



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Trustees

From: Dawn Baumhover
Community Center Coordinator

Date: 12/12/12

Re: Staff

December ends a year of steady progress in a number of areas at the Community Center. The heating system survived 2012 with only one major repair and there is significant progress being made with drainage issues that affect the Community Center. Public Works will continue to focus on this in 2013. The issues of water pressure and temperature in the dish hole have also been resolved.

The Community Center Foundation Board initiated a sponsorship of the Fitness Place with Play It Again Sports, which has led to a great working relationship and a new maintenance and repair service for the gym equipment. We are pleased to finally have 4 working treadmills! I expect this relationship to continue, thus providing increased and ongoing quality and safety for our members.

The purchase of new 6-foot and 8-foot tables, as well as chairs for the Community Room (formally known as the MPR or Multipurpose Room), were much-needed upgrades for our facility. Thank you again to the CCFB for the donation of the chairs. These purchases, along with the new screen and projector, help our facility to become more enjoyable to use for ourselves and more marketable to others.

Others are beginning to notice and rent our facility. In 2012, the Community Center hosted our first corporate retreat booked by Sterling Rice. The feedback was all very positive! We hope to host a similar 4-day event in September of 2013; we are working on those logistics now. A wedding, as well as a reception, was held in November and we will host another wedding reception on December 29. The Community Center staff is pleased to see the building used in this manner and synching with the sustainability goals of Envision 2020. The events mentioned have used local caterers and supported other Nederland businesses, as well.

A new dimension was added to the CC in 2012, with the addition of the Nederland Food Pantry and Clothing Closet to rooms in the west wing. The Clothing Closet was newly founded to meet a need while the Food Pantry has served residents over many years. Both services are volunteer-run and have experienced ever growing numbers in those served this year. This highlights the need for additional Nederland-based social services, which through the efforts of many will hopefully become a reality in the near future.

Last year's 9HealthFair was the largest yet in number of participants and volunteers. The President and CEO of 9HF, Jim Goddard, visited our site during the Fair in April and was impressed by the number of screenings we were able to provide for such a small fair (as compared with Fairs that serve thousands in the city) and the level of professionalism.

Other upgrades to the facility over the year include the addition of mirrors to the studio that is enjoyed by exercise enthusiasts and dancers alike. The Magnolia Schoolhouse was identified as structurally sound and usable with minimal investment. Small purchases to make the kitchen run more smoothly are being made thanks to the sale of the unusable hood and miscellaneous kitchen equipment.

Steps have been made to reduce our waste stream, as the Nederland Area Seniors initiated the composting program with a grant this year. They have gifted the Community Center with two new units for compost, recycling and trash. The Town will continue the effort with the emphasis on educating the public and encouraging zero-waste events.

The volunteer staff of the Community Center now boasts several individuals with 3-, 4- and 5-year tenure, emphasizing our community's commitment to volunteerism. Staff will continue to develop the volunteer program to maximize hours of operation and services available to the public.

As the Community Center transitions to 2013, staff will continue to focus on ongoing repairs and facility maintenance, refining scheduling processes, and continuing to improve allowable activity offerings within the confines of our insurance.

The ongoing involvement in the Inter-Mountain Alliance continues to provide needed partnerships and information for long-term emergency planning and services with the knowledge that we need to be prepared for action at any time.