



The Betsie Valley Community Center

PROGRESS REPORT JULY 2020 the BVCC Board of Directors has some wonderful news to share! The Mobile Dental Services Van Project has been fully funded. Thank you to all community members who made individual donations to our fundraising, as well as the local support from Manistee Men Who Care and an Iron Fish Distillery fundraiser! In addition, we want to express our gratitude for a grant from Cherryland Cares, for gifts from the Webber Foundation, Frank and Emily Smiddy of Thompsonville and an extremely generous anonymous donor match challenge through the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation.

We have purchased the van from Watson Country and want to publicly thank Watson for a discounted price on this 2019 Dodge Pro Master van. The van is now being converted to a mobile dental office by Nature and Me RV (a Watson Country affiliate) and hopefully will be ready for the road around August 1st. Equipment, telemedicine technology and labor are being donated by Northern Michigan Health Services Inc. (NMHSI) as well as Midway Dental in Grand Rapids.

The BVCC has established a Vital Services Committee to oversee the development of this project, with stakeholder members from both Manistee and Benzie Counties. The priority service for the van is preventative dental. However, some medical services may be offered as a result of Covid 19. We will have a number of partners identified over time. Our primary partner as we begin to schedule services is Northern Michigan Health Services Inc. (NMHSI).

Before March when Covid 19 changed all of our lives, we were busy providing a monthly RECREATION SERIES. We look forward to a time when we can gather again for a celebration and MORE recreation, with whatever accommodations need to be made for everyone's health and safety.

The Board has been meeting virtually. We have not organized a Planning Team meeting since February due to Covid 19. Let's hope we can have a safe distance group meeting not too far into the future. In the meantime- please contact any Board member with questions or comments, stay in touch with developments on our Facebook Page and the BVCC website or drop us a line at our new address: Betsie Valley Community Center, P.O. Box 104, Thompsonville, MI. 49683

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