

Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition - November 6, 2023

Opening:

- - Introductions and Prayer Requests
- - Opening Prayer

Guest Speaker: Dave Schaller, Principal, Chippewa Valley High School:

- Opened in 1984 - has been known as the "alt school". *A program description hand-out was given.*

- - For students who are at risk of not graduating
- - A majority of students are dealing with mental health challenges from trauma in their lives
- - There are less than 100 students, so they can keep a 15:1 student to teacher ratio
- - The school first focuses on WI's 15 core credits required for graduation, and expands from there
- - They can use the GED Option #2 (GEDO2). It's a test like the GED, but gives a high school diploma.
- - Many students go into the workforce after.
- - Dave is the homeless liaison
 - - Most school buildings have pantries and clothes available if needed. Dave's school has a pantry from Feed My People and has hygiene kits.
 - - Dave is the one who makes sure there's transportation if, for example, a family has moved into a hotel in Eau Claire for emergency housing. The district provides gas cards, cab companies, etc. to make sure students are able to get to school. They can use bussing, but it's tight with the driver shortage and specific routes they need to take.

Did you know?: Every student in WI is eligible to attend public school until age 21. (Though, the schools may not have programs set up for them.)

Q: Is this school available for the whole Chippewa Valley?

A: No. It started as a county-wide school, but with transportation issues and other similar schools becoming available, they now only accept students from Chippewa Falls.

Q: Is Dave part of the Mentor Program?

A: Yes, he's on the board. To his knowledge, there are no students waiting for mentors. Q: What's your contact information?

A: schalldp@chipfalls.org

Mission Update: Hope Village

- - 3 families have moved out
- - **Rent Smart** is being really helpful

- - There are 4 houses available that will be filled soon
- - Affordable Housing Grants: A grant deadline was missed due to late subcontractor bids, and we are optimistically waiting to hear back from another grant soon.
- - Lt. Governor visited the site today

Did you know?:

1. 69% of Hope Village residents have gone into permanent housing. 160 people have exited.
2. \$940,000 has been saved from county emergency housing hotel bills (based on \$80/night).
3. Another tiny house will be added by Spring 2024.

Mission Update: Lighten Your Load

- Volunteer schedule is good through December. January-March schedule will be sent soon.
- New volunteers can still sign up through December and be paired with an experienced person as training.
- Funds are stable for 2024.

Website Update: - It is good to go. Check it out ... <https://cfmc73.wixsite.com/mission-coalition>

CFMC Visioning/Brainstorming:

- - Pushed to December meeting when Gayle Klitzke returns
- - We are a conduit for community needs! Missions like Soles4Souls, school backpacks, personal requests, etc. - we're doing a lot of supportive work by connecting with churches and non-profits!
- Tom uplifted Rescued & Redeemed, a local church project - could we team up with pre-existing missions rather than recreating the wheel? Stay connected and see how we can join in as we continue our visioning/brainstorming for CFMC.
- - From our top concerns, we need a passionate person/team to make it go. We can get people behind you.

Announcements:

- - November 11th Chi High DECA is sponsoring a 5K run "Strides4Hope" with all proceeds going to Hope Village. Register online at <https://strides4hope5k.square.site/registration>

Sponsorships are available at <https://strides4hope5k.square.site/sponsorships>

- - **LE Phillips CDC:** Representatives from a bank have been coming to the LE Phillips CDC Outreach Office three times a week, but no one has been meeting with them. If you know anyone who needs financial aid, refer them to the CDC. *(More information to be emailed.)*
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- - **Agnes Table:** Most Thanksgiving donations are set. The Thanksgiving meal is at Central Lutheran on Nov. 23rd.
- Christmas brunch will be at First Presbyterian. The Christmas volunteering sign-up will be open in early December. Family games will be collected as gifts. They are coordinating with Barnabas Table on a holiday schedule, so Agnes Table provides a meal on Monday, Dec 25, and Barnabas Table provides a meal on Tuesday, Dec 26.

Closing: Our Father/Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: December 4, 2023 at First Presbyterian, 130 W. Central St., Chippewa Falls