



HUSLIA'S TRASH COLLECTION PROGRAM

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OUR MISSION:

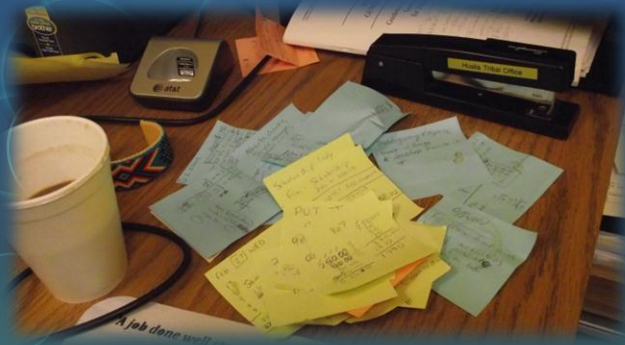
Our goal is to decrease burn barrel usage and loose trash in Huslia and near our landfill. We'll continue to educate our community on the harmful toxic pollutants associated with burning trash that causes or worsens lung problems. An air-pollution-free environment & litter-free community is what we will continue to strive for.

TIMELINE:

February 2012 - January 2013



FEBRUARY 2012



We were awarded \$21,743.86 to create a Solid Waste Bin Service in Huslia. Then we rechecked our budget prices by calling vendors and checking online and also planned when we'd purchase everything.



MARCH 2012

The Environmental Office & the Sources of Strength wellness group had a combined meeting to introduce the Trash Collection Program to the community, burn barrel pollution awareness, & suicide awareness.



APRIL 2012



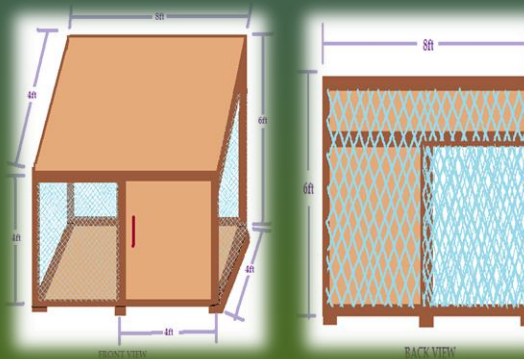
We purchased one snow-machine, one four-wheeler, cart, sled, and enough construction supplies to build 20 bins and then arranged it to be shipped on a barging company.



Our equipment & supplies arrived on the Ruby Marine Barging Company. We hired a carpenter to work with our Rural CAP/AmeriCorp member.



MAY 2012



JUNE 2012



We had a couple problems with supplies & workers and it slowed down construction. We made 8 complete bins and 6 frames.



We finished all 20 bins and placed them mostly near elderly homes. Everyone was allowed to use the bins

JULY 2012



for the first month.



AUGUST 2012



Interested households, businesses, & elders/handicapped started signing up @ bingo. We posted flyers around town & began a monthly door prize drawing for those that paid for the service.



After moving the bins several times to accommodate the members, we made our final & current trash route schedule. We posted informational flyers telling everyone again why we started the trash collection program & about our low monthly fees.



SEPTEMBER 2012



OCTOBER 2012



During the Halloween holiday, we gave away more door prizes for the monthly drawing. One of us even dressed up as a soda can trash monster for the yearly Huslia Halloween carnival to help our office raise more environmental awareness.



The temperature dropped and we began having mechanical problems with our four-wheeler to point where it wouldn't start. We couldn't take the snow-machine out yet because there wasn't enough snow. We had to order parts for the four-wheeler.



NOVEMBER 2012



DECEMBER 2012



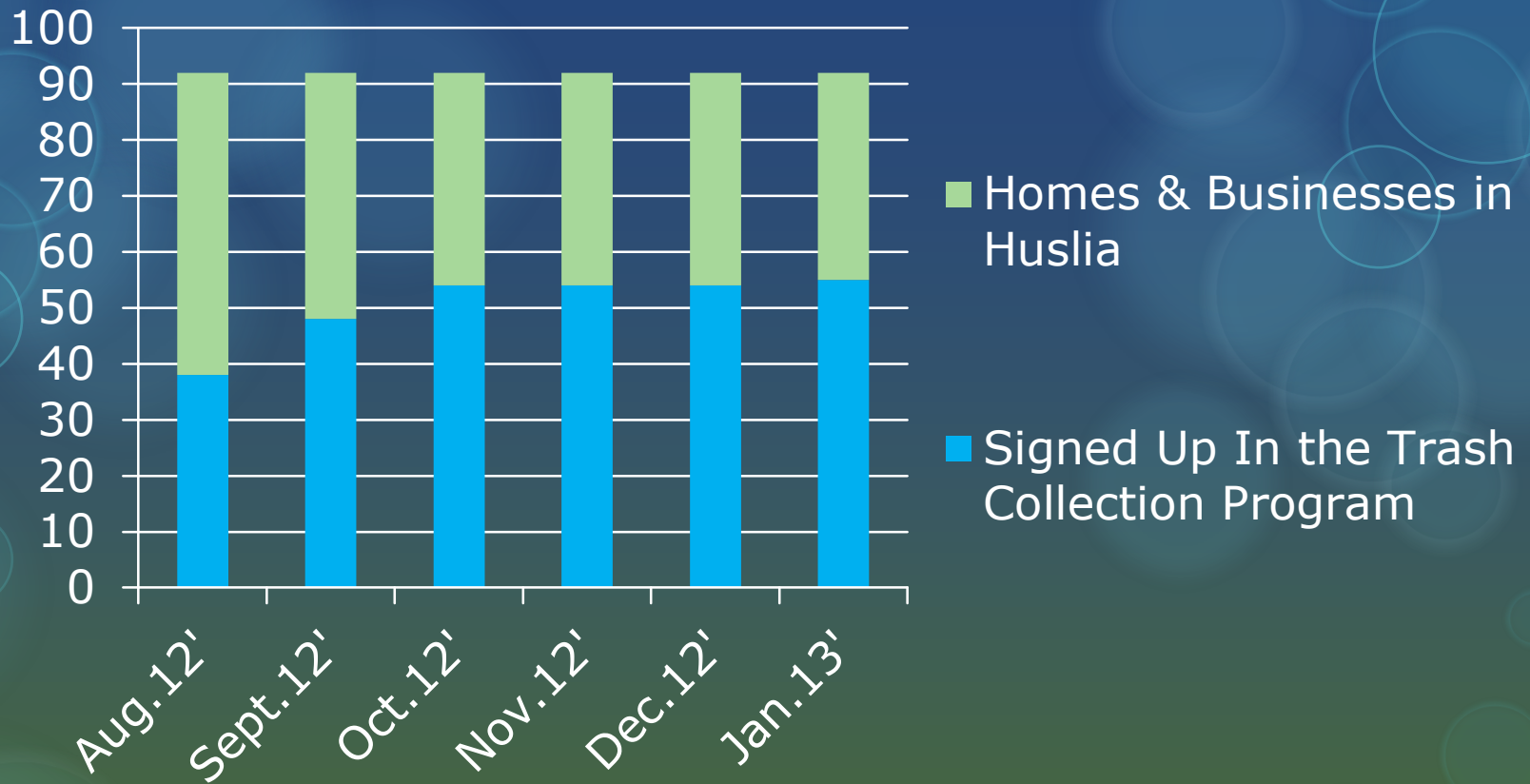
We posted signs and wrote letters to the members to inform them we shut down the service until it snows and wouldn't charge for the month. We started noticing more burn-barrel usage again. It finally snowed and we were up and running again towards the end of the month.



JANUARY 2013

The program is running smoothly and we will be making minor changes to the monthly fees & bin rules this February to hopefully improve our service.





**Since August 2012,
60% of Huslia's Elders/Handicapped,
Households & Businesses signed up for our
Trash Collection Program.**

WHAT WE DO WITH THE MONEY EARNED FROM THE TRASH COLLECTION SERVICE?

- **Buy gas for our trash collection vehicles.**
- **Purchasing monthly raffles.**
- **To help the new Frank Attla Dog Mushing Wellness Program succeed in any way we can.**
- **Hire partime laborers to haul trash.**
- **& maintenance fees.**



Questions?

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