

The Center Point Pulse

Summer of Success was a Success!

We want to share some highlights from our Center Point Summer of Success program.

On one adventure, Diakon Youth Services staff members took some hard-working students to Mount Airy Orchards in Dillsburg to pick a variety of beautifully ripe berries, eat lunch at the orchard's shaded picnic area and enjoy a sweet treat to finish off a sweet day.

During their adventure, they discussed the importance of utilizing locally grown resources and supporting small businesses in our communities. This was not just a fun day out but a valuable learning experience.

Within just a few weeks, two students in our Diakon Youth Services Summer of

Success program made tremendous progress, overcoming significant obstacles and moving closer to a brighter future.

The first student, who initially owed over \$1,200 in fines, has shown incredible dedication and commitment to his education. Through his hard work, he has completed over 100 community service hours at the Diakon Wilderness Center and in his community. Additionally, he has earned two credits during the summer program. Thanks to his efforts and the support of his probation officer, his fines have been paid off or waived with the help of our Second Chance Fund.

The second student's journey was equally impressive. He completed community service and demonstrated his dedication to his education. Again, with the help of our Second Chance Fund, his fines were dramatically decreased, which we then assisted with paying off.

These stories are a powerful testament to the impact of our Second Chance Fund and the Summer of Success program as a whole. This fund provides a vital

Please turn to Page 2

Welcome back parents, students, and faculty!

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer break and is ready for another fantastic school year! We have so many exciting events and activities planned for the upcoming months! In addition, our faculty and staff have been working hard to prepare enriching and engaging curriculum. We're looking forward to seeing our students grow and thrive academically and socially.

Please remember to stay connected with our school community through our newsletters, social media, and in-person events. We value communication and collaboration between home and school to ensure the best possible education for our students.

Together, let's make this school year one to remember!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Aug. 20	first day of school
Aug. 30	closed
Sept. 2	closed
Sept. 6	adventure day
Sept. 20	community day 9:30-11:30
Sept. 23	reward day for level students



Summer of Success was a Success! *Continued from Page 1*

safety net for students who are working hard but struggling to meet their goals due to financial barriers. By offering this support, we are able to give these students a second chance to start fresh and overcome obstacles that might have otherwise held them back.

Our students earned a total of 24.5 credits in credit recovery, a total of eight students benefited from the Second Chance Fund, and 15/17 (88%) of the students successfully completed the program.

As our students continue to flourish in our programs, we are reminded of this initiative's life-changing potential. With your help, we can equip more young people to be successful, contributing members of their communities.



Build up... or be quiet!

Diakon Youth Services has made available a variety of shirts and sweatshirts that reflect one of our program emphases on being positive: #BBQ, or Build Up or Be Quiet! These shirts were provided over the last few years for students and staff members and were a big hit, with others more recently asking how they could obtain one.

As a result, we have arranged for Artistic Imprints to provide these items, which will be shipped directly to you at no extra cost. Details can be found at the storefront link below. The best thing is that all proceeds directly benefit Diakon Youth Services programs!

http://artisticimprints.3dcartstores.com/Diakon-BBQ_c_811.html



STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



Jason Brode
Diakon executive director



Jeremias Garcia
Diakon Assistant Administrator



Tim Dorsey
CAIU Program Supervisor



Natasha Goodhart
Assistant Director, Center Point



Abigail Care
Lead Student Support
Counselor



Bianca Correll
Lead Student Support
Counselor



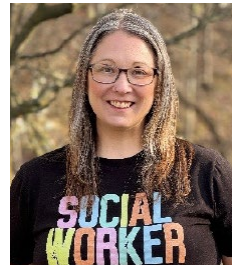
Billie Jo Hess
Driver



Gretchen Barrett
Program Assistant



Joshua Barrett
Student Support Counselor



Corinne Bennett
Licensed Social Worker



Kevin Fatherree
Teacher



Dan Cannaday
Teacher



Stephanie O'Donnell
Teacher



Sarah Knouse
Teacher



Jerry Fritz
Mental Health Worker



Erin Rose
Mental Health Worker



Suann McAfee
Educational Paraprofessional



Kim Patten
Director of Wilderness
Greenhouse



Dave Crowther
Director of Nutritional Services



Tedd Rothfus
Maintenance Specialist



Kristin Weary
Administrative Assistant



Improving the lives of struggling youth
for more than 30 years!

www.diakon.org/youth-services

