4-H/Youth Development

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4-H Extension Agent
Strengthening Life Skills
4-H Computer Wizards
Situation/need

- ELL families in need of computers
- Access to technology education for underserved families and seniors
- Opportunities for developing job skills
Educational efforts

• Trained 28 new youth and adult volunteer 4-H Computer Wizards
• 506 volunteer hours teaching, refurbishing computers and building new computers
• Opened new CW sites in low income housing site in Ferndale and in NV Center for Children and Families
Outcomes

- 48 families received refurbished computer. (mostly ELL families)
- 80 migrant youth learned basic computer skills
- 20 CW’s developed technology skills refurbishing computers
- 20 CW’s learned and practiced teaching/mentoring skills
Community Collaborators

- Whatcom Hispanic Organization
- Mercy Housing
- Ferndale School District
- Nooksack Valley School District Center for Children and Families
- North Whatcom Fire Rescue
Future Projects

• Connecting Schools and Communities – Gates Proposal in Ferndale
• After School programs in Meridian and NV – 21st Century proposals