

**DEUBROOK BACKPACK PROJECT
REPORT TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE WHITE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

The Deubrook Backpack Project continues to meet a need in the communities of White, Astoria, Toronto, and Hendricks MN through the Deubrook Area Public Schools.

The Deubrook Backpack Project served:

- Nine children in the 2011-2012 academic year
- Thirteen children in the 2012-2013 academic year
- Fifteen children in the 2013-2014 academic year
- Twelve children in the 2014-2015 academic year
- Twenty-two children in the 2015-2016 academic year
- Nine children in the 2016-2017 academic year
- Beginning of 2017-2018 academic year, six children are being served

Financial report	Donations	Expenses	Balance
Oct 2011-Dec 2011	\$2,546.00	\$ 412.35	\$ 3,056.84
Jan-Sept 2012	\$1,290.75	\$1,848.33	\$ 2,499.26
Oct 2012-Aug 2013	\$3,598.00	\$2,288.24	\$ 3,809.02
Sept 2013-Aug 2014	\$4,928.87	\$2,717.08	\$ 6,020.81
Sept 2014-Oct 2015	\$2,850.49	\$3,229.12	\$ 5,642.18
Nov 2015 – Sept 2016	\$6,391.50	\$1,526.06	\$10,518.63
Oct 2016 – Sept 2017	\$2,487.80	\$1,277.91	\$11,728.52

- Treasurer books were audited.
- Community awareness is building through the churches of the area. Bethel Lutheran in Astoria, Zion Lutheran in White, Pioneer Lutheran in White, St. Paul Catholic Church in White, the United Methodist Church in White, and the church in Toronto have all had promotion of the DBP and make donations on a regular basis.
- Promotion at Toronto Truck and Tractor Pull (August), Pioneer Days (third weekend in July) and Astoria Fun Day (fourth weekend in July)
- Department of Social Services and other agencies in Brookings County are aware of the DBP.
- DBP information is included as part of the School Booster Club; the school website links to the DBP page of the www.awsumchurches.org website; DBP has a Facebook presence.
- Email blasts are used at the beginning of the school year highlighting the DBP information that is in the packet of material each student brings home, at semester breaks, and at other times as needed.
- DBP information will be made available (banner, trifold flyer, registration forms, maybe candy to entice people to come to the table) at the September 12th Jr/High School Conferences, at the October 24-26 grade school conferences, and during boys' basketball game and girls' basketball game in November or December.
- Information detailing the various options that may be utilized throughout the summer months. This will include services such as the Harvest Table; food pantries in Brookings, Clear Lake and Ivanhoe; Boys/Girls Club; churches that provide food distribution, and other such services in Lincoln County in MN as well as Deuel and Brookings Counties in SD.
- Planning for Runnings fundraiser to be served by DBP in February 2018.
- Members of the DBP include Dr. Kimberly Kludt, school superintendent; Peggy Bormann, Walt & Sonja Iverson, Loren & Kathy McKinney, Cierra Murphy, Jennifer Olson, Teresa Pomrenke, Cindy Schmidt, Gerry Schmidt, Patty Thompson, Deanna Tolrud, Julie Westberg, Rev. David Knefelkamp, Rev. Darren & Heather Shaw and Rev. Martha Brandt