



Fact Sheet

What and Why: A Resource Event based upon the theme from the classic story about what happens when neighbors learn to come together, share their favorite vegetables and make a wonderful meal. The event is citywide, fun-filled, interactive, and multi-lingual and its purpose is to increase awareness of the services, agencies, programs and organizations serving Stamford's families.

When and Where: Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 9:00 to 3:30 at AITE.

Who: For ALL Stamford residents. Workshops, "Midway" booths and Arts Performances are geared to all ages from birth- seniors!

How: The event began as an outgrowth of two years worth of conversations with Stamford families and agencies led by Parent Leadership Training Institute's Alumni Association (PLTI) and in collaboration with Stamford Public Schools, Parent Teacher Council, Domus, and 30 community partners. Stone Soup was held for the first time on March 21, 2009 at AITE. The day-long event attracted over 1000 people, representing more than 600 Stamford families from preschoolers to seniors. For many, it was their first time to attend such an event. The day of fun and learning was supported by over 200 volunteers, including scores of teenagers. Stamford's ethnic and economic diversity was evident throughout the day with translators in Spanish, Polish, Chinese and Russian on hand to assist. The day also included a free soup lunch to over 1200 people.

There were more than 30 sponsoring partners covering the array of public and private agencies and individuals dedicated to support local education, health, wellness and economic stability. These groups were backed by a significant number of corporations who generously donated funds, in-kind materials and their employee community groups. In all, over 70 exhibitors and workshop teachers provided three ways to engage visitors – through interactive Workshops (1 hour), Demonstrations (30 minutes) and/or interactive booths set up in the Resource Midway.

Now: This year, the event will be similar, with improvements based upon suggestions from last year. But, to make it happen, we need volunteers and funding! Please contact Regan Allan, regana@optonline.net, if you are able to help.



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