

Ohio 4-H Foundation Grant Impact Report

Title of Grant: Making NCRVF a Memorable Experience for Volunteers

Applicant Name & Title: Bonnie Malone, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

Unit Reporting: Huron County

Amount Funded: \$3,650

Amount Used: \$3,600

Grant Funds Remaining: \$50

Calendar Year of Grant: 2008

Type of Grant (please mark all that apply):

State Grant	Priority Area Grant
Cashman Grant	Lewis/Barnhart/Jenkins Grant
Cleveland Grant	Ebling Urban Extension Grant
Helt Family Grant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Nationwide Volunteer Development Grant</u>
Sauder Grant	Wadlington Grant
Ulrich Grant	

Please use as much space as needed to answer the following requests for information.

Please give an overview of your project. Assume the reader knows nothing about the program.

The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum (NCRVF) was held in Columbus, Ohio on November 6-9, 2008. The Forum involved 12 states in the North Central Region, plus Pennsylvania. Over 300 4-H youth and adult volunteers participated in the Forum. It included educational sessions, workshops, tours, speakers, networking and a variety of other opportunities for 4-H volunteers who participated. This grant was designed to cover the expenses of speakers and entertainment at NCRVF. This funding allowed the registration fee to remain at a level which made it affordable for interested youth and volunteers to attend.

Please list the objectives of the project and evaluate the measurable objectives achieved. Explain how you measured those objectives.

Objectives of the program:

- Provide inspiring educators/speakers which highlighted the conference theme of REV UP (Realize, Energize, Visualize Volunteers Unlimited Potential).
- Build upon the skills and ideas gained in individual breakout sessions.
- Motivate the 4-H volunteers to maintain their efforts with 4-H youth.

An evaluation form was collected at the end of the Forum. The evaluation summary showed that the speakers were well-received. On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest rating, all speakers rated 4.5 or better.

General comments about what participants learned at the Forum included: "Better understanding of how to work with others and how better to run & facilitate meetings."; "Community service project ideas, games for club meetings & ways to involve youth in club meetings."; "Reenergize myself to be the best leader-mentor I can be".

Specific areas that volunteers plan to take home and use include: conflict resolution, fund raising, partnering with youth, community service, leadership skills, team building, placing more responsibility on youth, meeting facilitation, club management, goal setting, food safety, financial management for clubs, club officer training, internet safety, and working with younger members.

Describe the population(s) or target audience(s) served. List how many individuals benefited or were impacted by this program.

The population served was 4-H youth and adult volunteers from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. 306 volunteers attended the Forum. Participants were community club volunteers, county volunteers not working specifically with one club, county committee volunteers, multi-county and state committee volunteers, as well as Extension staff.

Which of the 8 critical elements were realized in the program and how was this accomplished?

Positive relationship with a caring adult: Every youth attending NCRVF had to be supervised by an adult volunteer.

A welcoming environment: All volunteers at the Forum, youth and adults, were surrounded by caring individuals offering welcome and acceptance.

Mastery and competency: Educational sessions and workshops were designed for participants to take what they learned home and share it with others.

Value and practice service for others: A service activity was included in the Forum agenda. Participants were asked to donate phone cards to be given to service men and women serving in foreign countries.

Emotionally and physically safe environment: The conference center where NCRVF was held is a modern, safe facility. Participants at the conference did not have to fear for their physical safety. Every effort was made to provide an emotionally safe environment as well.

Self-determination: Each participant signed up for classes, tours and workshops they wanted to attend when registering.

Engagement in learning: Many of the educational sessions were hands-on, learning by doing sessions.

See one's self as an active participant in the future: Attending a conference with adult volunteers provided youth participants the opportunity to interact with positive role models who have been involved in 4-H past their membership years.

Provide a **detailed** budget and actual expenditures. Original receipts or copies are not necessary, but be sure that your expenditures are detailed with specific dollar amounts.

Friday Luncheon Speaker	Pat Leimbach	\$ 700.00
Friday Evening Entertainment	TBDBITL Alumni Club	500.00
Saturday Luncheon Speaker	Rick Metzger	1400.00
Saturday Evening Entertainment	Park Avenue Quartet	<u>1000.00</u>
	TOTAL COST	<u>\$3600.00</u>

If this is a continuing program, please describe future plans/program objectives.

The NCRVF will continue, but it will be hosted by other states for 11 years before it returns to Ohio.

Bonnie Malone
Grant Recipient Signature

December 30, 2008
Date