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ISSUES: YOUTH RECREATION PROVIDES SKILLS & CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT IN RAPID CITY

Community Leader: Travis Eastman, President, Canyon Lake Little League's (CLLL) Board of Directors, Rapid City.

Topics Discussed: Providing girls and boys with a quality baseball program that helps them succeed on and off the field, ways that the CLLL provides an emphasis on skills and character development for local youth, and more on how to support their organization as they prepare to host the upcoming North & South Dakota Little League Regional Tournament.

Description of Responsive Programming: Travis reminded that baseball has been and always will be at the heart of American culture, as well as an important part of Rapid City culture. In association with Little League International, CLLL is committed to providing girls and boys of Rapid City ages 4-12 a quality program that will help them succeed on and off the field through an emphasis on skills and character development. Whether a first timer or a past player, Rapid City youth are invited to join the players and volunteers that make up CLLL for another successful, fun, and rewarding season. They have 500 players in Boys Majors, Boys Minors, Boys 8 & 9 - Kid Pitch, Boys 6 & 7 - Coach Pitch, Girls 8 & 9, Girls 6 & 7 - Coach Pitch, & Coed T-Ball. CLLL accepts registration from all girls ages 6-9 that live in Rapid City, no matter what league boundary they live within. The youth learn about fielding ground balls, catching fly balls, making good throws, thinking critically and quickly, making decisions based on variables, working as a part of a team and learning how to hit a ball. These lessons learned in baseball translate into hand-eye coordination, motor skill development, cooperation and compromise, decision making, muscle development, always working hard and doing your best and effective communication. CLLL Boys Majors won the Midwest Division of Little League International and are the reigning 2014 North/South Dakota champions, playing in last year's Little League World Series. With fields located in Rapid City at 1610 32nd Street, they recently completed their Collins Field move, which allowed for tournament play to occur as they host the Regional Tournament July 10-12, 2015. As they are hosting this Tournament with the new Field, there is still fundraising occurring to renovate additional fields that will be used in the competition, as well as in the local League practices and games. Donations may be sent to Canyon Lake Little League, PO Box 9072, Rapid City, SD 57709. <http://www.canyonlakell.com/>. (Aired on 7/4/15; 75 Minutes Total)

ISSUES: RAPID CITY YOUTH SUPPORTED THROUGH YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES (PART 2)

Community Leader: Brianna Reiner, Communications Coordinator, Youth & Family Services (YFS) of Rapid City.

Topics Discussed: The challenges that some children in Rapid City community face today, the importance of local youth having hope for their futures, as well as ways YFS is providing support in myriad ways.

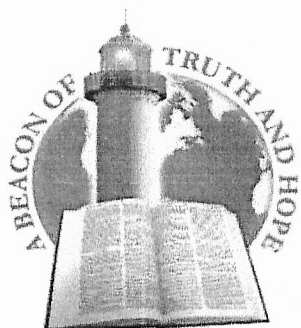
Description of Responsive Programming: Brianna shared that of all youth served by YFS programs, approximately 85% live in poverty and qualify for some form of assistance, 75% live in single-parent or foster homes, 25% have parents who did not complete high school, 45% are of a racial minority (primarily Native American), and 15% are from middle-income families. To serve these youth, YFS offers kids the stability,

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support and services they need so that they have the ability to focus on their dreams, which provide hope for a brighter tomorrow. YFS is a nonprofit organization that has been serving children and their families since 1965, growing to become one of the largest, most comprehensive youth development programs in western South Dakota. What began as Girls Club of Rapid City now encompasses seven cohesive programs that offer education, meals and snacks, health advocacy and support, counseling services, fatherhood and parent enrichment education, and prevention programs (i.e., girls' and boys' health advocacy, fatherhood programming, childhood obesity prevention, infant, toddler and preschool child care, Girls Incorporated®, and other successful programs into the northern Black Hills, including Rapid City). Brianna noted that their local Boys Health Program has recently been nationally recognized and deemed as a Promising Practices program by the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) and that their YFS Summer Food Program allows them to serve free breakfasts and lunches to all children between the ages of 1-18 during the summer months. Summer Food Program will be open to all children throughout the community at two centrally located sites. Brianna finally shared that YFS has received a significant gift that is a matching challenge that will go to support its facility expansion project at their E. Adams Site, resulting in increased infant/toddler care, advocacy services and programming for middle school aged children, outdoor recreation spaces, an educational greenhouse, and a fatherhood focused programming. She encouraged Rapid City citizens to participate in the challenge. <http://www.youthandfamilyservices.org/>. **(Aired on 7/11/15; 75 Minutes Total)**

ISSUES: PROTECTING RAPID CITY'S VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING, ESPECIALLY DURING BLACK HILLS MOTORCYCLE GATHERING

Community Leader: Representative Scott Craig of Rapid City, South Dakota House of Representatives.

Topics Discussed: An issue that is difficult to detect but becoming more prevalent in the area-human trafficking, signs to look for to protect youth, and how the emerging problem can be addressed as this year's 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally approaches.

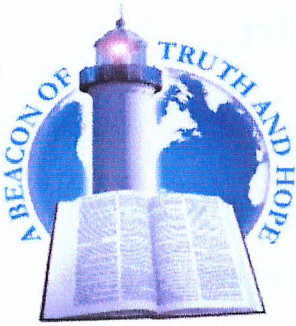
Description of Responsive Programming: Rep. Craig explained that there is a rumble building on the horizon in anticipation of the 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. August 3 – 9, 2015, has the potential to be one of the greatest and perhaps largest gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts of all time, as they are celebrating the 75th year of the Sturgis Rally. However, despite its positives, the wild side of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally typically results in speeding tickets, arrests and disorderly conduct charges. But law enforcement agents also fight a more sinister criminal element. While the rally overall is a lawful celebration of cycles and summer, it also has its dark side. That includes felony drug arrests and even more shocking crimes that lurk on the ragged edges of the rally. That's where undercover agents in a multi-agency task force reach out on internet sites to those seeking to exploit children through human trafficking. Human trafficking is defined as "modern-day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others." Rep. Craig explained that while South Dakota does not have a huge human trafficking problem, the state is working to prevent such crimes that are actually difficult to detect and local law enforcement agencies in the past have stepped up their fight against

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human trafficking at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Law officers who will work during this year's rally will be trained to recognize and prevent the forced prostitution of young women and children. Prostitution crimes are increasing and the annual rally that draws hundreds of thousands of people to western South Dakota is part of that increase. Although South Dakota ranks nearly the lowest in the nation when it comes to laws that protect victims of such crimes, Rep. Craig is proud that there has been a change in victim services, increased enforcement performed by the state's human trafficking and Internet Crimes Against Children task forces, which involve state, local and federal agencies, and now is the only state in the nation to take sex trafficking education efforts to every Indian reservation. Law enforcement are trying to remove dangerous individuals off the streets, but just providing awareness and a deterrent so that traffickers are hesitant to be out there searching to seek out young children also helps. Rep. Craig noted that there is a need for increased awareness of the signs of human trafficking, in addition to dispelling the myths. The victims of human trafficking don't always see themselves as such and human trafficking doesn't require transportation of someone from one state to another; it can take place in just one community. For help, the Public Hotline is 1-888-373-7888 or send a text to BeFree (233733). **(Aired on 7/18/15; 75 Minutes Total)**

ISSUES: AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR RAPID CITY'S AT RISK YOUTH APPROACHING; NEED FOR FUNDRAISER & VOLUNTEER SUPPORT DURING UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

Community Leaders: Carri Redmond, Vice President for the Club for Boys in Rapid City and Chantel Evans, Special Events Coordinator.

Topics Discussed: The important roles that positive activities, education, and friendship have in the lives of young men in Rapid City, how the Club for Boys is working to develop self-esteem in a safe/fun environment for its members, and details about their upcoming Fall Enrollment and Car Raffle.

Description of Responsive Programming: Carri and Chantel explained that the Club for Boys in Rapid City will soon be an after school/summer program in which programs are provided that are fun with a purpose, with the goal of teaching and guiding local boys, ages 6-17 years, to be the best that they can be. The need for the Club for Boys is great, as they have about 2,000 members, many of which served belong to families that are at the poverty level or below, members of minority groups, atypical, single parent, or in foster care. Their summer attendance is about 360 boys a day, although this drops to 240 a day in the fall. The Club for Boys accepts new members between the ages of 6 and 17 for only \$12 per year (this includes meals and activities - scholarships are available) throughout the year. Their School Program will start August 31, 2015, and this will include a change in hours some programming. For example, Homework Help assists boys in keeping up with school work and adult volunteers are on hand each day to help boys personally. Their computerized reading program will again be offered. During the first year of operation (2014), there were 132 boys active in both programs. Of this number, only five boys (4%) were reading at grade level. By May 1, 2015, 185 boys were active in both programs and 26 (14%) were reading at grade level. Over an 8-month period, 21 boys improved their reading to be at grade level. In addition, 14 boys brought their reading up to within 1 grade level of expected. The

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Club will also be kicking off Flag Football League later in the fall and this is free for members to join. The Club for Boys is supported through their Thrift Store, a few Grants, United Way, Special Events, the Club for Boys Foundation and the support of donors. Chantel highlighted that they will be holding a Car Raffle for a 2015 Ford XLT 4X4 lease or cash and the drawing will take place in November at the Club for Boys Thrift Store. <http://www.theclubforboys.com/>. (Aired on 7/25/15; 75 Minutes Total)

ISSUES: RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF BLACK HILLS RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, COMMUNITY AWARENESS TOWARDS DIFFERENT OTHERS

Community Leader: Pat Nelson, a Member of the Annual Tucker Day Rodeo Committee (based in Hill City, 20 miles from Rapid City).

Topics Discussed: The need for local children with Down's syndrome & other special needs to enjoy fellowship & fun together, how a unique opportunity for the kids to do just that is fast approaching, and details on community involvement and support for this awareness building event.

Description of Responsive Programming: Pat is a longtime volunteer serving on the Annual Tucker Day Rodeo, an event designed for the entertainment and enjoyment of special needs children throughout the Black Hills, including those in Rapid City. She related that the Rodeo came about when five-year-old Tucker Blane of Hermosa participated in the Rodeo portion of Western Heritage Festival in Hill City. Tucker has Downs Syndrome and that day his maneuvering through the course with the help of his mom, Lou Ann, and bonding with his horse caused all participant to want to provide this opportunity for other special needs children. This year, the Tucker Day Rodeo is on Sunday, August 9th, 2015, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the actual Rodeo occurring for participants and spectators from 11 am to 2 pm at Double Diamond Ranch, 23818 Highway 385, Hill City. The participants have an opportunity to horseback through a course designed by the Sun Catcher Therapeutic Riding Academy in the arena. The events are designed so everyone is a winner and there are awards for all participants. There are other fun games going on during the day with Smokey the Bear, gold panning, stick horse races, balloons, cowboy music and a free Chuck wagon BBQ for all participants, their families and spectators. Ultimately, it's a chance for kids with special needs to ride in a rodeo and participate with other children who may have similar issues. Spectators are encouraged to come enjoy the rodeo, cheer on the special needs participants and partake in the activities and the free Chuck wagon BBQ. AS a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Tucker Day Rodeo relies solely on donations from corporations and individuals, as well as the volunteer hours of Rich and Lee Ann Jensen of the Double Diamond Ranch, the Sun Catcher Therapeutic Riding Academy and all the other wonderful volunteers who donate their time and talents before, during and after the event. Silent auction items are still being sought. To register, access www.suncatcherra.org. (Aired on 7/28/15; 7/29/15 & 7/30/2015 at 10 am; 45 Minutes Total)