

Minors with Manners

Project Team

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2017 Project Goals

Ingrain a sense for basic professionalism
within our youth during a pivotal period of
growth



Background

Our group members understood we shared a passion for helping children realize their full potential. In our discussions, we saw a need to make children feel important, while giving them the skills to be confident in an unfamiliar setting. Initially, we wanted to partner with the Adult and Child organization. We asked for their assistance in selecting children in grades 4 through 6 who receive counseling in Johnson County schools. Our group members felt this population would benefit most from our project. We decided to provide a dinner that included an etiquette lesson, so the students would learn while having fun and being well fed.

In choosing our venue, we looked at several options. In order to provide an interesting experience to another group of children, we chose Central Nine as our venue. In selecting C-9, we were able to have students prepare and serve the meal to our younger attendees in a lower stress environment. The school was also able to showcase different career paths to these future potential C-9 students. We relied heavily on the expertise of the Culinary Arts department at the school. Tiffany Swopes managed the food service and etiquette portion of the evening, while Heather DeRudder coordinated the food preparation in the kitchen.

Results

By using Central Nine as our venue, we eliminated the cost of the venue itself. We stayed within our budget, as they charged us little more than the cost of the ingredients. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the children and parents who attended the dinner. They felt there was a need for programs such as ours in Johnson County. Central Nine also hopes to continue the relationship.

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