



News Around the Corner

January 2024

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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We feel blessed to say we have been having some good things unfold at the center. One of the things we are so excited to announce is that we now have a bus route from Benjamin Franklin Elementary School to the Center! Many of our k-5 students attend Benjamin Franklin and transportation is often a struggle for many families. Having a bus route from this school alone has already been a blessing to many families and to us! This new resource has brought in some new students and allows students who haven't attended in a while to come back. This has been a long process and we are so glad we were finally able to implement this option of transportation for our students at Benjamin Franklin.

Verse of the Month:

Ephesians 6: 11

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Staff Spotlight

Meet Eboni! Eboni is a junior at ISU majoring in elementary education. Her hobbies include reading, writing and playing Sims. Eboni has been working with us since her sophomore year. She has worked closely with the k-2 boys and girls during her time here and has been able to form strong relationships with the kids in each group. For Eboni, being a leader means being a good role model and someone to look up to especially for our young minds because it influences who they will be when they grow up. Her favorite thing about the center is having the freedom to come up with activities for the kids to do. Her favorite activity to do with them is anything arts and crafts. Eboni's goal right now is to finish school and start her career.



Volunteer Spotlight

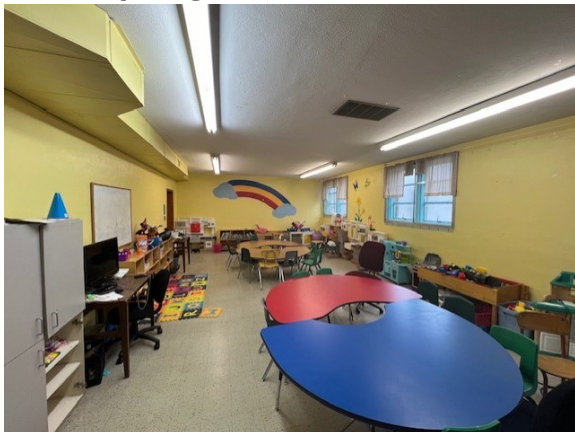


This month's volunteer spotlight is highlighting a couple of board members. Up first is Rev. Terry Clark. Rev. Clark works in pastoral ministry and teaches at the college level. He has been serving as a board member for about three years now. Rev. Clark was recruited to serve on the board but he soon realized it was important to serve and support the center because our mission is to serve low-income families. One thing he loves about the center is that we strive to meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs to our students that attend, that they may not receive anywhere else. We appreciate Terry's dedication to our mission and we value his desire to support those who need it the most!

Our next spotlight is Tim Jarvis! Tim has been serving on our board for about 6 or so years now and has been actively involved at the center in any capacity he's able. Tim is a retired salesman and attends Maryland Community Church. He is a traveler and loves vacationing with his family. He currently serves as the chair of SportsWorld, which is an organization that sends professional athletes to visit students and share personal life experiences while also helping them recognize the consequences of their choices, and spreading a message of hope. Tim has been an asset to our board and to our children's programming in many ways by often volunteering his time and resources and for that we are truly grateful!



Room Spotlight



This month's room spotlight is the Rainbow Room. The Rainbow Room is one of our multipurpose rooms we use primarily for our k-2 kids. There are many toys in this room that allows them to be creative and use their imaginations to play in many ways. We also can use this room for more structured activities like crafts, experiments, board games, group games, movies etc. One of our visions for this room is to turn it into a STEAM room for the k-2 kids. With this new vision they would still be able to play in many ways, it would just be more science, technology, engineering, art and math integration in their play.

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NEEDS LIST

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Visit our Website! 14thandchestnut.weebly.com

Find us on Facebook! Search 14th and Chestnut Community Center.

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 December as we move into the colder months and holiday season:

Food Pantry- We are in need of one- two people to volunteer on the inside of the pantry on Tuesdays 9am- 12 noon. For more information call us at 812-232-3126.

Homework Room- We are in need of consistent homework help volunteers. If you or anyone else is able to help give us a call at 812-232-3126.

Clothes Closet—The weather is changing and our clothes closet is looking a bit empty. We need **boy sizes 6-14 sweat pants, jeans, and long sleeve shirts** and **PJs 10-14**. We also need **girl sizes small- large leggings, shirts sizes 6-16, underwear** for sizes **14-18**. We could also use **adult women sizes 5-7** and all size Pjs.

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, watches, sports equipment**, 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!

We would 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.

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 middle and high school children such as room decorations, jewelry (boys or girls), Small Lego sets, lotions, perfumes/ colognes, paints and canvases, squishmellows and keychains. 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 needs for the food pantry are potatoes- mashed, scalloped etc., peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauces- spaghetti, alfredo, etc., cereal, canned peaches or fruit, canned carrots, peas and beans, and canned meat- tuna, chicken, salmon.

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 but our k-5 kids utilize our clothes closet the most so our younger sizes go quickly!

We need **boys sizes 6-14 graphic tees, long sleeves, jeans and sweatpants**. We could also use boys PJs sizes 10-14. For the **girls we need sizes 6-16/18 leggings, shirts and PJs**. The girls also need **adult sizes 5-8 clothing and girls underwear sizes 14-18**.

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, cooking supplies or and any other gift a mom might like. Gift cards for dining out, or local grocery stores.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Cleaning supplies—Pledge, Spic and Span, Lysol Wipes

Gift wrap— Tissue paper, gift bags, wrapping paper, tape

Bulletin board paper and letters

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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





Save the Date!! GFTH Banquet

14 & Chestnut Community Center

Gifts From the Heart Banquet

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at Maryland Community Church

Please save the date and be aware that the location has changed! Be on the lookout for more information in the near future. We hope to see everyone there so that we can celebrate all God has been doing and will continue to do through our amazing supporters, donors, volunteers and staff!

Art Show With MuseArt

Last year we received an art grant from the Indiana Arts Commission that allowed us to partner with MuseArt to host a monthly art class. We started in July and continued in September through November giving our students the opportunity to express themselves through art. In July the 6 & Up kids got to draw self portraits. In September they made pinch pots, in October they made paper mâché monsters, and lastly they got to paint penguins! Each session was something completely different and the students loved each one! In December we had our very first art show to display what they had been working on all fall. The students were filled with excitement when they saw that their artwork was displayed for their family to see. It was a beautiful event and we cannot wait to see what else we can do in the future with MuseArt!



Christmas!!!

So many wonderful things happened in December. Our Christmas program had an attendance of 145 people with 69 kids and 85 family members. The kids recited their monthly verse, Isaiah 9:6, sang a song and a group of kids even put on a skit. It was a very successful day and we concluded by giving out 41 food baskets! We also gave out 93 bags of presents, had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and we had two party days! One day was filled with activities planned by two wonderful volunteers and the other one we had was filled with even more games and activities. We think it is safe to say that our kids had fun and it was another successful Christmas at 14th and Chestnut and we couldn't do it without YOU!



THANK YOU!

There are so many reasons and people we feel thankful for during the busy holiday season. First, we would like to send our thanks to the Terre Haute Fire Department, The Dirty Dozen, and Books a Million for sponsoring, and or donating toys and books to our kids. We would also like to say thank you to our hosts that allowed us to place a barrel for presents in their facilities. This year we had 10 barrel locations: Saratoga, Sycamore Country Club, Loose Goose, YMCA, Harsha, Terre Haute Church of God and four Starbucks locations. We are truly amazed every year by the community's generosity and the way that God provides for the children here. Thanks again to our individual sponsors, anonymous donors, secret Santas and volunteers that helped this past season, your kindness means the world to us!

14 & Chestnut 2023 Wrapped

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISU Men's Basketball and Spirit Squad Visit 	January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disc Golf Donation- \$2,300 • Torchhouse worship and prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Break Downtown Scavenger Hunt 	March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Clean up • Spring Carnival at Silver Birch with 6 & up Girls • Annual Banquet "Raise the Roof"- \$30,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sodexo provided and served dinner 	May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Splash Island Field Trip
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indiana Arts Commission Grant- \$4,500 (MuseArt) • Holiday World Big Field Trip 	July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to School Program/ Family Fun Day- 211 people attended • Golf Scramble- \$6,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaced pews with new Chairs! • Sweet Release Comedy for the Community 	September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guests Ruthie Bolton and Carmine Azzato
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Program- 142 people, 40 food baskets • Clara Fairbanks Foundation Grant- \$4,000 (gravel pad, car detailing, carport) • US 41 Walmart Grant- \$3,700 (new staff computers) 	November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agape Van Donation • Wabash Valley Community Foundation Grant- \$22,200 (new sound and flooring)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US 41 Walmart Grant- \$3,700 (new staff computers) 	December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas program- 145 people, 41 food baskets • 93 bags of presents distributed • MuseArt Art Show • US 46 Walmart Grant- \$1,000 (field trips)

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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.

Kroger Community Rewards- go online to krogercommunityrewards.com and register your Kroger Plus card with our organization.

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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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