Community/Public Service Worksheet

Service Category: Quality of Life Enrichment Program

Title: OSher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI)

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Program Description: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute- OLLI
A membership program that is member planned and member managed. This academic cooperative provides mature adults with opportunities for intellectual stimulation, cultural development, and social interaction. OLLI at UA educational programs are centered on courses developed by and often taught by its members, who volunteer their time and talents to share their knowledge and interests with other members.

Objectives/Outcomes: To extend the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Alabama to residents of Vestavia Hills and surrounding areas by partnering with area facilities and organizations.

Assessment Measures: Commitment from organizations, formation of local executive advisory council, number of members, number of classes and special events.

Results: Both community partner representatives are serving on executive advisory council, which also includes at least 10 other community members. There are 267 members of the OLLI Vestavia Hills Chapter. The group conducted 16 classes held (with lengths of one time to 4 weeks) and held 6 field trips.

Conclusions: The Vestavia Hills community is excited about being able to participate in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Alabama and are committed to offering and participating in classes at both the Vestavia Public Library and the Vestavia Hills Senior Center.

Improvement Actions: Expand the number of class offerings to the members in the Vestavia Hills community. Also
make best campus classes available to Vestavia via Media Site. Elevate the significance of the Vestavia Hills chapter by adding a member of the group to the OLLI at UA Executive Board.