

Relationship Action Team Summary

2019 1st Quarter Report

March 2019

Our Mission Statement: To radically alter divisive social patterns by building genuine relationships across racial, religious, class and cultural differences Our original goals were as follows:

Goal No. 1 Mission Statement: Build partnerships with 30 civic, community, and religious organizations in order to build relationships across racial, religious, class and cultural differences by December 31, 2018.9.9

Goal No. 2 Mission Statement: Develop a series of three topics by December 31, 2018 to be presented in the community during 2019.

Goal No. 3 Mission Statement: Involve 100 people by March 1, 2019 in facilitated conversations that are accessible live in person or electronically, concerning race, religion, class and culture, to increase understanding and invite trust.

Our initial goals 2 and 3 have been accomplished. We brought in the Zeidler Center trainers for facilitators and now have about 30 facilitators to call on. We feel that we have accomplished awareness of racism in Rockford through our facilitated programs. However, we also agree that for the most part we are reaching the "middle of the road" population of Rockford.

We are currently in the process of redefining our goals. We are looking at more challenging areas of far right or left type organizations for our future goals. We will be developing facilitated programs that will bring serious issues to the public. And we will be developing procedures to get these programs out to the public.