

## ***Purdue Extension's contributions to Grant County in 2006-07\****

**Here are some of our programmatic highlights:**

### ***4-H Youth***

- 812 youth were enrolled in 4-H and Mini 4-H.
- 3958 total projects were taken by 4-H members.
- Youth learn project skills and life skills of leadership, responsibility, communication, organization, and citizenship.
- 100% of the 37 ten-year 4-H members said 4-H was a valuable learning experience for them.
- 164 adult volunteers contribute hundreds of hours of service in various capacities to make 4-H happen.
- School enrichment curriculum provided by Purdue Extension reached 917 children.

### ***Families & Consumers***

- Purdue Extension taught Child Development Associate (CDA) Classes to enable family child care providers to receive credentials under new state child care licensing regulations. The 120 hours of classroom instruction concluded in December of 2006. Eight of twelve students completed the program. As a result of the program, half of the participants planned to change their child care environments to be more closely related to developmentally appropriate practices, while more than half reported changing their interactions or behaviors with young children.
  - \* One participant commented, "I counted to 10 when a child was not cooperating and it worked. I gave the child some space and they regrouped and then did what I had asked. It was wonderful!"
  - \* Another said, "I make sure to talk to each family at the beginning and end of each day."
  - \* A third said, "I added a bookshelf for my reading center and added a music area."

### ***Low-income Families with Children***

- Our family nutrition advisor taught 113 low-income homemakers in their homes or in small groups about nutrition, smart food buying, food preparation, and food safety through the federal Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). Ninety-eight completed the program.
- She also taught the "Have a Healthy Baby" program to 32 families. She covered the benefits of breastfeeding and the dangers of smoking while pregnant.
- The Federally-funded EFNEP benefits citizens at no direct cost to Grant County taxpayers in county tax dollars.

### ***Agriculture & Homeowners***

- A 4-week grain marketing program helped thirteen local farmers learn marketing techniques in this new era of biofuels, higher commodity prices, and generally higher risk. All local participants who returned a survey said they feel more comfortable using marketing tools to market grain. The program was taught simultaneously via 2-way video at 27 locations across the state, utilizing Purdue agricultural economists as instructors from campus.
- Master Gardeners reported that they provided over 2700 total hours of volunteer teaching/service to others, and that they logged over 1000 hours furthering their own education. Over 1300 people were helped by Master Gardeners in 2006-07.

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