

Report from the Deubrook Backpack Project

The Deubrook Backpack Project continues to meet a need in the communities of White, Astoria, Toronto, and Hendricks MN through the Deubrook Area Public Schools.

The Deubrook Backpack Project served:

- Nine children in the 2011-2012 academic year
- Thirteen children in the 2012-2013 academic year
- Fifteen children in the 2013-2014 academic year
- Twelve children in the 2014-2015 academic year
- Twenty-one are currently being served in the 2015-2016 academic year

Financial report	Donations	Expenses	Balance
Oct 2011-Dec 2011	\$2,546.00	\$ 412.35	\$3,056.84
Jan-Sept 2012	\$1,290.75	\$1,848.33	\$2,499.26
Oct 2012-Aug 2013	\$3,598.00	\$2,288.24	\$3,809.02
Sept 2013-Aug 2014	\$4,928.87	\$2,717.08	\$6,020.81
Sept 2014-Oct 2015	\$2,850.49	\$3,229.12	\$5,642.18

All expenses are food-related. The average cost is \$5.00 per child per week, which is \$190.00 per child for a 38 week school year. Financial support has come from fundraising, community organizations, community churches, and private donations. The DBP Committee itself did not hold a fundraiser or apply for grant monies this year; however, the 2015/2016 will be a fundraising/grant year.

National Honor Society students from the high school help once a month to pack the backpacks for distribution. We are very grateful for their help!

The DBP Committee was sorry to receive a letter of resignation from Bob Oda and thank him for his help and support. Deanna Tolrud, a member of Pioneer Lutheran, has joined the DBP Committee. At least two others have expressed interest in serving on the DBP Committee.

The DBP Committee includes: Judy Smith, Gerry Schmidt, Teresa Pomrenke, Cindy Schmidt, Rev. Martha Brandt, Loren McKinney, Kathy McKinney, Jennifer Olson, Mona Landmark, Shari Landmark, and Deanna Tolrud. Three meetings are held throughout the year: one at end of school year to evaluate the Project; one at end of summer/beginning of year to prepare for school year; and one around the first of the year to evaluate how it's going.