

Preliminary results from Project Connect in Higginsville 2018!



A one-day, one-stop-shop to meet MANY needs of people in the Higginsville area took place on Saturday, November 3, 2018 to provide many free services to those in need. More than 40 nonprofit and service organizations, churches, businesses, and many individuals came together from the community to serve and meet needs such as free haircuts, birth certificates, mattresses, manicures, health and dental services and MUCH more. Here's a good faith effort at Summary of Services provided by looking at early reports:

- 196 Volunteers and 110 Service Providers from 50 different Agencies/groups serving (includes doctors, dentists, RNs, etc.).
- 40 Youth from local High Schools volunteered and were a HUGE breath of fresh energy and assistance.
- 127 Guest Entrance Surveys completed—18% accompanied by friend, spouse or children—about 285 people served total.
- People attended from Higginsville, Lexington, Waverly, Mayview, Alma, Concordia, Orrick, Odessa, Carrollton and others. By far, most were from a 10-mile radius of Higginsville. Thanks Ag-Power and C.E.R.T. for gators/parking/shuttle help!

Services provided FREE of charge to Guests included:

- 45 Veteran's or their families received assistance.
- 12 teeth extracted from 10 people. Dental Clinic vouchers were given (everyone received toothpaste and toothbrushes).
- Many Guests received vouchers for Birth/Death Certificates, over 35 Flu Shots, etc. from Lafayette Co. Health Department.
- 30-plus people received assistance with services from Missouri Valley Community Action.
- Over 45 haircuts were given, 48-plus received manicures.
- More than 25 people served/resolved DMV-related issues through provided vouchers.
- Over 440 hot dogs, bags of chips, and bottled water were consumed.
- Over 40 Twin were requested and in process of delivery.
- 127 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 \$13 per Exit Bag).
- Hundreds of winter coats and blankets (all new or gently used) were given out through Presbyterian Church or Exit Booth.
- Thousands of items in addition to Exit Bags including shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, toothbrushes/toothpaste, sets of sheets, pillowcases, towels, etc.
- New this year was the Mammography Van from Diagnostic Imaging. Ladies 40 and over were able to have a mammogram done in the van with the results being sent to their provider. Ladies that were uninsured had their tests provided by the Susan G Komen Foundation. There were a total of 12 mammograms performed that day and 10 of those were uninsured that had never had a mammogram before! The mammography van will be at all future Project Connect events!

Our Project Connect service events emphasize relationship-building and building knowledge in community.

We have incentivized guides to lead our 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%.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all our Donors, Service Providers, volunteers and supporters!

**The next Project Connect will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019 at the
Lexington United Methodist Church!**

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