

Centre for Community Outreach and Care

Report to Health and Human Services Faculty Council

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This term the outreach center has been busy with our 8 community projects. All of them are surpassing expectations. Here are a few examples:

- Approx. 24 children had their teeth cleaned by Dental Hygiene students with a CYC students recruiting the families and assisting them in overcoming barriers to receiving dental care. A great example of social justice in action.
- The mental wellness group for children is surpassing expectations as far as participation and with great attendance.
- You might even see one of our projects ("I have a dream") around campus as we have elementary aged children on campus learning how to work towards establishing and meeting goals in life. This is a unique poverty reduction and empowerment initiative.
- In addition, our robust Advisory group of 15 community members and professionals are busy working on next year's projects.

We are looking forward to collaborating with the nursing program on a project in February, 2016 and are open to more interprofessional opportunities. Please contact Ashleigh Martinflatt if you are interested.

The centre provided for a rich, deep learning experience and students are enjoying the real world challenges of community development.

There has also been an application for the community accelerator grant submitted and we are hopeful that is successful we would be able to disseminate community development and social justice projects further into the community.