

Back To School Vaccine Heroes

The PA Polio Survivors Network has been collaborating with community volunteers in Adams, Bucks, Franklin, Lancaster and York Counties to put together and distribute Pediatric Vaccine Information packets being delivered to day cares, preschools,

pediatricians and pediatric dentists. We are Vaccine Advocates who believe in encouraging participation in these projects throughout our communities.

More than 2,500 of these information packets were put together this spring by disabled adults from the <u>H.A.R.T Center</u> and senior volunteers both Adams and York Counties. Project coordinator, polio survivor Deb Stambaugh learned that it was important for these adults to leave their facility and complete projects outside. A local church volunteered their space for multiple days.



Disabled adults from the H.A.R.T Center in Adams County have packed more than 1,200 Vaccine Information Packets that included coloring books from CHOP. Deborah Stambaugh had a heart felt response when she shared them with each volunteer.



Packing Volunteers from the Biglerville and York Springs PA Senior Centers.



We rewarded the volunteers with gifts of gratitude.

Both organizations have requested the opportunity to continue this important work.

Deliveries of these packets have been successful throughout the area.

As they prepare for Back to School checkups, three pediatric practices requested additional deliveries and have distributed hundreds of these Vaccine Information packets to their patients and families. With financial assistance from the PA Immunization Coalition (PAIC) and the PAAAP, each packet contains a coloring book, crayons, our Vaccine Information Card and materials from the PA Dept of Health.



We worked with professionals from the Lancaster County Immunization to learn about the special needs of the Amish/Mennonite Community. As a result, we created a custom coloring book and printed the back of our Vaccine Information Cards with contact information of medical clinics that residents from their community respect.



The <u>Clinic for Special Children</u> in Strasburg, PA. requested 250 packets and an additional 100 Vaccine Information Cards Left to right: Carol Ferguson, Special Clinic Vaccine Coordinator - Christina Hendrickson, Deb Stambaugh



Polio Survivor Deb Stambaugh, Corrine Laughman (Vaccines for Children Coordinator) and Dr. Douglas Masucci from <u>Hanover Pediatric</u> <u>Associates</u>, Hanover, PA – receiving the first delivery of Vaccine Information Packets. Back to School Vaccine Champions



<u>Gettysburg Pediatrics</u> in Gettysburg, PA. requested 235 packets in English and an additional 50 packets in Spanish. Sarah Rohrbaugh, Assistant Lab Technician helped with the unloading. In a joint effort, they were delivered by survivors Deb Stambaugh and Barbara Underwood.



After requesting more, Corrine Laughman (Vaccines for Children Coordinator) and Alison Baker – both from <u>Hanover</u> <u>Pediatric Associates</u>, Hanover, PA received their 2nd delivery of Vaccine Information Packets, bringing their total to 350.