

# Results for Lafayette County **Project Connect in Odessa** 2017!



A one-day, one-stop-shop to meet MANY needs of people in the Odessa area took place on Saturday, July 22, 2017 to provide many free services to those in need. More than 54 nonprofit and service organizations, churches, businesses, and many other individuals coming together from the community and caring people in the area to serve and meet needs such as free haircuts, birth certificates, mattresses, manicures, health and dental services and MUCH more. We cooperated and collaborated to serve with totally FREE services! The one-day Event met many needs. Here's a good faith effort at Summary of Services provided by looking at early reports:

- 141 Volunteers and 114 Service Providers from 54 different Agencies/groups serving (includes doctors, RNs, etc.).
- 28 Youth from local High Schools volunteered and were a HUGE breath of fresh energy and assistance.
- 122 Guest Entrance Surveys completed—28% accompanied by a friend, spouse, or children—301 people served total.
- About 2,695 hours worth of “time” effort and thousands of dollars worth of services given ALL in a single day!
- More than 2,510 incidents of service were provided in the one day event!
- People attended from Odessa, Lexington, Knob Noster, Waverly, Mayview, Alma, Independence, Holden, Warrensburg, Blue Springs, Concordia, Orrick and Carrollton. By far, the majority were from about a 10-mile radius around Odessa.
- The value of services provided in Community Impact exceeded \$81,000; the value of Volunteer Time in community impact is more than \$74,833.29 (see [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org)); and the value of in-kind goods provided exceeded \$39,000 for a grand total Community Impact of well over \$350,000.00 in the one day event!

## **Services provided FREE of charge to Guests included:**

- 37 teeth extracted from 28 people. Dental Clinic vouchers were given (everyone received toothpaste and toothbrushes).
- 73 Guests received vouchers for Birth/Death Certificates, Flu Shots, etc. from Lafayette County Health Department.
- 61 Women had meaningful interactions with the Women’s Resource Center and various appointments were made.
- 37 Veterans received “meaningful interaction” with a representative from one of Missouri Veteran’s organizations.
- 21 families registered for SNAP food assistance programs and 35-plus people met with local Food Pantry folks.
- Approximately 34 haircuts were given, 12 vouchers for haircuts were given and 48-plus received manicures.
- More than 25 people served/resolved DMV-related issues through provided vouchers.
- Over 480 hot dogs, 600 bags of chips, 288 cookies, lots of candy, and more than 675 bottles of water were given away.
- 124 Exit Bags given out containing items NOT purchasable with Food Stamps (toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrush or paste, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, deodorant, etc. Retail value of about \$15 per Exit Bag).
- Thousands of items in addition to Exit Bags including shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, razors, dishwashing liquid, toothbrushes/toothpaste, sheets, pillowcases, towels, etc.
- There were other people present, helping, learning, observing AND documenting to do similar events in other cities.
- Much-MUCH-MUCH more with very FEW incidents and/or issues.

**Our Project Connect service events emphasize relationship-building and gaining knowledge.** We have incentivized Guides to lead Guests to stop at every booth and interact with every Service Provider. Since instituting the process we use, we have increased interaction of Guides/Guests to Service providers by 300%. The following are ALL recorded by the Service Provider as a “meaningful interactions” with Guests. . .

- 43 received Medicare information from Humana.
- 114 interacted with FBC Odessa/Celebrate Recovery.
- 68 received info and help from Care Connection.
- 62 received Medicaid help from Home State Health.
- 57 presented for blood donation. 26 were accepted.
- 75 received LogistiCare transport schedule info.
- 34 requested twin mattresses, 12 requested queens.
- 51 mental health screening/assessments were completed.
- 28 people with disabilities received relevant assistance.
- 36 Guests had photographs taken and are in process of delivery.
- 101 Received info about Wills, Power of Attorney, various end-of-life decision-making, etc.
- 27 Guests took *“Resume Guide: Building Relationship with a Prospective Employer”* and asked for resume and job search help.
- 75 consulted with Legal Aid about a legal issue.
- 92 interacted with House of Hope.
- 70 received info from Bikers Against Child Abuse.
- 29 received assistance from Baby Grace.
- 75 people were screened for vision: 28 received “readers.”
- 44 requested 78 Smoke Detectors (fire dept will install).
- 26 received information from Lafayette County Cancer Coalition.
- 97 Child Safe kits were given by Lafayette County Sheriff’s Dept.
- 44 massages given.

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