



Report to the All-Church Conference

United Methodist Churches of
Aurora – White – Sterling

October 23, 2016



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Rev. Martha Brandt
Rev. Roger Spahr
Rev. Bruce Ough

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-two children in the 2015-2016 academic year
- Nine children are currently being served (10/31/2016)

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
Nov 2015 – Sept 2016 \$	\$6,391.50	\$1,526.06	\$10,518.63

- Beginning January 2016, four sophomore/junior class National Honor Society member replaced those seniors who had been packing bags.
- The school website links to the DBP page of *the www.awsumchurches.org* website.
- On February 11 and 12, 2016 during Runnings Hot Dogs Days, DBP committee members donated their time serving at this fundraiser, bringing \$400 into the DBP account. This was a great fundraiser, awareness builder. An additional \$63 in donations was received.
- Plans are underway for DBP to serve at Runnings again in February 2017 (may be Feb. 9-11, 2017).
- Community awareness is building through the churches of the area. Bethel Lutheran in Astoria, Zion Lutheran in White, Pioneer Lutheran in White, St. Paul Catholic Church in White, the United Methodist Church in White, and the churches in Toronto, and Lutheran Brethren in Hendricks have all had promotion of the DBP and make donations on a regular basis.
- A large banner with the DBP logo has been donated and will be used at fundraisers and community events to promote the program. As an example, the banner was used on a float in the 2016 Pioneer Days parade and displayed in the park along with a supply of flyers and at the 2016 Toronto Tractor Days.
- A grant in the amount of \$3,000 has been approved by The Larson Foundation for the 2016/2017 school year.