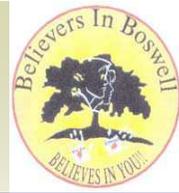




Believer's In Boswell Community Coalition

Choctaw County
2009



Coalition Priorities:

- ◆ Boswell Youth Center
- ◆ Boswell Plan-4-College Center
- ◆ Promote OKPromise Program
- ◆ Partner with Community/County Organizations
- ◆ Youth Education and Development
- ◆ Community Healthy Living Initiatives
- ◆ Community Development and Beautification
- ◆ Community Outreach and Family Activities.



**BOSWELL
YOUTH
CENTER**

About Us...

'Working Together for a Greater Boswell', this is the simple Mission Statement of the Believers In Boswell Community Coalition, Inc. Throughout the year of 2009 Believers In Boswell (BIB), have continued to worked in promoting programs and projects designed to assist the Boswell community and educate the youth and senior residents thru an assortment of educational programs.

In June 2009, the Believers in Boswell Community Coalition, Inc. received the Choctaw County DHS award for Outstanding Community Volunteer Organization of the Year. The Oklahoma State DHS awarded Believers In Boswell the Karen Jacobs Award for Exemplary Community Service. The Jacobs Award is given to an organization or individual that inspires, motivates and uses the most volunteers to benefit a community. The OKDHS honored exceptional individuals and organizations that provide volunteer service whose work has had a significant impact on individuals or a community. The Believers in Boswell provided 912 volunteer hours last year through partnerships with community and county organizations, the Boswell Youth Center, youth education and development, healthy living initiatives, community development and beautification and outreach and family activities.

The Believers In Boswell has successfully continued to develop award winning community programs and/or projects, thereby assuring the development of a 'Greater Boswell'.

The Boswell Youth Center officially opened it doors and serves students in afterschool activities. Students within the fifth thru twelfth grades come to enjoy the evening socializing, playing games, exercising, arts + crafts. The center has a fully stocked kitchen and runs a concession stand every evening. The center also schedules extra activities for community youth & adults alike. Boswell is the smallest community to be granted a second term CBO grant for \$6,000 to promote the OKPromise Program in BIB's efforts to increase the enrollment of 8th-10th grade students within the Boswell, Bennington and Soper school districts. Grant objectives for 2009-2010 school years, in February and March, they will be providing free tax preparations for families with students within the 8th, 9th + 10th grades who apply in the OKPromise Program. The Boswell Plan4College Center is officially station within the Boswell Youth Center. The center provides students can with the use of a computer to help them research for college opportunities, testing and financial help. Believers in Boswell members has installed a new playground equipment at the Boswell Park as part of their Project Playground efforts.

Partners:

Jackson Family Foundation; Boswell, Bennington, Soper Pubic Schools; Oklahoma Regents of Higher Education; SOSU/Durant; OSU Extension/Hugo; Choctaw/Pushmataha Co. Health Depts. (projects, SWAT/SPIT); Oklahoma Dept. of Commerce; Boswell Masonic Lodge; Choctaw Co. Commissioner Dist. #1; 2M2L; Choctaw Nation's Healthy Marriage/Healthy Kids; Choctaw Nation Youth Advisory Board; Little Dixie CAA + RSVP; Choctaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles; Project Promise; Boswell VFW; Boswell VFD; Boswell Boy Scouts; Boswell Girl Scouts; Boswell Public Library; Pierce Family + Dixie Café; Backwoods Café; Boswell Town Council; Choctaw County Coalition and Department of Human Services

Key Activities:

- ◆ 2009 Strategic Planning
- ◆ Boswell Youth Center and Plan4College Center
- ◆ 2nd term CBO Grant and OKPromise Program
- ◆ Project Falvmmichi
- ◆ Oklahoma Trash Off Campaign
- ◆ Boswell Park 'Project Playground'
- ◆ Membership & Coalition Partnership & Recruitment
- ◆ 4th Annual Fall Festival
- ◆ 5th Annual Family Fun Night
- ◆ Boswell Park Clean-up and Beautification project
- ◆ Adopt-A-Spot
- ◆ 3rd Annual Health Expo
- ◆ 3rd Annual Dixie Days BBQ Cook Off
- ◆ Antique Car + Tractor Show
- ◆ 3rd Annual Dixie Days Celebration
- ◆ 4th Annual Truck-or-Treat Night
- ◆ Community Benefits and Fundraisers

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ Received Choctaw County DHS award for Outstanding Community Volunteer Organization of the Year
- ◆ Received the OKDHS Karen Jacobs Award for Exemplary Community Service.
- ◆ Received a \$6,500 CBO grant (Project OKPromise)
- ◆ Official opening of the Boswell Youth Center and Plan4College Center
- ◆ 3rd Annual Health Expo w/1st annual Blood Drive.
- ◆ 3rd Annual Dixie Days Celebration
- ◆ 3rd Annual Dixie Days BBQ Cook Off, w/Antique Car + Tractor Show,
- ◆ 1st Annual Fall Trades Day, (an official Dixie Days event).
- ◆ Installment of new playground equipment funded by BIB's 'Project Playground'