

CONNECTION TEAM REPORTS

NOVEMBER 2008

FEED THE CHILDREN

Hello chapters!

I hope that everyone is having a good year in school and in FCCLA.

Our New Hampshire and National community service project this year is "Feed the Children". Last year it was a great success having the 2 trucks come to Berlin and Concord. This year we are trying to raise enough money to bring 3 trucks to New Hampshire. I know that we can reach that goal if we all work together and share ideas.

I feel that there may be a little competition between some chapters, and that's good, but we need to help each other out too, for the good of the state. Ideas are just a phone call or e-mail away, most chapters are very willing to share ideas.

Here are some ideas that I have collected from other chapters:

Have a spaghetti supper-sell tickets to family, friends, people around school and to neighbors.

Have a bake sale.

Put cans in classrooms for spare change.

Have a festival - games for kids and food to sell.

Have a "parents night out", you watch kids while parents have some time to themselves.

Good luck with fundraising! Let's bring those trucks back to New Hampshire to help out the food pantries!

Sincerely,

Amanda Paige - NH Vice President of Community Service

Entering Written National Events

Did you know that FCCLA offers many awards to chapters that do projects relating to FCCLA's National Programs? Your chapter can apply for awards that range from Power of One and Family's First to Be Part Of It Membership and Public Relations. Your chapter can be recognized both on the State and National level for your achievements.

These written National Event forms are quick and easy to fill out. All you have to do is fill out what your chapter has done that relates to the specific award. Also many chapters already do projects and activities that could be used for a Written National Events. It could even be a chapter officer's responsibility to fill out these forms. It is so cool being recognized for an award in front of the whole state and even the country.

Check out the New Hampshire website, www.nhfcccla.org for applications for State Events under the "Written Event Forms" tab. Stat Written Event forms are due March 4, 2009. Written National Event applications can be found on the national website, www.fcclainc.org under the "Awards" tab click on Youth Award Applications. All Written National Event applications are due by March 1, 2009. Be careful because some applications can only be submitted electronically and others can only be submitted by mail.

Bryce Williams – Vice President of Individual Programs

Berlin High FCCLA

Reporter: **Ryan Albert**

The month of November went vary well here at Berlin High School for FCCLA. We had a total of three meetings. Lindsey finished her fuel assistance project at the school and collects \$875.00, we applaud her. We further discussed our Feed the Children project and so far we have a lot of ideas and have acted on some of them.

Lindsey is having a spaghetti dinner in early January so our FCCLA members can learn more about each other and get more involved. Our members have started to pick their Star Events for Spring Conference. We began our Book Buddy Program. We purchased books and sent them to the Head Start. We will be giving each child two more books during the year. We are also getting into the holiday spirit by setting the dates for us to decorate the Christmas Trees at COOS County Nursing Home in Berlin.

Cheshire ECE FCCLA

Reporter: **Megan Chickering**

FCCLA and Early Childhood education programs worked together on our yearly service project. This year three thanksgiving baskets were filled to send over to Keene Daycare for families in need.

All three of the ECE classes and FCCIA members made dog treats for the humane society and chose the Southwestern Community Services Homeless Shelters to make gift bags filled with basic necessities for those coming into homeless shelters in Cheshire County in the coming year.

ECE and FCCLA club are sponsoring 6 children this holiday through Project share. They will be buying clothing and toys for each child, giving back to those who need it mst in our community.

Groveton Eagles FCCLA

Reporter: **Sabrina Pelletier**

We have had 2 official business meetings which were held in room 201. Almost all of our members attended. We have had 3 executive meetings which also held in room 201. Our membership is still growing so we are not sure on our total affiliation. Our induction ceremony is being planned by our new members with the help of our advisor, the date is set also. We also participated in the National Cluster Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island and attended various workshops. We have also planned a "family fun night" in which we can get to know the new members by playing a game and eating healthy snacks.

To help raise money for the Feed the Children we are going to have another "Easter Extravaganza." To raise money for our chapter we have brainstormed many ideas and we will be taking a vote on which fundraisers to go forward with.

Our next meeting is Tuesday November 25, 2008 we are hoping to vote on our ideas for fundraising. We also will be discussing the projects for Spring Conference.

Pinkerton Academy FCCCLA

Reporter: **Katie Kelly**

Pinkerton Academy FCCLA's first main event for raising money for Feed the Children took place this past Wednesday (December 3). We hosted a Spaghetti Supper in the Senior Café at our school. All of our hard work has finally paid off. The final total of profit has not yet been calculated, but we received \$978 just in donations. We all had a fun time playing waiter and serving people and we plan on continuing this event annually. This event was very successful and we are already thinking of new ideas for more fundraisers for Feed the Children.

So far PA FCCLA has sold 22 All-American Reject CDs. We plan on continuing to sell the CDs throughout the school.

Our next event is preparing for the TIPS holiday party. TIPS stands for Teen Information for Parenting Success. Every year PA FCCLA bakes cookies and chapter members buy the TIPS children a warm set of pajamas and a toy. At the meeting next week we will be preparing everything for the TIPS party. This is just another event to give back to the community. On December 16, we will be having a holiday party for our chapter members. The members will all be bringing in materials to construct gingerbread houses and we are all ready to celebrate in the holiday spirit and have fun.

Spartans FCCLA**Reporters: Cassie Spencer**

We had three meetings in November, all of which were held in Room 129, eight members attended. Our total affiliation as of today is sixteen members. At our meeting we have started planning out our year and discussed outreach projects. We would like to not only do the 2009 outreach project Feed the Children, but others to, such as Caps for Cancer, and Breast Cancer awareness. We also recently had our induction ceremony on November 13.

We are now planning for the year thinking about any fundraisers we want to do and other activities as a chapter, we plan on have a gingerbread house making day after school in December, which was a lot of fun last year.

Currently as a chapter we are just planning out everything, a couple projects are underway and others are in the beginning stages, we are all very excited for the rest of the year; it's looking to be a good one.

Our next meeting is planned for December 3; we will be building gingerbread houses and making cookies for Lancaster's Annual Old Time Christmas on December 4th.