

## Main St. Foundation

Year End Update and Annual Puzzle Fundraiser

December, 2017



### Main St. Foundation and 5ten Main

Main St. Foundation works very hard to provide a safe and fun environment where the youth of Rawlins County feel welcome and can hang out with friends.

#### Our Mission:

To develop character in youth through relationships.

#### Our Vision:

To become a leading example of character development, community partnership, and relationship building for youth.

Relationships take time to build and the youth of Rawlins County need to know that people other than their parents care about them. This is what we are about and what we strive for at Main St. Foundation.

We typically average 25-50 youth on both Friday and Saturday nights. This is usually close to 15-20 Jr High youth and 20-30 Sr High youth. Rawlins County Jr and Sr high school has about 140 students, so, on average, Main St. Foundation is able to provide this service to 27% of our total youth on any given weekend. There are times where we have events that are Sr High only and we have 50-60% of the Sr High students attending.

The youth have come to expect 5ten as an option. Anytime 5ten is closed, the Executive Director gets texts and messages from youth asking why it is not open. It is always good to get these to remind us why we do what we do. We are closed about 1 weekend every other month but with the hiring of additional staff it is allowing us to provide 5ten almost every weekend.

The costs associated with keeping a youth center open include everything from heating and snacks to building payments, staffing, and insurance. It takes \$3000 to \$3300 a month to provide this service to our community. We have found that a place like 5ten is not viable with only volunteers. It is understandably difficult to get

people to volunteer their Friday and Saturday nights because we all have so few of them that are open. This is the breakdown of the expenses for Main St. Foundation.

- Total per month \$3300
- Building Payment 11%
- Insurance 7%
- Legal & Prof Fees 2%
- Property Taxes 5%
- Utilities 12%
- Building Maintenance 2%
- Fundraising, Food, and Office Supplies 9%
- Staffing - Jenny Popp, Keith Reuther, Taxes 52%

The puzzle fundraiser is an excellent way for us to raise about 75% of the funds we need to operate every year. We realize that you have many responsibilities, priorities, and limited resources when it comes to what organizations you are able to support financially. We ask that you would consider supporting Main St. Foundation.

Currently we do offer tutoring, but only a few youth have taken advantage of that service. We are trying to work to make the tutoring service more useful to students.

For the future we are looking to provide more general classes and teaching of life skills to students. Classes have not been provided as often as we would like, but we still want to work to provide more options for student learning.

As you can see, we have a lot to offer and we need your help to keep it going. Please consider donating puzzle pieces to partner with us to continue to provide these services to the youth of Rawlins County.

Thank you for your time,

**Main St. Foundation Board**

Jim Engel, Melissa Micek, Mark Wolters, Brandon Barnhart, Sarah Unruh, Kent Morgan, and Albert Popp