



News Around the Corner

August 2023

THE 14TH AND CHESTNUT COMMUNITY CENTER'S MISSION IS TO BE A PARTNER WITH AND PROVIDE MINISTRY TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND THE CENTER IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH A VARIETY OF SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL, AND EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

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Fantastic Fridays!

So many memories were made this summer at 14th and Chestnut! Some of the best memories were made on Fridays during our field trips out into the community. In July, we took the older kids to ISU Recreation Center to swim while the younger kids went to the Bouncin Barn. The next week our younger kids went to Deming to swim while the older kids had fun at Bogey's. Our last regular field trip of the summer was to the YMCA where kids spent half the time playing basketball and other games in the gym and the other half swimming.

Field trips are a wonderful way to not only reward our kiddos for coming to the Center regularly and behaving, but also a way to give them something to talk about when they go back to school. They have so many amazing experiences to share with their classmates when their teachers ask what they did this summer.

Something very special they will have to talk about is our big trip to Holiday World! Stay tuned in our September newsletter to hear all about that amazing trip!

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Center that makes the summer program and the field trips possible!

Verse of the Month:

1 John 3:1

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”

Staff Spotlight: A note from Amanda



It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Co-Director at 14th and Chestnut this past year and a half! I have seen God move in such amazing ways through the staff, volunteers and children at the Center! The Center is such a special place where children are safe and free to be children, learning who they are and who they can be in the future. I've seen so much progress and change in children who have learned that God loves them and so do we!

With that said, God is calling me to do more, and to do that in a different capacity. I have accepted a position as an Instructor in the Social Work Department at ISU. I look forward to helping to teach, lead and shape future social workers who can do what we do at the Center for so many others.

I am very sad to be leaving this role, but I have complete confidence in Connor, Laresha, Jeanie, and all of the other amazing people at the Center to keep this good work going. Thank you all for allowing me to serve the Center, and I look forward to continuing to serve and support in any capacity I can moving forward.

Volunteer Spotlight



This summer, we were blessed to have three amazing Foster Grandparents join us to build relationships with our kiddos and help with our groups. Mr. Loren volunteered with our K-2 Boys group and was such a great help! Ms. Nancy volunteered with our 3rd-5th Girls and brought so much fun and energy! Ms. Debbie helped with a variety of activities and was especially helpful in our library with storytime and reading!

We loved having these three wonderful people with us each day pouring into our kids. Thank you all so much for your time, energy and love that you gave each day this summer!

Room Spotlight



This month's room spotlight is our Holiday Room. This is a storage room where all of our holiday decorations and supplies are kept when we are not using them. It holds Christmas trees, Easter eggs, Valentine's Day cards and so much more!

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the incredible group from World Gospel who organized, cleaned out and cleaned up our Holiday Room during their local mission trip week in July! They also did quite a few other projects at the Center, along with serving at a few other sites in our community. Thank you so much for serving God by serving at the Center!

August 2023 NEEDS LIST

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Thank You for your ongoing support of the work we do at the Center! God is using you to make a big difference in the children, their families, and even the staff and volunteers that come through our doors. We couldn't do any of it without you!

PRAY for all of the children and families we serve, that God will continue to move and change lives!

BIGGEST NEEDS

These are the areas where we could use the most help in the month of August as we prepare for the after school program:

Food Pantry—We are in need of any staple foods such as rice, beans, potatoes, pastas, etc. to keep our pantry stocked and ready to serve those in need in our community.

Kitchen— We are in need of meats of any kind such as hot dogs, ground beef, chicken, pork, etc. We are also in need of granola bars, snack cakes, crackers and chips for after school snacks.

Clothes Closet—We are in need of fall clothing for all ages of children, but especially sizes 5-14. We could also use new packages of socks and underwear for children of all ages.

Merit Mart—We are in need of toys such as cars, action figures, art/craft sets, dolls, lego sets, as well as jewelry, room decorations, perfumes and body products, etc. to stock our Merit Mart. This is a way we can reward our kids for good behavior, so we could use your help to get it restocked for the school year.

GRUMBLING TUMMIES CAFÉ

Serving daily snacks and dinner throughout the school year. Help us keep their bellies full!

Our biggest need for the kitchen is meat and fresh fruits and vegetables

We would also appreciate gift cards to purchase items in order to complete meals and to purchase the fresh produce and milk we need each week.

We are also accepting any donations of canned or boxed food as well as main staples like bread and sugar.

MERIT MART REWARDS STORE

Help us reward our kids for good behavior! The store is where children can spend the play money they earn on hygiene products, toys, books, crafts, school supplies, etc.

We accept donations of new or gently used items for the Merit Mart.

Our biggest need is items for older children such as room decorations, jewelry (boys or girls), small lego sets, lotions, etc.

We also accept toys, school supplies, jewelry, and candy for the children.

MOTHER HUBBARD'S PANTRY

Please help us keep our emergency pantry stocked to help people in our community in an extreme time of need.

Our biggest need for the food pantry is meat like hot dogs, spam, tuna to make a complete meal and any staple items such as peanut butter, cereal, pasta, rice, beans.

We are also accepting donations of canned and boxed goods as well as supplies for babies such as diapers, wipes, and jars of baby food.

CLOTHES CLOSETS

Once a week, any of our registered children can go to the clothes closet and get NEW OR GENTLY USED clothing to keep them clean and warm. All donations are appreciated!

Our biggest need is new underwear and new boxers for our kids in any sizes.

We are also in need of clothes from size 5 to 12 for both girls and boys.

We accept clothes for kids from size 5 up to adult XL.

MOMS MATTER

Where mothers can get together and encourage each other through their daily parenting struggles.

Each mom in attendance is given a small gift. Help us encourage them!

Gift baskets, lotions, bath items, candles, picture frames, and any other gift a mom might like

Gift cards for gas, dining out, or local grocery stores

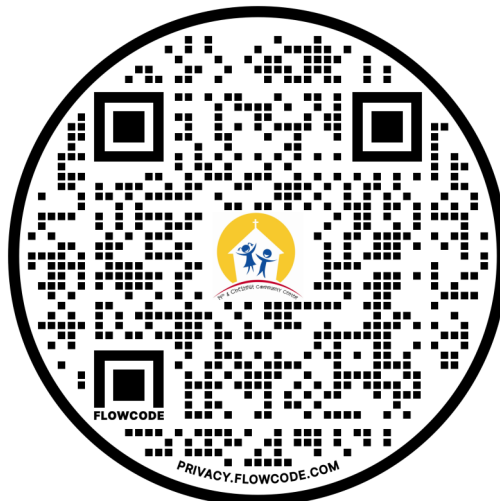
BUILDING & GROUNDS

Cleaning supplies—Pledge, Spic and Span, Lysol Wipes

Old cell phones or old printer cartridges

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

If you would like to give a monetary donation online, scan the QR code below. You can give a one-time gift or sign up for a monthly donation.



Indiana Fever



A vanload of our 6th grade and older girls were able to attend an Indiana Fever Basketball game for Kids Day! The girls had the chance to meet the Fever’s mascot, get posters of the team, and enjoyed an exciting game that went into overtime! While our home team didn’t win, we still enjoyed cheering them on!

Celebrating July/August Birthdays!



Since the summer program ends the first week of August, we celebrate July and August birthdays in July. Each child who has a birthday in July or August was celebrated, receiving a birthday gift. We also sang to all of our birthday kiddos as well! This month, the HR Association sponsored the party, bringing cupcakes, ice cream, drinks and decorations. They also played games with the kids! Thank you so much to the wonderful group from the HR Association who helped us celebrate our birthday kids! We had a blast!



If you have a group that is interested in sponsoring a birthday party, please call the office at 812-232-3126.



Art Grant



Thanks to a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission, we are blessed to be able to do more art classes with our children at the Center! Madison King from MuseArt will be coming to the Center once a month and teaching art classes to different groups throughout the year. For the first class, Ms. King taught the 6th and Up kids how to do self portraits. All of the projects the children make during the classes will then be displayed in an art show for the kids, their families and the community to see. We are very excited about this opportunity and are very grateful to Madison and her mom, Nicole, for all the hard work and planning that went into making this project possible!

Learning Lab



Another great opportunity that our older kids got to experience this summer was the Learning Lab and Junior Achievement. Our 6th grade and older groups got to visit twice this summer, getting hands-on experience with different types of technologies, building their own projects, and learning skills to obtain a job, budget, and plan. They built their own laser-cut lights, made t-shirts, did some wood-working, got to use VR headsets, and much more.

The goal is to help our children find something that sparks their interest so that they can set goals to work toward for their futures. If they know what they want, they are more likely to work hard to get there!

We are very grateful to the Learning Lab and Junior Achievement for having our teens!

14th & Chestnut Community Center Golf Scramble

Join us on Friday, August 25th for our annual golf scramble as we hit the links to support 14th and Chestnut.

Date: Friday, August 25th, 2023
Where: Idle Creek Golf Course

Time:

Registration: starts at 7:15 a.m.
Tee-off: 8:00 a.m. with lunch to follow.

Cost: \$75/golfer or \$300/foursome (includes 18 holes with cart & lunch)
To Sign Up

Text 14CCC GOLF to 812-593-6266

Email: connorscanlon81@gmail.com

Call the center office 812-232-3126

Payments via cash or check can be made the day of the outing or before.
Payments can be mailed to 1403 Chestnut Street Terre Haute, IN 47807.

After School Program Help

Do you know a college student who would be interested in working, volunteering, or interning at the Center this school year? We are looking for students to be leaders for our groups, planning activities, leading games, crafts, lessons, and most importantly building positive relationships with our kiddos after school each day.

The program is Monday-Friday, 3pm-6pm. Some of our leaders are here every day, others are here two or three days a week. If you or a student you know are interested, please call the office at 812-232-3126 and speak with Connor or Laresha about ways to get involved.



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Help make a Difference in a Child's Life

Here are some ways you can help out at the Center:

Wills and Bequests—Gifts will be invested to insure quality services for youth in the future. Gifts can last a lifetime. Please consider us when making your final requests.

Memorial/Honor Gifts—Gifts made in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a family member or friend.

Miranda Harper Scholarship—Donations can be made to our Scholarship fund to help our students with college expenses.

In-kind Gifts—Gifts such as clothing, toiletries and household items can also be donated. For current list of needs, see pages 3 and 4.

Monetary Donations—Checks made payable to: 14th and Chestnut Community Center, 1403 Chestnut St., Terre Haute, IN 47807.

Endowment Fund—If you would like to contribute to our Endowment Fund through the Wabash Valley Community Foundation, contact the Center at 812-232-3126.

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After School Program
Monday—Friday
3:00 pm—6:00 pm
Snack served at 3:00 pm
Dinner served at 5:30 pm
Food Pantry
Tuesdays 9:00 am—12:00 pm

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