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5 Days  
372 Hours  
199+ volunteers  
Heat and Humidity  
5-Block Line Length  
58% participation rate  
+ 2,281 backpacks and supply bags distributed

= Successful FABFAN 2009

The WVC would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude for YOUR assistance in making **Fill A Backpack 2009** successful. Perhaps you sent a check, donated backpacks or supplies, participated in "Stuff the Bus", gave of your time, or had some other part of **FABFAN 2009**. For your personal contribution, the WVC would like to say thank you. As I have said time and again, we could not do what we do without the tremendous support of each and every contributor and volunteer. With your support - we at the WVC will continue to do all that we can to assist the growing number of children in Marathon County who need our help most.

**FABFAN** is a completely voluntary effort. The Workplace Volunteer Council has no budget, no overhead and receives no specific funding from anyone. We take care of printing and many other costs within our 24 member companies. Everything given to the project comes in the form of individual, company, or group donations in response to letters that we send, and flyers we place in grocery bags, and promotion on our website.... We have no budget for advertising expenses. Every dollar we receive for **FABFAN** goes directly into the necessary items to facilitate a project of this magnitude. After **FABFAN** concludes each year, the "hope" is that we have enough funds on hand to make the lion's share of our bulk purchases for the next year should not one penny come in for supply purchases. Retail timing what it is; those purchasing decisions are made in the fall and late winter months. At a minimum, we need \$14,000 in the bank to cover those basic needs before the event kicks off. Our largest expenses are backpacks, markers, colored pencils, and filler paper.

We would like to say a special THANK YOU to "Stuff the Bus", River Valley Bank, Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin and the Dudley Foundation.

"Stuff the Bus" has assisted us for the past three years. That particular event is really taking on a life of its own. The grill out response was "tremendous". The supply donations were centered on our greatest needs. The sponsors and participants were a fabulous addition to our project and we greatly appreciate everything that was done.

River Valley Bank (a member organization) issued a challenge after hearing **FABFAN** needed assistance. They agreed to match \$2,000. The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin stepped up to match \$1,000. And the final surprise was when The Dudley Foundation stepped onboard and agreed to match \$2,000. I am pleased to report - we earned the full \$5,000 match as approximately \$9,000 was collected! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Volunteers were at the armory Tuesday thru Friday of **FABFAN Week** "preparing" for the August 15 distribution. More than 3,000 backpacks and supply bags were filled. When it came time to fill the bags, our awesome volunteers were filling a backpack in 14 seconds utilizing the "lean manufacturing method". The experience was actually educational for our student volunteers. The approximate value of the filled backpacks and supply bags is \$85,320. 199+ volunteers and coordinators were at the armory over the five day period. That accounted to more than 372 hours just that week... Total impact of such an undertaking (value of one volunteer hour is \$20.25) is \$7,533.

Karla M. Zygowicz, WVC - President and FABFAN Coordinator

*\* All donations to the Workplace Volunteer Council are tax-deductible. For tax purposes, our Federal tax identification number is 39-0935496. The IRS has determined the valuation of any donated property is the responsibility of the donor. We encourage you to consult your tax advisor to assist you.*