

2014 Project CARE Fair

In March 2014 the Gila County Community Services Division asked Southern Gila County Network Team members to join a committee to plan for the bi-annual Children's Assistance and Resource Event (C.A.R.E.) Fair. The CARE Fair committee held its first meeting on March 19th, in attendance were: Margret Celix, Kathy Garcia and Stella Marschall of Freeport McMoRan Miami Mine, Anna Petty of Capstone Pinto Valley Mine, Paula Horn, Estelle Belarde, Malissa Buzan and Christine Lopez.

During the meeting we discussed how to better use our funds to help local school children get a better educational experience in the 2014-2015 school year. The committee came up with the plan to ask both Freeport McMoRan Miami Mine and Capstone Pinto Valley Mine for funding to carry out a project to deliver school supplies directly to the Globe and Miami Unified School Districts. So began the 2014 Project C.A.R.E. Fair. Letters were written to both mines asking for donations to help with this project. Both Freeport McMoRan Miami Mine and Capstone Pinto Valley Mine generously donated \$5,000 for this project.

During August and September, Christine Lopez contacted the schools in the Globe and Miami Unified School Districts to notify them of this project, as well as, to get lists of the most needed items at the schools. Mrs. Sherry Dorathy and Mrs. Marcy Hernandez from the district offices were instrumental in helping to provide the lists of supplies. Mrs. Debbie Thompson of Globe High School was also very helpful in making sure we were purchasing supplies that were most beneficial to the students. Prices were researched on all the items for lowest prices, so that we could stretch these dollars as far as we could.

In early October the supplies were ordered and deliveries started to each of the 6 schools. All Principals and staff were overjoyed with the amount of supplies they received (averaged \$1660 each school). Estelle Belarde, Helene Lopez, Gabe Eylicio, Adrian Marks and Allison Torres were part of the delivery team. It was heartwarming to make the deliveries and hear how desperately they were needed.

Below are pictures of the deliveries.





C.A.B. Elementary



High Desert Middle School



Copper Rim Elementary



Globe High School