

The **Community Connector Program** facilitates the following **Community Events**:

- Three Kings Day
- Celebration of Cultures Day (formerly May Day Celebration)
- Healthy Kids Day
- Apple Tree School Supplies Drive
- Coats for Kids Drive
- Local Safety Net Committee
- Domestic Violence Response Committee
- Services Coordinating Committee
- Silverton Women Together
- Latino Community Task Force
- **Hispanas Unidas**

The Silverton Together **Starfish Mentor Program** has been in existence two years and has 40 mentors meeting with students in a one-to-one, on-site program at eight schools.

In July of 2003 and 2004, Silverton Together in partnership with the Silverton Chamber of Commerce began the **Silverton Leadership Youth Program**. This program offers students who fall in the middle, academically and socially, an opportunity to meet successful career leaders, to be mentored by them, and to be introduced to various career paths.

Silverton Together also offers the following **Projects and Events**:

- Events Community Calendar
- Free Fish Day
- “Celebrate Families” Picnic
- “Celebrate Families” Holiday Celebration
- “Celebrate Families” Cultural Celebration
- After School Enrichment
- Mini-Grant Program
- Oregon Chautauqua Lecture Series & Community Forums

Measurable Results

Silverton Together was instrumental in bringing the Silver Falls Family YMCA to town as an affiliate of the Salem YMCA. It, in turn, has been instrumental in providing protective factors to the youth in the area by providing recreational and academic enrichment after-school programs, summer camps, and the partnering with the city for the Silverton Skate Park. Our Parent Education classes instruct parents about the dangers of drug abuse and provide them with tools and confidence to set boundaries and consequences for their children in a loving way. Our Starfish Mentor Program increases protective factors for children by providing caring, volunteer adults to model appropriate behavior and advocate for a drug-free lifestyle. Our Community Connector Program reduces risk factors for families by assisting them to find resources and solutions for problems and by recommending parenting classes, counseling services provided by Marion County through the Youth Services Team, and our mentor and Leadership Youth Program.

activities, and education programs designed and implemented by youth and adults.

4.0 Lessons Learned

Over the past 5 years, Silverton Together has learned many lessons regarding presenting, promoting and managing programs and events. We are fortunate to have good community mobilization and over the course of time have established some positives norms, such as attendance at parenting classes.

Some of the main lessons learned include:

- Positive impact may be subtle or from non-specific programs
- Childcare is necessary when expecting the public to participate
- Food is a value – feed them and they will come
- Communication within the community must be ongoing. An organization must be diligent about building rapport and confidence in programs.
- Forums need to target specific audiences rather than general topics.
- People need to be asked to participate, volunteer or give.
- You must celebrate often. Celebrations must be diverse and inclusive.
- A strong infrastructure and stable budget is a must. Coalition planning, organizing, and implementing takes time and money. Good leadership is required.
- Staff must be evaluated regularly and honored and recognized appropriately.
- Board stability is valuable. The board should represent all factions of the community.

5.0 Principal products and/or documents

- Annual Report – distributed at the Annual Meeting and available at the office.
- Calendar of Events and Resource Directory – printed 4 times a year and sent home with every elementary school student and is also available at the Library, website, Chamber of Commerce, Silverton Hospital, Silverton Outreach Clinic and upon request. The calendar lists all family related activities for the quarter.
- Newsletter – The newsletter is included as a cover to the calendar and used as a vehicle to continue awareness of Silverton Together.
- Youth Links – a small pocket size guide for high school students which provides a wealth of resources. Distributed to the Junior High and High School students and available through counselors, Silverton Police department and by request.
- Parent Education Notebooks – given to attendees at each parenting class.
- **Hispanas Unidas** Brochure – Available at Silverton Together office, ESL classes, parenting classes, events, etc.
- Giving Campaign packet – mailed to 6000 residents.
- Silverton Together brochure – Available in office, classes, Chamber, and website.

PARTNERSHIPS

4-H CLUB
 ABUNDANT LIFE SPIRITUAL
 COMMUNITY
 ADULT & FAMILY SERVICES
 ALMQUIST STUDIOS
 ALPHABET HOUSE CLINIC
 AMERICAN LEGION
 AMERICORP
 ANALENE WATERMAN
 INSURANCE
 BIRTH TO THREE
 BOY SCOUTS
 CADCA
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 MERCHANT'S ASSN.
 CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY
 COLLEGE LITERACY PROGRAM
 CHEMEKETA WORK INVESTMENT
 ACT
 CHILD CARE INFORMATION
 SERVICE
 CITIMORTGAGE
 CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND OF
 OREGON
 CITY OF SILVERTON
 COLDWELL BANKER MOUNTAIN
 WEST REALTY
 COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
 COMMUNITY OUTREACH CLINIC
 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
 COTE CHIROPRACTIC
 CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY
 CHURCH
 DENTAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS
 FOR CHILDREN
 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
 SERVICES
 EMAC
 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS
 COALITION
 ENTERPRISE FOR EMPLOYMENT
 AND EDUCATION
 EUGENE FIELD PARENT-
 FACULTY CLUB
 EUGENE FIELD PTA
 FAMILY BUILDING BLOCKS
 FIGARO'S PIZZA
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 FIRST STUDENT BUS CO.
 FRIENDS CHURCH OF
 SILVERTON
 FRIENDS OF SILVER FALLS
 LIBRARY
 GEERCREST FARM
 GIRL SCOUTS OF SANTIAM
 COUNCIL
 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
 HEAD START/OCDC
 HEALTHY START
 HERON PRESS
 HI-SCHOOL PHARMACY
HISPANAS UNIDAS
 HOMER DAVENPORT DAYS
 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 INDOOR PARK
 IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE
 JAZZERCISE
 LAS AQUILAS
 LIBERTY HOUSE

LOS GIRASOLES RESTAURANTE
 LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD
 LES SCHWAB TIRE
 MALLORIE'S DAIRY
 MAPS CREDIT UNION
 MARION COUNTY CHILDREN &
 FAMILIES COMMISSION
 MARION COUNTY HEALTH
 DEPARTMENT
 MARK TWAIN STUDENT COUNCIL
 MEYER MEMORIAL TRUST
 MID-VALLEY PARTNERSHIP
 MID-VALLEY WOMEN'S CRISIS
 CENTER
 MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY
 COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
 MID-WILLAMETTE EDUCATION
 CONSORTIUM
 MONITOR SCHOOL
 PARENT/TEACHER CLUB
 MT. ANGEL POLICE
 DEPARTMENT
 MT. ANGEL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 MT. ANGEL TOWERS
 MT. ANGEL TRAINING CENTER
 NAPA AUTO PARTS
 OADAP
 OKTOBERFEST FOUNDATION
 OREGON COMMUNITY
 FOUNDATION
 OREGON COUNCIL FOR THE
 HUMANITIES
 OREGON DENTAL FOUNDATION
 OREGON FISH AND WILDLIFE
 OREGON GARDEN
 OREGON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
 CORPORATION
 OREGON LAW CENTER
 OREGON PARTNERSHIP
 OREGON PUBLIC
 BROADCASTING (OPB)
 OREGON TOGETHER
 OSU EXTENSION OFFICE –
 MARION COUNTY
 "OUR TOWN" MONTHLY
 PALACE THEATRE
 PORTRAIT EXPRESS
 PROVIDENCE BENEDICTINE
 CHILD CARE CENTER
 PROVIDENCE BENEDICTINE
 NURSING CENTER
 RITE-AID
 ROBERT FROST PTA
 ROTH'S FAMILY MARKET
 SAFEWAY
 SCAN-TV
 SECRET GARDEN PRESCHOOL
 SERVICES TO CHILDREN &
 FAMILIES
 SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 CHURCH
 SILVER CREEK FELLOWSHIP
 CHURCH
 SILVER CREEK GALLERY
 SILVER FALLS BANK
 SILVER FALLS FAMILY YMCA
 SILVER FALLS LIBRARY
 SILVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SILVER LAKE EQUINE
 SILVER TROLLEY

SILVERTON ANESTHESIA GROUP
 LLC
 SILVERTON APPEAL TRIBUNE
 SILVERTON AREA COMMUNITY
 AID
 SILVERTON AREA SENIORS
 SILVERTON ART ASSOCIATION
 SILVERTON BEVERAGE
 COMPANY
 SILVERTON CHAMBER OF
 COMMERCE
 SILVERTON CHURCH OF THE
 NAZARENE
 SILVERTON COMMUNITY
 SERVICES
 SILVERTON FAMILY RESOURCE
 CENTER
 SILVERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
 SILVERTON GARDEN CLUB
 SILVERTON HOSPITAL
 SILVERTON KIWANIS
 SILVERTON LION'S CLUB
 SILVERTON PEDIATRICS
 SILVERTON POLICE
 DEPARTMENT
 SILVERTON REALTY
 SILVERTON ROTARY
 FOUNDATION
 SILVERTON TOGETHER INDOOR
 PARK
 SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH
 SMART
 ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL
 CHURCH
 ST. JOSEPH SHELTER
 ST. PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC
 CHURCH
 STRUCTURED WORK
 EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
 SUNSHINE MEAL WORM
 COMPANY
 TOTAL BODY HEALTH CLUB
 TODAY'S CHOICES
 TOWNE HOUSE RESTAURANT
 TREE FARMS
 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 US DEPT. OF JUSTICE, OJJDP
 VERIZON
 VICTORY PRINT
 WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK
 WATER STREET SALON AND SPA
 WEST COAST BANK
 WESTERN CAPT
 WOODBURN AMBULANCE
 WOODEN NICKEL
 YOUNG LIFE
 YOUTH SERVICES TEAM
 YWCA OF SALEM
 ZENITH WOMEN'S CLUB