

Dayton Task Force's Resource Bank 2010

Dayton Task Force's motto that, "Everyday people make miracles" demonstrates the spirit of their Dayton Resource Bank project. Nearly 100 students who might not have been able to take advanced math or science classes, or have participated in sports, art or music activities, were able to do so in the last two years due to the Dayton Resource Bank. Dayton Task Force hopes to double the number benefiting from the Resource Bank this year.

A little history might be in order here:

The "*Bank*" was established to assist students in Dayton schools who need financial help obtaining some of the things that their respective families cannot provide. Dayton Resource Bank can help with class lab and equipment fees for science, math, art, culinary arts and woodshop. Also included is coverage of costs for sports' physicals, gym, team, and choir uniforms, and other items, such as prom dresses and tuxedo rentals.

The referral process is simple, cost effective and confidential: teachers, nurses, counselors, coaches, and clergy make "third party" referrals outlining the "needs" and the Task Force addresses the student's needs with no paperwork and no compromise of student privacy. Every penny of the funds raised for the Dayton Resource Bank directly benefit Dayton area school children. There are no administrative costs.

During the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 school years, the Dayton Resource Bank donated over \$5,000 to local students. During the recent 5K Walk/Run fundraiser, the group raised over \$1,000 for the Bank. The group is planning additional fundraisers for the year, and is always looking for new members and volunteers.

How does this system work?

Students and their families are eager to "pay it forward" when they receive a benefit from the Dayton Resource Bank. A key part of the concept of the bank involves reciprocity, allowing everyone to feel the joy of giving back. Students and their families are invited to return service to their community through volunteer work for nonprofits such as the local food bank, senior center, libraries, schools, etc. as a "thank you." For example, a student needing funding for advanced science class fees at the high school can donate a fixed number of hours at the Dayton Valley Branch Library in return for the assistance of the "bank". Everyone wins: the individual student, the particular school and the community at large.

Contacts: Please feel free to call the Dayton Task Force leader at the Healthy Communities office at 246-7550, if you have any questions regarding the Dayton Resource Bank. All donations to the Resource Bank are tax deductible, and should be directed to Healthy Communities Coalition of Lyon and Storey.

Dayton Task Force and its Resource Bank are valued partners of Healthy Communities Coalition of Lyon and Storey. The Coalition includes community task forces, youth substance abuse prevention teams, and over 30 local, county, state, tribal and federal agencies all working on a collaborative agenda to end poverty, reduce substance abuse, and increase wellness in the region. For more recent updates about Healthy Communities Coalition, see www.facebook.com/healthycommunitiescoalition