

August 30, 2019

DID YOU KNOW...

The Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation:

- Started a monthly support group for parents/caregivers, led by Melinda Simpson, LCSW. *Second Thursdays* meets at the Bluegrass Care Navigators office. WJRF volunteers provide childcare and dinner for families.
- Hosted a Father's Day visit at the Franklin County Regional Jail for 7 families. Dale spoke with prisoners. Volunteers led children/family activities. As a result three inmates enrolled in GED classes.
- Funded a KRUSH training for 24 Frankfort Independent and Franklin County school staff. KRUSH is a K-12th grade curriculum for students impacted by incarceration. Pilot KRUSH groups will begin in schools this fall.
- Hired our first full-time staff through Northern Kentucky University's Campus Compact, Americorps VISTA program. Meagan Morrow has 8 years of child protective services work in Anderson County and 2 years as a substance abuse counselor. Her primary role is to engage volunteers in ongoing foundation activities. Meagan will also build the infrastructure of our mentoring program. Her office is located in The Kings Center.
- In June, a Family Fellowship event was held at Juniper Hills Aquatic Center. Children birthdays were celebrated.
- Sponsored 16 children to participate in a cupcake/treat decorating classes at B's Bakery.
- Sponsored two children to attend a week-long graffiti art camp at Josephine Sculpture Park. Four children attended a one-day camp at JSP.
- Eight children attended the Western Hills High School summer basketball camp.
- Two Kentucky State University students committed their 2019/2020 academic year to have leadership roles with our children and families.
- Started weekly video visitation with our partnership with GTL.

WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:

- Meet with Meagan to discuss opportunities to volunteer.
- Consider being a **one-on-one mentor** for our children/youth. Mandatory training for mentors is scheduled for October 17, at Amachi in Lexington.
- Provide a **sponsorship** for a child/youth to participate in an extracurricular activity.