

Reflection: NBA Mission and Ministry Grant impact

JUMPSTART Back-to-School Clinic
First Christian Church of Blue Mound, Illinois
August 2018



On Saturday, August 4, 2018, over 25 volunteers gathered at the First Christian Church of Blue Mound located in Blue Mound, Illinois, for JUMPSTART Back-to-School Clinic. We began our day with volunteers gathering at 8am for prayer, a delicious breakfast, introductions and training for the clinic that began at 9am.

Volunteers were divided into teams of hospitality, registration, family advocates, nurses station, medical providers, dentistry, and copier/paper work station. As news of the clinic began to be shared in the community our Parish Nurse decided to provide scheduled appointments times and to encourage walk-ins. Every appointment was taken within three days and we did experience walk-ins on the day of the clinic. We felt our first ever clinic was a great success as we served 17 families from four different school districts. Parents were grateful for the clinic and we discovered that many did not have insurance or were between insurance coverage.

As clients entered our clinic they were met with registration greeters and assigned a family advocate who walked them through the process that took approximately 25 minutes from start to finish. After completing basic paper work, the children and youth were taken to a nurses station where height and weight were measured, vision screened, a lead assessment completed, and blood pressure and heart rate monitored. They were then escorted into an exam room, for a more thorough examination by a health care provider, in our case Physician's Assistants. Following the examination, a dentist was available to provide dental screenings to students. Family Advocates then escorted clients to our Northcutt Hall (fellowship hall) for food and fellowship while waiting for copies to be made of the examination results. Copies were made for the families, school, and physicians.

All in all, we considered it a great success and valuable community outreach.