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THANKS guys!

-Sarah

The 2011 season of Basic Aid Training (BAT) has successfully come to an end! This year, 2,704 4th graders in 38 Lincoln public schools were taught the value of knowing basic first aid. Through funding from Lincoln Benefit Life, and with the generous help of the Cornhusker Red Cross staff, local volunteers and Lincoln Fire and Rescue firefighters, this program was accomplished with high merit. I believe this has been the best year ever!!

The key players in this program:

Lincoln Benefit Life: without their generous funding, this program would not exist. It is in large thanks to this company that 4th graders are able to learn these lifesaving skills!

Project Impact: this Union College day of service program connected us with enough volunteers to assist with preparing BAT supplies. 20 volunteers spent several hours one morning helping prepare books and other supplies for the BAT program. This was a tremendous help.

Marybell Avery and Sherry Bothwell: Marybell, the LPS Curriculum Specialist for Health, Physical Education and Character Education, and her "partner in crime," Sherry, were able to coordinate the dates and times for when each school would have BAT. They were also always willing to answer my endless amount of questions and solve any problems that seemed to arise. This program would not happen without their wonderful skills and knowledge. Thank you so much!

Jay Lawson and the wonderful staff at the LPS Distribution Center: Jay, the Distribution Coordinator for LPS, along with his gracious staff, spent hours each week distributing all BAT supplies to each school. They were also kind enough to let me come to the Distribution Center each week to get all supplies ready for each school. Their kindness and willingness to help contributed in large part to the success of this program. Thank you for all your hard work!

Medical Reserve Corps: 6 members of this important organization volunteered a combined total of 64 hours toward teaching BAT to students. Their help was greatly appreciated, and this program would have greatly suffered without them.

Roger Will: as the MSN, RN, Pediatric Nursing program instructor at Southeast Community College, he requires his students to teach one BAT class. His 43 students actively taught classes at 7 schools and were a huge help to the functionality of this program.

Laura Karges: as the MSN, RN, Associate Professor of Nursing at Union College, she also requires her students to teach a BAT class. Her 17 students charitably donated their time and effort into the classes they taught at 7 schools. They were a wonderful asset to the program.

Karla Scholl: as an MSN, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing at BryanLGH College of Health Sciences, she was able to largely spread word of the BAT program around the college, leading to 9 students and 2 staff members who kindly volunteered to teach classes.

Without the help of these three colleges, I doubt there would have been enough volunteers to teach all the BAT classes. I appreciate your help more than you can imagine!!

Scott Bastin and all of the participating firefighters: as a Captain with Lincoln Fire and Rescue, Scott coordinated the LFR involvement with BAT. Thanks to him, every school was able to have a crew of firefighters come assist with BAT. More than 100 firefighters participated in this year's BAT season, and it is an indescribable sight to see the joy they bring to the 4th graders. Scott and LFR's involvement in this program fundamentally contributed to the success of this program. Thank you for all your hard work this year-it is appreciated more than you know! **You guys know seeing you every day makes my job so much fun!!:)**

Most of the 2011 Participating Firefighters:

John Arnold
Eric Augustin
Dave Backhus
Kenny Baker
Dan Bare
Scott Bastin
Neil Bell
Troy Boothe
Jim Bopp
Bob Borer
Mark Bridwell
Alan Bruns
Roxann Buchholz
Mike Buehrer
Miguel Chavez
Craig Clark
Jon Colborn
Grant Collings
Alan Crist
Chris Crocker
Thien Dang
Mark Darrington
Ryan Degenhardt
Dean Delany
Steve Dolezal
Jeff Draper

Kris Draper
Shawn Durbin
Dave Engler
Andrew Evans
Curt Faust
Shannon Fickes
Jared Fredrickson
Dave Friedeman
Phil Ganoung
George Gasper
Mike Green
Chris Gutierrez
Dan Harms
Mark Heithoff
Justin Henkel
Cole Henn
Bill Hershberger
Marie Hillabrand
Tom Hinzman
Jeremy Hosek
Brian Jones
Rob Jones
Dan King
Chris Klusaw
Dave Kluthe
Barry Knopik

Kent Kobza
Kelly Kohl
Jayson Layton
Brian Lesac
Shawn Mahler
Mark Majors
Thomas Mann
Eldon Mannschreck
Frank Martinez
Mike Mayfield
Dan McIntosh
Billy Medina
Brent Mehling
Daren Merryman
Mike Meyer
Jeremy Mitchell
Martin Moon
Ryan Moser
Brad Moslander
Ryan Murphy
Stephen Novak
Jay Oligmueller
Jeremy Phillips
Shawn Podraza
Develon Puckett
Marty Remmenga

Mark Rist
Matt Roberts
Kelsey Romshek
Mike Satorie
Trevis Schroeder
Kevin Searle
Tod Sehnert
Tim Sherwood

Shawn Shoup
Mike Smith
Tracy Spivey
William Swenson
Jeff Topil
Sten Ulrich
Frank Vasquez
Matt Vonderfecht

Dave West
Dan Winkenwerder
Damon Wirth
Brian Wojtasek
Jon Wright
Mike Wright
James Yost

And, last, but most certainly not least, the phenomenal volunteers: there would not have been a BAT program without the help of the 112 kind-hearted people who volunteered over 500 hours to teach this year. I am beyond words for how grateful I am for your help. You taught these children life-saving skills and there are no words for the gratitude that brings. I am honored to have met each and every one of you. **THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART!!**

2011 BAT Volunteer Instructors:

Matt Akers
Jackie Anderson
Meghan Anderson
Steven Anderson
Kayla Baker
Stephanie Betts
Rhonda Binderup
Stacy Boden
Scott Bradley
Dwight Brown
Melissa Buckbee
Denaë Buel
Mary Burrow
Cynthia Carlson
Leah Carper
Angela Chan
Kerri Colgrove
Kerri Comstock
Larry Cook
Charlene Cordle
Britney Damme
Brooke Dankenbring
Molly Delatour
Lauren Dickerson
Stacy Diekmann
Nick Doher
Amanda Dougherty

Anna Dudin
Karmen Emanuel
Alice Epstein
Andrea Fangman
Ashley Fleischman
Chantell Fossberg
Amber Fox
Kayla Frishman
Naoko Fujimoto
Levi Fulliton
Michelle Garcia
Clarissa George
Tiffany Glass
Beverly Gottsch
Ameera Guenzel
Richard Halvorsin
Gabriel Hansen
Ashley Hayes
Emily Hergott
Megan Holbrook
Melissa Hold
Miranda Hoschiet
Kennie Jackson
Andrea Jantzen
Alex Jays
Tammy Johnson
Angie Kastl

Peg Kirby
Ken Kruse
Kurt Kruse
Natalie Kulm
Melissa Kumm
Colin Lee
Cindy Masek
Linda Maslowski
Kayla McCain
Sarah Mejskrik
Rosalie Meyer
Tara Miller
Trinette Monzon
Karla Navarrete
Ashley Nelson
Danell Nicolarsen
Betsy Norton
Markie Novotny
Julie O'Brien
Curtis Olson
Chrystal Pascoe
Devan Penfield
Christy Prang
Alan Radke
Teresa Raven
Becky Reaves
Vaughn Robertson

Catlyn Rohrig
Dustin Rupe
Rick Self
Jamie Shaw
Lauren Simons
Katie Sire
Allie Skidmore
Becky Smith
Danna Smith
Lacey Snyder
Jessica Sonderup

Kelly Sparr
Allison Strom
Luciana Sufficool
Michelle Summers
Heather Taylor
Ruthi Thompson
Kelley Todd
Molly Turek
Kari VonSeggern
Nicole Wainwright
Rob Waterhouse

Kristina Watson
Allison Wiltshire
Karen Wobig
Virginia Wockenfuss
Constance Woods-
Brown
Lauren Wright
Lindsay Wulff
Trisha Yow
Judy Zabel

**The Bronze Medal
Winners (those who
taught 3 or more
classes):**

Denae Buel
Mary Burrow
Molly Delatour
Richard Halvorsin
Peg Kirby
Linda Maslowski
Sarah Mejsrik
Rosalie Meyer
Curtis Olson
Vaughn Robertson
Catlyn Rohrig
Rick Self
Kelly Sparr
Rob Waterhouse
Lauren Wright
Judy Zabel

**The Silver Medal
Winners (those who
taught 5 or more
classes):**

Meghan Anderson
Nick Doher
Alice Epstein
Jessica Sonderup
Karen Wobig
Lindsay Wulff

**The Gold Medal
Winners (those who
taught 7 or more
classes):**

Kurt Kruse (way to go,
Kurt!!)

Some special thank-yous from me:

The entire Cornhusker Chapter Staff: thank you for all your support throughout the season. BAT was most certainly a team effort and would not have been so successful without all of your help. More specifically, **Sue:** thank you for your help, guidance and always answering my endless amount of questions!!

Kurt Kruse: I don't even have the words to say how much I appreciate you, and I have no idea what I would do without you!! Thank you for your time and dedication to this program. It is because of people like you that there is still good in this world!

All of the volunteers who taught several times: You truly amaze me with your generosity! I can't describe how thankful I am for all your help with BAT. Thank you for always being people I could completely depend on, especially in my most desperate times! You all are phenomenal people, and have such great hearts!

The wonderful firefighters: I know teaching 4th graders isn't the first thing you would want to be doing each day, but I truly appreciate your enthusiasm and effort spent with this program. I really enjoyed getting to meet you each day, and I really hope you understand how valuable you are to this program! It is, in large part, because of you that this season was as successful as it was! I really wish I could personally thank each of you, but this will have to do. **To the crews that taught more than once** (especially E4B): you are amazing! You have no idea how bad I feel knowing you guys have to teach more than once, but to top it off with seeing the smiles you have and your incredibly positive attitudes make me realize how wonderful you truly are.

Dave Engler: thank you for all your help with this program! Thank you for answering my endless amount of questions and for somehow finding a way to make me laugh in my stressful BAT times:) I know you are incredibly busy, so I truly appreciate your willingness to make time for me. BAT would not have been such a success without you!

Have a wonderful Christmas and an even better New Year!!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Wobig". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

-Sarah Wobig