



THE PERSERVERING PARTNERS

Finding resources in rural counties is much like “Stone Soup” at times. What we do when faced with insurmountable challenges is invite many partners to the table. What we inevitably find is that each of us brings some experience or piece of wisdom that creates the synergy to move the project forward. We also find the energy to persevere in the face of systems that are not designed to deal with disparities such as geographic isolation.

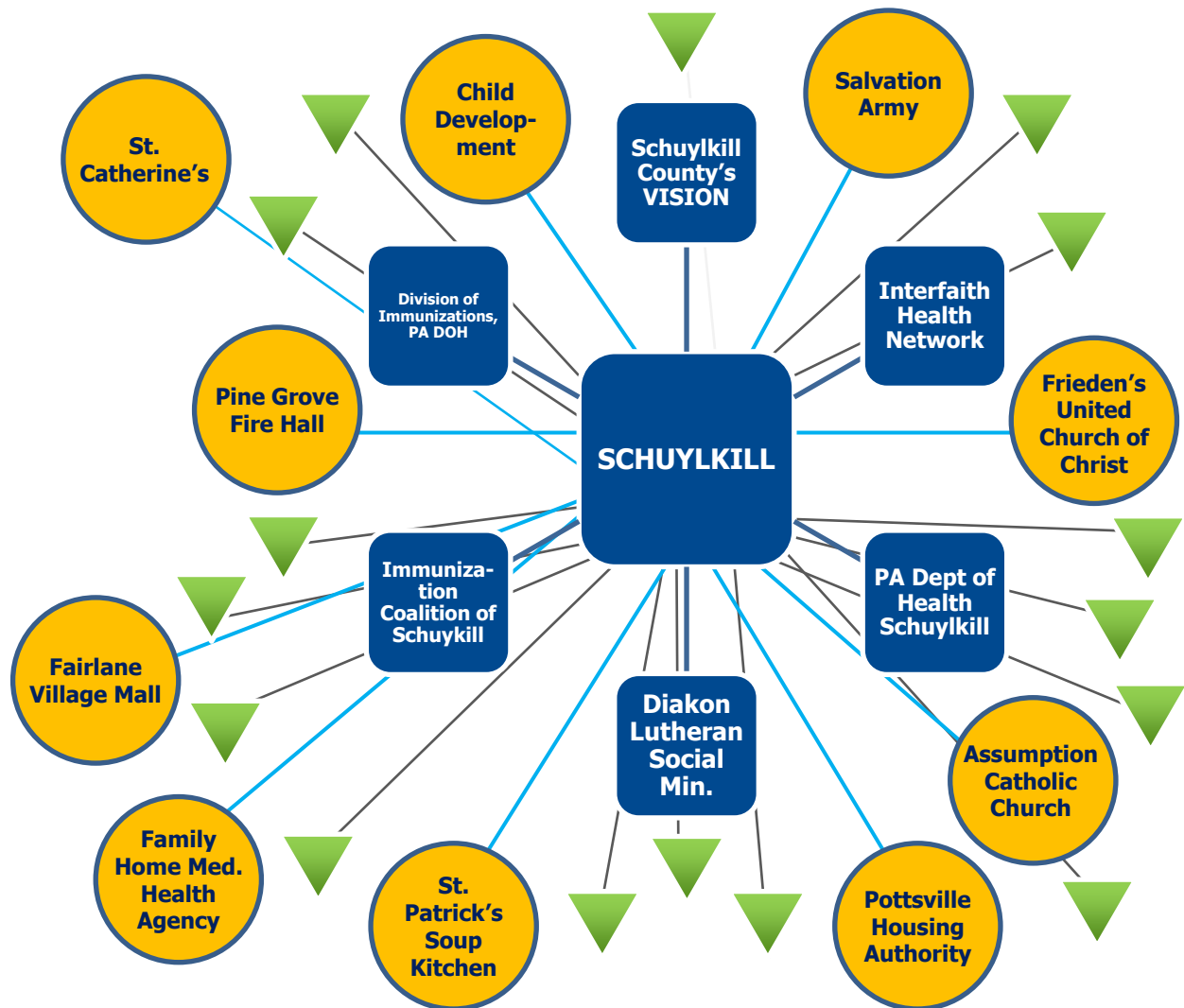
A good example of this perseverance is our three year journey to find a solution to the problem of not having physicians who can write orders for numerous small clinics to serve the many small rural communities in our county. We have talked to officials at the local, state, and national levels about this issue. All have been compassionate but most have said they never thought before about the problems in small isolated communities. So we remain frustrated but feel we are doing good education on a serious issue.

Our present initiative is to seek a visit from our deputy state Department of Health director. We believe if he comes to our county and speaks with those on the ground here doing the work, we will be able to determine what resources are ultimately available to solve this and other problems.

Look at this picture. Don't these people look like they can make a great soup together?



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VACCINATION REACH

- 8 vaccination events
- 233 persons vaccinated
 - Rural
 - Homeless
 - New outreach to Hispanic community

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- 6 Core partners
- 10 Vaccination site partners
- 16 Educational Outreach Partners with reach to 224 congregations