



## **Fundraising, activities focus of summer fun**

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The time is nearly here for the collective community effort that will attempt to solve both area hunger and provide a daily dose of youth entertainment.

The free program greeting those 4 to 18 years old throughout the months of June and July at the Reynolds Recreation Center—X-Treme Summer Fun.

However, to make it a bit easier to provide kids with all this food and activities, the most pressing order of business is a fundraising campaign.

“We need donations to make this whole project work. Without the money, we could be faced with an unsuccessful program and that is not acceptable,” said McClain Garvin County Youth and Family Center representative Betsy White.

“We have all summer to get the funding but we need at least some of it right now.”

All of it is being put on by the Allies for better Living, formerly known as the Garvin County Health Coalition.

Their fundraising goal is \$6,500 and the biggest thing it will help cover is gas for busses that will pick up students from eight locations around Pauls Valley before taking them to the Recreation Center and back each day.

Pitching in already will be a month of donations from PV schools, food through the Oklahoma Regional food Bank as well as USDA and employee hours from the Rec Center. Money will also help pay wages for the bus driver, buy arts and craft supplies.

Throughout the summer White added how the program will be every Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Kids will arrive at 10:30 a.m. for 30 minutes of welcome and play time in gym, followed by an hour of education or activity and some days could include a science project or athletic game.

White pointed out that every single week has a theme and includes special plans for events like hero week and wacky week.

She again reminds people that there are no income requirements to participate and that it is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

“Our kids need and deserve this and we owe it to them to make this the very best X-Treme Summer Fun possible. That’s not a lot considering its all free,” said White, noting that local businesses have been sent letters asking for donations.

“It’s a good thing, it’s a cohesive group and if someone has an idea we actually listen to it.”

The group is a 501(c)3 so all donations are tax deductible. To send a donation by mail, the address is P.O. Box 349,

Purcell, OK, 73080.

White also asked that people call at 405-255-4147 her if they wish to drop off donations at Rec Center or inquire about a registration form.

People can also contact the Allies Vice Chair Erin Creach for more info by calling 405-238-3308 ext. 111 or by email at [ecreach@cityofpaulsvalley.com](mailto:ecreach@cityofpaulsvalley.com).