

Results from March 17, 2009 Brown Bag
Topic: Human Capacity

Programs & Resources

- Many more “young” members (65-74 age group) available to help others
- Many civic organization and service organizations that build volunteerism commitment (Rotary, Kiwanis, Masons, ARC, Elks, Historic Society)
- Nursing homes, Senior centers, Teen center
- Columbus Literacy Council
- Libraries
- Chamber of Commerce, Main Street
- 4th of July
- Public Enemies (movie)
- Government
- Fire and EMS
- Religious groups and churches
- K-12 Support Groups
- Friends of Mackenzie
- Boy/girl scouts
- 4-H
- Food pantry
- Community meal
- Meals on wheels
- Community garden
- Internet
- Facebook, Twitter: allows better communication across distance and age
- Organizations that help seniors get engaged in community (TRIAD)
- Websites
- Recreation departments
- Better health in people as they age allows them to be active well into retirement
- Teachers and schools
- Youth in government programs (ex: Future Leaders Active in Government- F.L.A.G.)
- Governments: City, County, State, National
- Democratic and Republican parties
- Incoming speakers and performers
- Wisconsin Counties Association (to support development of government and capacity)
- Our workplace is our community
- FEMA Resources
- River Haven
- Food pantry
- Newspapers/media: highlight opportunities for participation bring to work with service of organizations
- Columbia County Association for Home and Community Education
- Sustain Columbia
- Master Gardeners
- ABC Connection
- Family Resource Center: providing opportunity for families and skills to connect with others
- Honesty and responsibility in people who we can trust
- Churches
- Salvation Army
- Weekly musicals
- Columbia County festivals
- Columbia County Visitors Bureau
- Columbia County Connects Youth Leadership Programs: leadership, service capacity
- Youth sports programs: football, softball, curling, basketball, swimming
- PACC Youth Leadership
- Teen Court: volunteer opportunities, service opportunities
- Neighbors
- Portage Center for the Arts

Gaps & Needs

- Public Transportation
- Carpooling
- Technical support for fledgling groups
- Focused volunteering for a limited time period
- Awareness
- Value
- Sense of community
- Aging population
- Need for opportunities for volunteers to volunteer their time
- Need for more people taking on government roles
- Inform people about what is going on in their municipality (especially small villages and towns)
- Listening sessions
- Empower people
- Different generations don't communicate with each other
- Forums to help people know opportunities to volunteer are not readily available
- People don't connect with needed resources until the need is critical
- Let people know needs of program beyond fees
- Focus: A plan of where we're going and why
- Someone to coordinate, volunteer opportunities and volunteers
- Decrease in the sense of community
- The need for two incomes in families- little time left to volunteer
- Communication and cooperation between groups, government and businesses