

## **Community Engagement Report**

**December 2022**

**Visits – 450**

**Volunteer Visits – 25 (23.5 hours)**

In December the Community Learning Center had a large number of visitors. A total of **450** separate visits were made during the month and **25** volunteers who provided **23.5** hours of volunteer time. The volunteers assisted with setting up for BINGO on Fridays, assisting individuals during activities and classes, assisting with Music Moves, flower bed cleanup, assembling newsletters, and setting up for the New Year's Eve Party. The Center was closed on December

The CLC continued offering all of the popular activities in December including Coffee & Cards, Game Time, Music Moves, Crafts, Get Fit, BINGO and the monthly movie party. All of these activities had a large amount of participation. A new activity, Gifts to Give, also seemed to be a favored activity where participants were able to make gifts for others for Christmas.

On Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> the Center held a Sensory Room Open House so community members could see and explore all of the new items available to them. About 75 people visited the sensory room and enjoyed experiencing the various manipulatives and activities that the Center has on hand as well as the sensory swing, marble wall, blackout tent, bubble tube, fiberoptic wires, scene projector, bean bags, children's climbing mats and various lights. The bubble tube, marble wall and swing were definitely favorites along with the kinetic sand.

The CLC held a New Year's Eve Party on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>. About 45 participants enjoyed dancing and light snacks. The party had a great turn out as this is the first dance that we have been able to offer since the end of 2019.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> several SB40 staff received training on how to utilize all of the functions of the SMART interactive screen from Kansas City - Audio Visual.

During the month of December Melissa attended several meetings and trainings including the Northeast/Northwest Workforce Development Board Access Meeting to discuss programs for employment development of people with disabilities, monthly Transition Coalition Meeting, a training for the SMART Interactive Board, a planning meeting for the Community Engagement Conference Meeting, and a meeting to provide more information about Adair County SB40 to the Kirksville City Council. She also interviewed with KTVO's Jazmine Clark and on KIRX's Area Scene in preparation for the Sensory Room Open House. No Mandt System Certification classes were taught in December due to area providers not needing training at this time. Melissa also continued to confirm several presenters for the conference. At this time there will be two keynote speakers and 14 breakout session presenters with two others who are still be confirmed.

Angela prepared and lead all of the activities and classes during the month of December.