year, we need your help to reach our goal of 2,900 pounds. You can:

- Donate supplies: This summer visit <http://www.fillthecanoe.com> for a complete list of drop off locations and high-need items.
- Host your own Fill the Canoe supply drive: Collect 30 pounds or more to qualify for on-site pickup at your business by the Red Canoe mobile, complete with photo opportunity and post-event PR benefits.
- Volunteer to sort supplies and stuff backpacks.

For more information please contact Bridget O'Connor, Red Canoe Credit Union (253-942-3111, boconnor@redcanoecu.com) or Jan Mauk, Communities In Schools of Puyallup (Maukje@puyallup.k12.wa.us, 253-435-6689).

Wednesday After-School Programs

In 2004, the Puyallup School District adopted a Wednesday early release schedule to provide teachers with more time for preparation and coordination of services and to ensure that parents had a consistent schedule of planned half-days. In recognition of the impact this policy had for families and their scheduling, the Puyallup School District partnered with Communities In Schools of Puyallup to offer a wide range of enrichment programs in a safe and nurturing environment for elementary school students. These programs were offered on a district-wide basis, and since their inception in 2004, thousands of students have participated in enrichment activities ranging from martial arts, to art classes, to chess, and theater.

In 2012, the Board of Directors of the Puyallup School District decided to replace the Wednesday early release schedule with a late-start Monday. After giving the matter careful and deliberative consideration, the CISP Board of Directors has decided not to offer after-school programs on a district-wide basis starting in the 2013-2014 school year.

Though it is with sadness that we say goodbye to these programs, we also recognize that the Wednesday After-School Programs were established to fill a specific need in the district. With the disappearance of this need, it is no longer tenable to offer these programs as they have existed. In order to continue to serve the students of Puyallup, we must grow and evolve as an organization in accordance with the changing needs of the district.

However, Communities In Schools of Puyallup will continue to offer academic assistance programs in early literacy and numeracy, mentoring, access to basic resources, and will offer free enrichment programs for students, as funding allows, at our established school sites: Karshner, Stewart, and Sunrise Elementary. We are also pleased to announce that we will continue our partnership with Mountain View Community Center and the programs they offer to the students of Northwood and Mt. View Elementary.

The Board of Directors and Staff of Communities In Schools of Puyallup would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to all of the providers and volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to make the Wednesday After-School Programs possible.

Volunteers Needed for the 2013-2014 School Year

We are recruiting volunteers for our Good Samaritan Readers Program for next school year. Commitment is one hour per week from Oct.—June.

Training Provided

<http://www.puyallup.ciswa.org/get-involved/>

Help us further our reach and deepen our impact by donating your time, talent, or resources.

From cash donations to in-kind contributions (school supplies, food/ beverages for events, etc.) to corporate sponsorships and volunteer hours --anything that might be helpful is appreciated. Click here for more information on supporting Communities In Schools of Puyallup

<http://www.puyallup.ciswa.org/get-involved/donate>

