



**NEW COMMUNITIES PROJECT, CYFAR
Monthly Progress Report**

*To be submitted by the site coordinator electronically to Kendra Wells (klwells@umd.edu)
by the 15th of each month for the previous month's work.
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County: Frederick

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Report Contents:

PART I: Program Activities and Highlights

1. Kids designed Family trees.
2. Kids design and printed 4H themed T-shirts. They got the real white shirt with 4H designs on them. There are about nine shirts made. Kids are very proud and excited about the result. Many took the shirt home to show their family and friends. One little boy couldn't wait. He wore the shirt to school the next day!
3. County Extension Director Stan Fultz came to observe the class. He was impressed by our 2nd and 3rd graders remembered where their files were located on the network, and be able to open, save, print and accomplish other basic computer tasks. They were also able to follow more complicated directions in using graphic editing software - Photoshop elements.
4. Wrote letter to Kayli Burch's teacher to let her know that she practiced typing for more than hour and doing really well at the lab. Kayli was very happy taking the letter to her teacher. Her father also showed up several times showing interest in what she is doing in the lab. He was quite taken by 4H pledge hanging on the wall. He said he really liked it and asked Kayli to type and print it. He stuck it on his refrigerator.

Outcome

1. Kids learn how to use several graphic editing tools to create special effect for the pictures taken by themselves.
2. Improved internet researching skills and graphic design skills.
3. Kids are more familiar with 4H ideals, many can repeat the 4H pledge, and start to relate them during their activities.
4. T shirt design generated some interest in older boys. Two joined our class to design T shirts.

PART II: Challenges

Challenges from the Programs:

Hillcrest computer lab attendance is low because the schedule conflict with Karate. We plan to pull out from there and start a new program in Hope VI new computer lab.

Evaluation Efforts:

Administrative review was done by County Extension Director.

PART III: Plan for Next Month:

1. Making plans on schedule and programs for the new computer lab.
2. Meet Hope VI director and staff, and visit computer lab.