

Community Newsletter



Community Involvement & Volunteers

One unique aspect of CDS Lakeshore Head Start is the variety of opportunities for community involvement and volunteering. It may be assumed that opportunities for interning or volunteering with CDS are only available to people in early childhood programs. However, we have been able to offer internship and volunteer opportunities in a variety of areas including health services, social work and marketing. We have also benefited from businesses and community volunteers who have helped us with painting, cleaning, and organization projects.

We have been fortunate to have volunteer students from various educational institutes, including Baker College, Careerline Tech Center, Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Hope College, University of North Dakota, and Western Michigan University. Partnering with educational facilities is beneficial to all parties; our young students, staff, and those who volunteer. We look forward to maintaining the partnerships we have and hope to continue to form new partnerships. We appreciate all our volunteers and the services they have provided towards enhancing our agency.

Below and on the following page are the colleges and volunteers we have partnered with:

Students in **Hope College** Developmental Psychology classes volunteer primarily in our Holland locations; Hope/Holland Day Care, Maplewood and Rose Park Centers. This fall, we have already placed over 35 of these students in volunteer positions. Hope College Nursing students volunteer annually at all of our centers teaching dental health to our students.



On October 17th, CDS held it's 4th annual Trunk-or-Treat event in the parking lot at City on a Hill Ministries in Zeeland where our Administration Office is located. We had a great turnout. The event was open to staff and their families as well as the families and children enrolled in our programs.



Trunk or treat pictures cont.



Additionally, we were able to host a senior nursing student in her Community Health Nursing Rotation at our Rose Park Center this Fall, and we are hosting 2 Early Childhood work study / volunteers at Maplewood. We are also working with Hope College's Upward Bound program to place an intern at our Hope/Holland Day Care Center.

This past summer, we hosted a **Grand Valley State University** graduate intern at Hope/ Holland Day Care Center.

In the past year, Coopersville and Grand Haven Head Start centers have benefited from a former CDS Head Start teacher coming in to volunteer regularly at the center.

CDS would like to continue to build partnerships with local educational institutes, as well as within other areas of the community. As noted above, opportunities are various, from coming into the center to read a book to the children, helping prepare materials, enhancing our facilities, participating in our family night activities, providing resources for families, and so much more. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering. Your efforts will help provide a positive future for children and families in Ottawa County.



Help Support CDS

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New to our website and agency— **DONATE NOW** button is located on our website. Your donation will help CDS Lakeshore

Head Start build foundations of success for nearly 400 children every year.

***Keep a look out for our annual golf outing information—coming soon!**





We donated some equipment to the Zeeland Fire Department and below is the thank you letter we received for the items.

Staff here at CDS support the Zeeland Fire Department by attending their annual Pig Out Event. The food is amazing and we get to give back to our local fire department.

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City of Zeeland
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October 5, 2019

Dear Kristin Wise,

On behalf of the City of Zeeland and Chief Ross Tibbets, we would like to thank you and Lakeshore Head Start for the donation of the UHF radio equipment.

The City of Zeeland will be able to utilize this radio equipment to better our communications between first responders and industries within the City. This equipment will be placed in our command vehicle as well as our emergency operation center.

We are very privileged to have community partners such as the Lakeshore Head Start in the City of Zeeland. Once again thank you.

Thanks.

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Did you know?

During the 2018-2019 school year, CDS served

Student information:

•324 students were at or below 100% of poverty

•9 children were on public assistance

•17 kids were in foster care

•3 children were homeless

•98 children utilized CDS

•Busses for transportation

•341 children were up to date on their well child exams

Family Information:

•We had 40 families that were over income

•82% of families had at least 1 parent employed

•226 families received WIC

More trunk or treat pictures

