

INTEGRAL YOUTH SERVICES

July 2020 Edition

ONE MORE THING FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"Let's talk about adaptability. Have you heard of the tree-climbing goats of Morocco? If you have never seen a picture of these goats up a tree please google it, it is hilarious to see. They only climb the Argan tree to consume their delicious berries. The goats then spit or excrete the nuts of this fruit and the farmers gather these nuts to make a delicious cooking oil. How awesome how the goats have adapted their climbing abilities to include trees in order to survive. The youth that we work with use adaptive measures to survive too. Some of these measures are productive and healthy, such as completing their schooling or taking advantage of resources for housing and food, or they turn to the not so healthy adaptive measures such as trading sex for housing, food or drugs. We at IYS are committed to offering resources that will give our youth the opportunity to choose measures that are productive and healthy, that leads to a hope-filled life." - Larry Zeilstra



KICK OFF EVENT

Integral Youth Services, along with community partners, got together for their annual Summer Foods Kick Off event on June 30th. The event was a large success, as IYS was able to serve roughly 145 kids. Our total count for meals given out at the end was 1015. IYS will continue to work with partners that are a part of the Klamath Basin Hunger Coalition and other community agencies throughout the Summer Foods program to ensure kids are fed and have fun activities to do throughout the summer.

SUMMER FOODS

Summer Foods officially kicked off their season on June 15th and will be going until August 28th. We have already served 1265 kids and over 8860 lunches since the beginning of our official summer lunch start.

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SUMMER WORK CREW

Earlier in the month, the summer work crew started work on a water site in town, where they ran into a local City Water Department worker along with a 3 man crew from Liquidvision Technology. The crew got to learn about how the tanks get properly cleaned, and learned more about the scuba equipment that the men from the company use when they dive. Not only did the Summer Work Crew complete 75,000 sq. feet of land clean up, they learned about an awesome local company too!



INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Independent Living Program peer group is led by Maya Ramirez, our ILP Coordinator/Spark Facilitator. This group currently consists of 17 former and current foster youth between 16-21, our group restarted in person meetings during the last week of June. In order to protect our youth and foster families during our in person meetings we were wearing masks and took all safety precautions available to us. We have had as many as 7 youth participate in our peer group. Our topics for July are: Job Prep/Search, Take it Easy, Transportation, and Resume/Cover Letters. In addition to our peer group, we have one on one life skills meetings with our participating youth

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THANK YOU'S!



Thank You Beverly for donating our Summer Lunch Crew Fabric masks to be able to wear in the kitchen and on the driving routes.

Thank You Papa Murphy's for donating over 12,000 Pizza cards to give out to multiple lunch sites this summer. IYS would like to personally thank Papa Murphy's for their generosity to the community, and for helping us and our partners be able to continue providing to children and their families.

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