

2012 - 2013 Annual Report



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Volunteer Program reorganizes

For many years, the City of St. Louis Park and St. Louis Park Public Schools partnered to facilitate volunteer recruitment, training and coordinating under one office, headed by Sarah Krzesowiak, who retired December 31, 2012 after more than 30 years of service. Beginning January 1, 2013, Linda Asche, Community Education's Adult Enrichment coordinator, assumed responsibilities for the school district portion of the volunteer program, and Laura Ingebrigtsen was hired as the volunteer coordinator for the City. Program assistant Kathleen Huyck continues on staff in the school district volunteer office. Community Education continues to oversee all programs for community volunteers in St. Louis Park Public Schools.

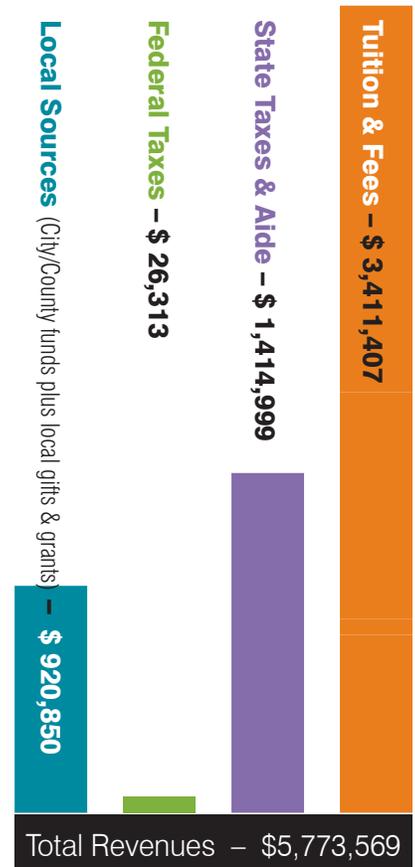
This spring, Cargill partnered with our district to support education and the environment. Over 80 volunteers worked on a number of projects including the Middle School Days of Service, Track and Field Day at Peter Hobart, playground clean up at Lenox, and classroom projects on the environment at Peter Hobart and Aquila.

2012-2013 PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
Adult Enrichment	4,829
Adult Options in Education / ESL	574
Aquatics	5,053
Creative Play / Preschool Enrichment	552
ECFE / Early Learning	2,149
Gymnastics	985
Kids' Place (Pre-K & School Age)	778
Kindergarten Plus	134
Project SOAR (includes data from four-district consortium)	3,739
Senior Program	17,626
Summer Spark (youth summer enrichment)	911
Volunteer Program	660
Youth Development	3,821
Youth Enrichment	1,314
Total program participants	43,125
Facilities Use (includes over 144 different community groups)	300,653

Based on Turnstile Count: Data from 2012-2013 Minnesota Department of Education Report

Community Education Revenue Sources



2012-13 COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

LISA GREENE – Living, vital organizations are always changing to meet the needs of their customers and stakeholders. St. Louis Park Community Education is no exception. In 2012-13 we planned and implemented a number of changes to better serve the community.

- Early Learning programs developed a plan to consolidate early childhood programs to increase access and equity for our youngest learners.
- Adult Enrichment and Senior Programs began jointly marketing classes in the Community Education catalog thereby increasing access to our adult programs.
- Our Youth Services department moved to the Middle School to increase out-of-school-time offerings for this under-served age group.
- Volunteers in the Park, serving both the city and school district, separated, with each organization recruiting volunteers to better serve their unique needs.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

Preparing your child for success in school and life, beginning at birth

EARLY LEARNING – Classes serve children ages 3-5 with high-quality learning and development for every child. As part of the St. Louis Park Public Schools, Community Education Early Learning programs provide families with important first connections to kindergarten and the community. Early Learning encompasses programs formerly named: PALS, PALS+, First Steps, and Ready, Set, Learn.

CREATIVE PLAY – Children ages 33 months-5 years participate in school-readiness activities. Classes emphasize social skills and constructive play.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE) – Parents and children, ages birth-5, play and learn together under the guidance of a licensed early childhood teacher.

FAMILY LEARNING – While parents enrolled in Adult Basic Education learn English or work on their GED, preschool children learn in activities.

KIDS' PLACE EARLY LEARNING – Provides a high quality preschool experience within a full-day child care setting.

SLP Community Education also serves preschoolers with Aquatics, Gymnastics and Kid Dance classes, all held at Central Community Center.

SENIOR PROGRAM

Learn & Laugh at Lenox!

The Senior Program, housed at Lenox Community Center, operates in partnership with the City of St. Louis Park. St. Louis Park seniors are becoming tech savvy learning how to use iPhones, iPads, digital cameras and more. If they need more individualized help the Tuesday afternoon Computer Buddy group is available or they may stop in to use open computer lab. The program marked the 150-year anniversary of the Civil War with classes covering the Battle of Chattanooga, the Vicksburg Campaign and Battle of Gettysburg followed by a teacher-led visit to the Minnesota History Center for a special Civil War Exhibit.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Lifelong learning completes

ADULT ENRICHMENT – Serves lifelong learners of all ages with courses covering a wide variety of topics such as arts and crafts, fitness and nutrition, technology, dance, music and more.

ADULT OPTIONS IN EDUCATION / Adult Basic Education – AOIE provides a solid foundation of basic education classes for adult students. Day and evening classes focus on building reading comprehension, math, preparation for GED Exam as well as speaking, listening, reading and writing skills for non-native speakers in ESL classes. Auxiliary services are provided at Wayside Residential Center. AOIE is a partnership between St. Louis Park, Hopkins and Minnetonka Community Education.

PROJECT SOAR – This program for adults with disabilities offers classes in a variety of social, recreational and enrichment activities. Operates in partnership with Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata Community Education.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM – Recruited and trained volunteers for the City and Schools through December 31, 2012. Beginning January 1, 2013, Community Education assumed responsibilities for the school district portion of the program, and the city hired a volunteer coordinator for its initiatives.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Creating building blocks for a healthy, happy life

YOUTH ENRICHMENT – Serves students in grades K-12 and their families with a variety of classes and extracurricular activities in areas such as arts, music, sports, fitness and more.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – Brings students in grades 6-12 together to develop leadership skills through service learning and volunteerism.

AQUATICS – Provides lessons for swimmers ages five months through senior citizens, lap swimming opportunities, and pool rental and synchronized swimming club coordination.

GYMNASTICS – Provides enrichment gymnastics classes for participants ages 2-18, and prepares athletes for competition on the SLP High School team.

SUMMER SPARK – This program ensures continued summer learning for students grades K-8 through enrichment classes and activities.

KINDERGARTEN PLUS – This tuition-based, full-day program at Susan Lindgren, Peter Hobart and PSI benefits students with extended learning time with the same certified kindergarten teacher all day. (All-day kindergarten is available at Aquila at no charge to families and is not administered through Community Education.)

KIDS' PLACE SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE – Offers child care for school-age children, before and after school and all day in the summer.