

ProAct Post

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Investment Needs And Opportunities For Red Wing And Shakopee

2025 is a year of growth and a year of much needed investment for the future of ProAct's sites and services.

In Red Wing, aging segments of the walls required rapid response and months of work to repair and clean up the damages. We are immensely thankful to everyone of our Red Wing friends and family for their patience with all the construction work. From where it started to where we are now, the building is looking so much better and is back on its feet to ensure the best experience for our participants and staff.



While the exterior work is finishing up, interior work will be continuing over the next several months. Take a look below for some of the photos during the construction work compared to the new and improved exterior.

In Shakopee, our current building is leased in coordination with the Southwest Metro Special School District and Scott County. Due to growing needs for the school district, the space we currently occupy will eventually need to be made available for use by the School District. In response to this coming need for a new space, ProAct has taken the initiative and purchased a new building that will become the future home for our Shakopee site.

4301 Dean Lakes Blvd, Shakopee, MN, the former home of a software support company prior to the COVID Pandemic, is located just down the street to ensure ease for transportation and proximity to our familiar surroundings. The new building has twice the amount of space as our current Shakopee location and will provide ample opportunity for growth in the program. While the new building undergoes necessary preparation and maintenance work, all services will continue without impact at our current site. Although we will miss our current Shakopee site with all the memories made, we are looking forward to the opportunities this needed move and investment will bring.

Whether in Red Wing revitalizing our building or in Shakopee preparing for our move, ProAct continues to strive to find opportunities for growth whenever possible. However, we couldn't do it without the trust and support from our staff, participants, friends, and family.

RED WING BEFORE



RED WING AFTER











Food Truck Family

This July, ProAct Shakopee was visited by our friends from **Borealis Bowls**, a food truck and purveyor of delicious smoothie bowls, for a fun lunch and parking lot dance party.

Thank you so much to everyone with Borealis Bowls for stopping by and putting smiles on the faces of participants and staff alike.



















Enrichment Program Highlights

Fireworks of July

Celebrating the Fourth, going out on adventures, and eating delicious food when available, July was a month full of great times.

In Red Wing, participants got out and about at A Great Day Farm, Frontenac Park and Hoksila Park, enjoyed tasty thank you cookies from the Red Wing Food Shelf, and enjoyed all the music courtesy of the Universal Music Center and former staff member Aja with their family.

In Shakopee, participants spent time with the animals and posed for photos at the Scott County Fair, worked on their arts and crafts with plenty of firework displays, danced like no one was watching, and spent time on the water fishing.

In Eagan, participants were filled with artistic expression by going to Canvas Convergence, making jewelry with beads, making paper art projects, and tie-



dye shirts, while getting outside at the lake, working in the gardens, and exploring various museums and parks.

Finally, in Hudson, participants worked on their science experiments with elephant toothpaste, invisible ink, and making slime. For added fun, adventures out and about included thrifty shopping, spending time with animals at Sustainable Safari, and getting a tasty lunch at A&W.

Check out more photos below!



Fishing Success



Party In The USA



Red Wing Food Shelf Thank You Cookies



Scott County Fair



Canvas Convergence



Dancing With The Universal Music Center





Invisible Ink Experiment

Going To The Birds At Sustainable Safari

July by the Numbers

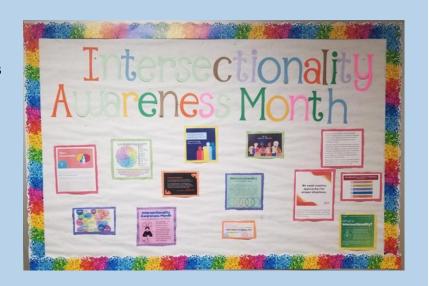
Total Hours: **49,501**Participants Served: **700**Independent Hires: **1**



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Activities

Monthly, ProAct's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee focuses on educating staff, participants and stakeholders in areas of culture, diversity, and disability. The committee chooses one diversity related area and a disability as its educational focuses for the month. Bulletin boards, emails, class projects and other tools are used to educate staff and participants at each of our four locations.

The committee chose **Twins Day and Intersectionality Awareness** for the month of August.



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