

LITERACY
+
NUMERACY
SUCCESS!

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2013 - 2014

COMMUNITY REPORT

LITERACY

So you may be looking at this report and wondering what literacy and numeracy have to do with a construction training program...

For many years that's what our program was known as – a construction training program. In reality, as a YouthBuild Affiliate, our program is structured so that participants spend 50% of their time focusing on their education goals, 40% of their time on construction training with the remaining 10% being spent on leadership development. We were probably known most for construction because we relied heavily on education providers and partners to provide the educational component. While we still have educational providers that offer high school diploma prep programs, we've strengthened our educational component. In 2013, we hired a full-time Education Specialist, restructured the training schedule to include more classroom time and implemented an in-house GED program that fits seamlessly into our training program.

For many of us, reading a book or a newspaper is relaxing. Balancing your checkbook or calculating the tip at a restaurant comes naturally. For our students, these “simple” tasks present challenges and are at times frustrating. For many years they have backed away or resisted learning skills that challenged them. Because we understand that strong reading, writing, and math skills will help set our young people up for success as they transition into post secondary education and the workforce, we have created a culture and a learning environment that allows them to gain and strengthen these skills in an encouraging and supportive setting.

NUMERACY

Is all of this working?

Yes, we've seen positive results!

During this past two year grant period, over 75% of our participants have achieved increases in either their reading and/or math skills during their time in the program and more importantly, we're seeing an increased desire in students wanting to learn.



Joanna James
Executive Director,
Project REBUILD, Inc.



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HIGHLIGHTS!

We continued into our second full programming year of the 2013-2014 Department of Labor grant looking to attain and surpass our enrollment goal of 74 students over 20 months of active program involvement.

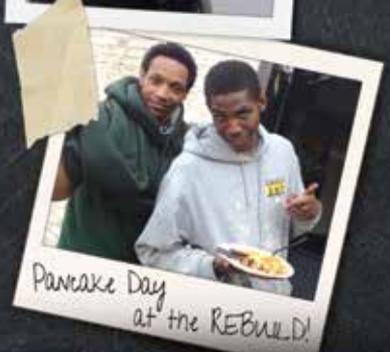
The following results show that Project REBUILD makes an impact on the young adults who become involved in the program:

- **Almost 70% of all students who graduated from Project REBUILD achieved a placement in either, a job and/or post-secondary or technical education.**
- **More than 70% of the students attained a high school diploma, GED and/or their PACT certificate.**
- **Fifty-six students (75%) had increases in their math and/or math skills while enrolled at Project REBUILD.**



We became an AmeriCorps service site, enabling Project REBUILD students to become AmeriCorps members and earn service hours toward a post-secondary/technical school Segal education award.

We continued our outreach to engage Project REBUILD alumni by hosting a bowling party in the fall. This past summer we enjoyed a picnic, which provided opportunities to reconnect with dozens of former program participants.



FUNDRAISING + FRIENDRAISING

Keynote Speaker - Mike Doss



The Seventh Annual Project REBUILD Community Breakfast continued a tradition of honoring outstanding supporters of Project REBUILD including:

- **Brent Fatzinger, OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER**, immediate past chair.
- **The Stark County Foundation for OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT.**
- **Steve Coon**, Coon Caulking and Restoration for **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS SUPPORT.**

The breakfast keynote speaker was Michael Doss, former high school, college and professional football player.

We awarded the first **Carolyn Hess Scholarship Award** to Dirk Cunningham, a Project REBUILD graduate and Stark State student.

For the seventh consecutive year the Huth Family Foundation chose Project REBUILD to be the beneficiary of the Henry & Laura Huth Charitable Foundation Golf Invitational.

Over the past seven years, more than \$35,000 has been donated to Project REBUILD programs and services.

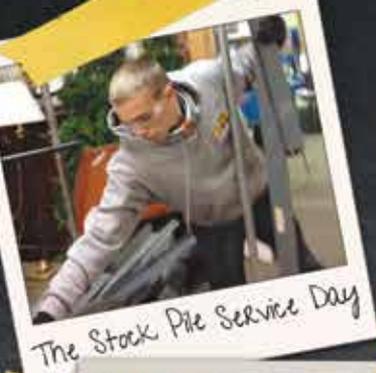
We participated in our third "Xmas in July" series of fundraisers sponsored by Arcadia Grill in Canton. Board member Missy Shelton of AultCare/Aultman Health Foundation was our guest bartender, promoting special refreshments and raffles to benefit Project REBUILD.



Carolyn Hess Scholarship Recipient - Dirk Cunningham



COMMUNITY OUTREACH + AWARENESS



The Stock Pile Service Day



During the 2013-2014 program year, Project REBUILD students, staff and volunteers participated in dozens of area outreach and awareness events, teaching the importance of service to our community.

As an AmeriCorps service site, our community service involvement has continued in high gear, partnering each calendar quarter with organizations such as The Stock Pile, Christ Presbyterian Church and Canton Calvary Mission. Our students have participated in several hundred service hours as AmeriCorps members.

Once again, we participated in the annual Repository-BIA Home and Garden Show, promoting two booths. One booth featured our students and the programs and services Project REBUILD offers. The other booth represented our subsidiary, **PR Futures**. PR Futures is a stand-alone construction service that employs Project REBUILD graduates and provides additional work experience for our former students.



For the second consecutive year, we attended the BIA Business to Business Exchange event. This event featured our students and services to other area building industry businesses.

We participated in five First Friday events, May through September. Our students shared their time, creating unique craft items with hundreds of children and adults.



First Friday Fun!

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Construction Manager
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Construction Trainer

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Construction Trainer
Craig Sturm
Construction Trainer
Marsha Wise
Education Specialist
Trisha Postlewait
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Angie Overdorf
AmeriCorps VISTA

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Year
2013-2014

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Support & Revenue
\$814,161

Expenditures
\$807,164

Program Services - \$623,360

Program Services - \$645,705

**Supporting Services, Management
& General - \$126,292**

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& General - \$97,452**

Fundraising - \$64,509

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Another day at Project REBUILD!



Our Vision:

To improve the lives and build futures of youth who are out of the educational mainstream.

Our Mission:

We are a non-profit agency that re-engages at-risk youth to complete a high school diploma or G.E.D. and acquire marketable skills in construction technologies.



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