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Hundreds to be Screened

CC Idaho Purchases New Spot Vision Screener with Select 25 Grant Funds

September 14th, 2016 (Caldwell, ID) - The Community Council of Idaho (CC Idaho) invites the entire community to enjoy our Wellness Fair taking place this coming Saturday, September 24th at our main administrative office, 317 Happy Valley Blvd, Caldwell Idaho between 10am-2pm, where our new Spot Vision Screener will be used to screen hundreds who do not have access to no- or low-cost services. At the Wellness Fair we are targeting prevention, education and dissemination of health information, and providing screening services among the underserved communities. Our mission is to provide necessary tools to pursue a healthier lifestyle.

To accomplish this mission of serving the underprivileged, additional funds were needed to purchase an expensive piece of equipment that allows us to screen all our Head Start students for vision problems and assure they have a successful learning experience. We thank our friends from Select Health, this was only possible with the funding provided by the Select 25 Grant that was awarded August 17th. Currently our organization uses only three screeners that must be shared amongst ten sites scattered across the State of Idaho. With our recent purchase we will have the capability of serving not only our students but their family members, and the general community during our annual Wellness Fair.

“I couldn’t believe we had been selected. It’s always so hard to try and provide our families with even fundamental services, and knowing that companies like Select Health not only support us, but listen and contribute to our cause is so reassuring. A Vision Screener might not seem like a huge deal, but it is. To us, it really, really is. This will impact hundreds of Head Start students from 6mo to 5 years of age, their older siblings and parents, even our staff will benefit. I just want them [Select Health] to know we are so very grateful” shared grant recipient Amada Flores, Health Services Specialist for our Migrant Seasonal Head Start program.

The Wellness Fair brings interactive participation with dozens of service providers in the following 7 health dimensions: Medical, mental, dental, vision with the purchase of our new Vision Screener, safety, healthy foods, and active living. Health screenings include: dental with and fluoride varnish for teeth, vision, hearing, mammogram, bone density, glucose, and more. A free raffle of bikes and health baskets is planned between fitness and service demonstrations, including BSU football players “Tossing the Ball” with local children. We will have healthy food vendors and free snacks, music, and much more.

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