

Our Community Cares Camp, Inc.

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Background

- In our school district, food insecurity affects 21% of the children of Richmond and 15% of the elementary and middle school aged children across all towns.
- Food insecurity has a profound effect on children, beyond malnourishment:
 - o Low achievement in schools, including lower graduation rates
 - Fewer employment opportunities, reduced ability to climb economic ladders
 - o Challenges in social development
- OCCC has provided for the past 11 summers
 - o Food service: 2 meals/day for 4 days/week (six Friday lunches sent to Huntington library)
 - o Summer camp experiences with enriching activities, caring adults, and a safe environment
 - Job training in a camp experience, providing workforce development and interpersonal skills including communication, problem solving, and leadership
 - Employment opportunities for community adults during the summer session
- Results Summer 2019
 - 141 children had the experience of a summer camp
 - 227 additional children received 2 meals/day through summer school or recreational programs families not on "Free & Reduced" lunch program pay for these meals
 - o 32 adolescents received job training experience as camp interns
 - o 35 young adults employed over the summer session; 10 adults in summer bridge employment
 - 2018 MMU Graduating Class: 15% (26 students) received services and/or received job training at OCCC and/or became paid staff. For 2019, 18 graduates had OCCC experience.

OCCC's Program and Financials

- To provide the above services, OCCC coordinates its programs with every elementary and middle school in the district, as well as the summer school program at the high school, including:
 - Multiple town facilities for cooking and providing meals and camp services
 - Reimbursement from the USDA Summer Food Service Program
 - o Transportation provided for summer school and tutoring services by the school district
 - Recruitment and training of leaders, staff, interns, and volunteers to deliver the highest quality nutrition, camp, and social support services and support fund drives
 - Local business contracts to purchase most supplies, including our markets, farms, and supply stores
 - Upcycling cast-off items for arts, crafts, and other needs from local organizations and residents
- Revenues (2019): \$141,494 (handout #1 with details)
- Expenses (2019): \$139,140 (handout #1 with details)
- Delivered by an Executive Director at no/minimal cost, who is now retiring

OCCC's Request to Towns 2020

- Budgeted Expenses (2020):
 - Includes an increase of \$62,529 for administrative infrastructure (handout #2)
 - This increase is allocated to each town according to its use of services (handouts #3 and #4)
- These funds are essential to the continued operation of OCCC; without town support, OCCC cannot continue

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