

The Project continued

- Education centers on values and health related topics, including nutrition, drug abuse, and violence prevention.
- Work focuses on projects important to community and elderly, and includes a job-shadowing day.
- Participants discover a sense that they can make a valuable contribution to their own community through responsible work and adult mentorship.
- Participants are required to do daily journaling and secure their very own savings account; this promotes character and skills.

Program Goals

Equip, engage, and empower the youth of our communities. This program aims to **equip** youth with life skills, **engage** them in their communities, and **empower** them for the future.

- Foster **respect** for self and others
- Teach **responsibility** for one's own actions in the context of the common good.
- Build **relationships** and relationship skills with group, leaders, senior citizens, and community leaders.
- Develop a **positive work** and **money management** ethic (Share, Save, Spend)

Any contribution is welcome, however, please consider sponsoring a child for:

- **\$650** to cover a child's summer
- **\$109** to cover a child's week
- **\$36** to cover a child for a full day

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Summer Work Outreach Project

In Buhl-Kinney, Chisholm,
Mt. Iron, and Virginia

A 501(C)3 Non-Profit Organization

Serving Kids
Serving Communities

Over the past 17 summers, SWOP has made a difference in the lives of over 450 youth in the communities of Mt Iron, Buhl-Kinney, Chisholm, and Virginia.



The 2014 SWOP Teams

To continue its work of connecting youth and their communities in Chisholm, Buhl-Kinney, Mt Iron and Virginia:

SWOP INVITES YOU TO JOIN ITS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Become a part of **SWOP's Community Partnership** as a business, city council, community organization or as an individual.

- Distinguished Partner at \$1,000.00 a year
- As a Partner at \$500 - \$999. per year
- Member at \$250 - \$449. per year
- Sponsor at \$100 - \$ 249. per year
- Friend of SWOP at \$50 - \$99 per year
- Supporter of SWOP up to \$49 per year

This project was funded by:

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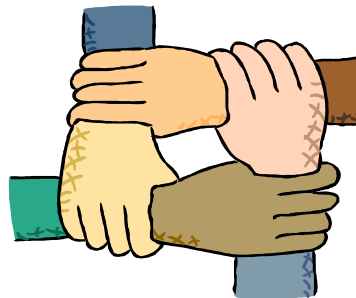
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SWOP

Summer Work Outreach Project

The Mission

1. Develop healthy connections with the community, responsible attitudes toward work, and respectful relationships with other youth & adults
2. SWOP seeks to achieve this by combining values-based life skills sessions with adult mentoring, guest speakers, and community work experience

The Situation

11 to 14 year olds are a vulnerable yet promising age group. They need caring role models and opportunities for service-oriented work to make for a successful transition into adulthood.

Due to a variety of factors, many of today's youth are not being equipped with:

- Life skills, values, respect for self & others
- Positive adult relationships
- Work ethic & money management
- Responsible community involvement

SWOP addresses both those specific needs and potential of these children.

The Project

- A total of 10 youth are involved at each site for six weeks each summer, plus a week vacation
- Each community has a host site for this project,
- SWOP hires approved summer staff to supervise community work, provide life skills & mentoring
- life skills development activities, and employment-related skills.