

La Plata County Thrive! Living Wage Coalition
October 12, 2016 meeting

Present: Maureen Maliszewski, Kaitlin Fischer, Darren White, Pat Rusted, Maram Ashe Alawi

Updates:

Minimum Wage Campaign Launched Sept 22. We have knocked over 1400 doors. Endorsed by Durango Herald today.

Fall Fundraiser at Eolus netted about \$5000. Suggestions – large venue next year, maybe in the summer. Dalton Ranch (Darren has contact), Blue Lake Ranch

TERP – next review in Nov.

BRAINSTORMING: ROADMAP FOR 2017

Build Coalition

- Make Thrive! more visible in the community.
- Low wage workers should have lead role in Thrive! and be the face and voice of Thrive!. We discussed how to engage more low wage workers:
- Through other organizations like Pine River Shares, Manna, Durango Education Center, TRIO (Ashe), Compañeros, Cooking Matters, Project Merry Christmas.
- Set up Facebook Page for low wage workers (Ashe and Nicole)
- Venues – alternate meeting places, house parties, focus groups, protests (Anthony)

TERP

- Businesses in Ignacio
- TERP Employer Roundtable
- Outreach by low wage workers
- Recognize employers paying a living wage at job fairs

Education

- SB99-014 Panel
- Daycare Dilemma – Riverhouse, SBDC, CtK

Advocacy –

- People with developmental and learning disabilities. Community Connections fundraiser – Thrive! decorate a tree.
- Legislative issues as they arise