

2008

Albany, MO

MCB Project Summary Outline

Community/Neighborhood: ALBANY MISSOURI

Name of Project: ALBANY COMMUNITY BETTERMENT YOUTH COUNCIL

Project Coordinator: Glenn Clark

Type of Project: Long-term (1-5 years) Short-term (up to 12 months)

Time Frame: Date begun July 2007 Date completed June 2008

Number of volunteers? 20 Age range of volunteers 12 - 18

Cost of project

Materials Donated \$ 68

Labor Volunteer \$ 1135

Total cost \$ 1203

Sources of funding Donations Private donor \$ 68

The Albany Community Betterment Organization Youth Council (YC) had several projects of interest this year. The focus of the 2008 projects was:

- Mentoring for the youth in the community;
- Painting the fire hydrants in the city;
- Assisting with the landscape project at the Albany Community Center.

The Youth Council was kept very busy with their various activities at school and fulfilling the needs of the community through their involvement in ACBO Youth Council.

Mentoring

The Youth Council members developed and implemented a mentoring program to students at Virginia E. George Elementary School. Many of the ACB Youth Council are also members of National Honor Society and used their experience with both organizations to tutor and mentor those younger than themselves. There were many days that members spent several hours with the elementary students advising and tutoring them on these skills necessary to become better citizens and students.

This mentoring program has proven to be a very special project and will continue to be one of our favorite programs for many years to come.

Painting Fire Hydrants

Fire hydrants around the city were barely visible and badly in need of painting. The City of Albany partnered with the Youth Council to address this need. At their next meeting, the Youth Council voted to work with the city and make painting the fire hydrants a project. A committee was formed, and all pertinent information was obtained from the volunteer fire department as well as the city water department.

In October 2007, members of the Youth Council met and painted all the fire hydrants around the square and two blocks out in each direction. In the spring of 2008, twenty Youth Council members met once again and painted 26 more fire hydrants. As an ongoing project the Youth Council is continuing to work with the city council and fire department to paint the remainder of the fire hydrants in the year to come.

Due to the attention given to this project, the Youth Council has grown its membership to twice the original number. We look forward to next year when we can finish this project and help the community by making the hydrants more visible to the fire department in its quest to save property and lives.

Albany Community Center Landscaping

The Albany Community Betterment Organization has an ongoing project to landscape the Albany Community Center. The ACBO landscaping committee met with the Youth Council to solicit their help to implement the landscape designs.

A Youth Council committee was formed and started work on October 13, 2007 under the direction of the ACBO. Twelve Youth Council members worked diligently for two days spreading river rock, setting plants in the ground and trimming around the planting beds. This effort completed the first phase of the landscaping project.

In the spring, the Youth Council met with members of the ACB to continue with the landscaping project to set spring plants and place additional trees to the site to complete the project.

As members of the Youth Council, we learned a great deal from ACBO about organizing projects and completing them on schedule. We look forward to working with ACBO on more joint efforts in the future.

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