

Red River Community House News August

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Summer Activity Profile - Square Dancing

July 2010 has come to a close. For June & July we've led 280 activities and had over 13,000 participants! We're having a great summer and very excited to continue in August!

Thank you for all the love and support you give to the Community House. Your partnership and enthusiasm makes the Community House a special place! Please look at the Community House website to see our summer calendar.

One of the most important events for the Community House over the years has been **Square Dancing**. For most of the Community House's history, Square Dancing has been the primary activity and main reason for its popularity. Thousands of husbands and wives, children and parents, grandparents and grandchildren have square danced at the Community House. It truly is a family activity - and that's what the Community House is all about!

This summer the Community House has had a few square dances. We hosted a square dance in May and there will be another one in September. The Community House is hosting a free family square dance August 2-4 of this month. There are workshops, beginning lessons, and full dances! It is our hope to continue to build off of these dances so that there can be 2-3 square dances next summer! These dates have not been scheduled yet but please contact Matt if you are interested in attending these square dances.

August Activities

Please check out our website calendar for the activity schedule and descriptions!

College Internship Program

The Red River Community House has had two college interns this summer. Tim Phillips is a freshman at Baylor University. He's involved in various ministries around Waco is a Film major. Ian Glumac is a senior at the University of California at Pennsylvania. Ian is a Marketing & Tourism major.

The Golden Eagle Lodge has hosted Ian this summer and Tim stayed with Rudy & Kay Watkins (Red River summer residents). Thank you so much for hosting these interns! We couldn't do this program without y'all and your amazing partnership.

It has been great having these two college students work with the Community House this summer. Both of them grew as young leaders and impacted the lives of thousands of children and families.

The Red River Community House desires to expand our College Internship Program in the coming years. In order to do this we need partners who will help us with housing and other financial costs. If you are interested in getting involved in this great program, please email Matt.

Smithsonian Exhibit

The Red River Community House hosted the *Smithsonian Exhibition, "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music"* from June 19 to July 31, 2010. Just a few days ago we packed up the exhibit and sent it to its next destination.

This exhibit was a tremendous success with thousands of people learning about the history and influence of American music on American and world culture. Thank you to those who helped get the exhibit to Red River and to those of you who participated in the exhibition this summer!

Fundraising & Partnering Opportunities

Have you and your family been impacted by the Red River Community House? Please consider supporting us financially. We are in need of consistent donors who can support us on a monthly, quarterly, and/or yearly basis. If you are interested in learning more about giving opportunities, please contact Matt.

Thank you for your financial support. You make these great activities for families and children possible!

Our hope is to finish the foundation on the Community House and put in the correct insulation so that our great building can be used year-round! Wouldn't it be incredible to not only have all our great free activities in the summer, but during the winter as well! We are also looking for financial partners who will help us hire more staff and expand our activities program.

There are several ways that you can partner with us. Please email Matt if you have questions about any of these items:

- 1) **Donate financially.** Please make your check out to the "Red River Community House" and mail it to PO Box 213, Red River, NM 87558
- 2) **Volunteer when you come to Red River.** Email Matt before you come!
- 3) Consider **hosting a college student for the summer** while they intern at the Community House.
- 4) **Promote the Community House** to your friends who come to Red River!
- 5) **Share your story!** If you have had a good experience with the Community House please share your story with us and let us use it to promote the Community House.

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