



# News Around the Corner

July 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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### MOTHER HUBBARD'S PANTRY UPDATE

Our food pantry this year has served roughly 810 individuals or about 250 households each month. We have a great group of volunteers that help us operate and we appreciate them dearly.

While we do have a partnership with Catholic Charities and get many donations, we could really use some meat items, boxed meals (like hamburger helper) and peanut butter, to help fill boxes.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Laresha at 812-232-3126 between 8am and 4 pm.

Thank you in advance!

### Verse of the Month:

**Psalms 24:8  
Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

## Spotlights

### Staff Spotlight



This month's staff spotlight is our very beloved Miss Jeanie! Anytime you come in, she is the one sitting up front with a smile and when you ask her how she's doing, the answer never waivers from anything but "blessed". Jeanie came to the center in 2002 as a volunteer and about a year and a half later became our administrative assistant. She has dedicated over 20 years to the center with passion and love for everyone who has come through our doors. She is quick to always spread the Word and Love of God to anyone who will listen. If we ever need ANYTHING done, she gets it done. Normally, she is the one who is giving and sending the thanks but we wanted to highlight her and give her the THANK YOU this time. The staff and kids LOVE you!!!!

### Volunteer Spotlight

This summer has been busy and we have been blessed to have so many kids in our care! Each Friday we take qualifying kids on a field trip. We have 4 vans and a small church bus of our own but that's not enough to support the numbers we have been having. We have had some pretty great volunteers the whole month. So it is only right to have the volunteer spotlight for July highlight our June volunteer drivers! THANK YOU to Terre Haute Church of God for providing us with two of their vans AND drivers every Friday in June. Another THANK YOU to Mr. Bill from Reesville UMC for being one of our faithful drivers each Friday. We couldn't make things happen without these wonderful people coming and spending their morning and part of their afternoon with us. From the staff and kids at 14th and Chestnut, we genuinely THANK YOU!!!

### Room Spotlight

We often highlight our kids with something we call "team leader". Team leader can be anyone who is the best helper, maybe the nicest friend, most improved or anything that displays leader like qualities. Team leader gets a present, a certificate and 20 merit dollars in their account. We also give them gifts for their birthdays. This month's Room spotlight is our present room. The present room is exactly what it sounds like, a room full of gift options for things mentioned above. We mostly stock this room with leftover Christmas gifts and donations. Our present room needs a little help. We have so many little girl options but the boys and ESPECIALLY our 6th grade and older kids don't have hardly anything to pick from. We could use some things like, purses, jewelry, Legos, nerf guns, gel blasters, mini hoops, art supplies, sport balls, room decorations, ear pods/ headphones, perfumes/ colognes/ body care, even snacks and or candy! You can find many of these things at Five Below or Amazon. If you have any questions feel free to reach out!



# JULY 2024 NEEDS LIST

## 14<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Community Center

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Email: [14th.chestnut@gmail.com](mailto:14th.chestnut@gmail.com)

Visit our Website! [14thandchestnut.weebly.com](http://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

**Grumbling Tum mies Café — Field trip/ sack lunch snacks, fresh fruits**

**Food Pantry— Cereal, pasta and pasta sauces, potatoes, peanut butter**

**Clothes Closet**—The weather is changing and our clothes closet is looking a bit empty. We need **boy sizes 6-14 shorts, jeans, and short 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 leggings and shorts** 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 rest of summer and the school year.

### GRUMBLING TUMMIES CAFÉ

Serving daily breakfast and lunch. 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.





### Roof Update

In April of 2023, our Gifts from the Heart Banquet goal was to raise funds to get the roof fixed. We had a very successful start by netting about \$35,000. We recently received a \$50,000 grant to cover the rest of the costs for the roof. We are very pleased and feel blessed to be the chosen recipient for this grant. One stipulation for receiving this grant was we had to get some brick work done as well. **The total amount for this project will be roughly \$106,000.** We are **short \$21,670** but since this project is overdue to be done, we will be pulling the trigger to get it done. We need your help to raise the difference that we need in order to finish this project. If we had **217 people donate \$100, we would have enough to cover the remaining balance.** If you feel inclined to help, we will accept cash, check or you can donate online. If using check, please write "roof" on the memo line. You can access our Vanco through our website by searching "14 and Chestnut Community Center", then clicking the "donate now" tab, and then click on the "click here to donate picture". This will take you directly to our Vanco page. From there you can scroll to find the "New Roof" tile and follow steps to donate.





## June's Adventures

The center has been busy! The building was full and filled with so many happy noises. The First week our numbers were giving pre-covid numbers with 55 on Monday, 65 Tuesday, 73 on Wednesday and Thursday and 74 Friday. We have had over 50 brand new kids start our program in various grades! We ended the first week with our Carnival where the kids got to play games, win prizes, interact with THPD and THFD (and their equipment) and dunk a couple of interns and a director in the dunk tank. We have been taking our 6 and up kids to the garden at World Gospel Church and took our 3-5 kids to the Learning Lab for some STEM opportunities. Our 4-H friends from Purdue Extension have been visiting and of course, Miss Jane is still at it working with the 3-12 graders on math and English language arts. We've also had many crafts, activities, life skills and other enrichment activities. We ended our second week taking 98 kids to Shakamak!! Week three, we celebrated June Birthdays with Central Christian Church and ended the week by taking 75 kids to the Walnut Theatre to watch Inside Out 2. Our Last week of June ended with us going to Deming Park to swim and have a picnic.



⇒ **School Supplies:** We are thrilled to be starting the summer program! In addition to food, we take great pride in being able to give the kids experiences and relationships that will last a lifetime. We are getting ready for our end of summer Back to School Blast, where every child who consistently attends will get a new pair of shoes and a backpack filled with school essentials. In addition to wonderful experiences, we want our kids to return to school equipped with all they need to get a head start on the academic year and we need your help! We are expecting to have over 100 different children attending this summer, and we want to be able to provide for each of them! We are collecting donations for new shoes, new backpacks, and school supplies.

**MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES**

- ◇ GLUE BOTTLES (we have plenty of sticks)
- ◇ TEEN BACKPACKS
- ◇ MARKERS
- ◇ HIGHLIGHTERS
- ◇ DRY ERASE MARKERS
- ◇ BALL POINT PENS (blue and black)

**ALSO NEEDED:**

- ◇ SCISSORS
- ◇ #2 PENCILS
- ◇ PENCIL BOXES/POUCH
- ◇ 1 IN 3 RING BINDERS
- ◇ FOLDERS WITH POCKETS
- ◇ COLORED PENCILS
- ◇ CRAYONS
- ◇ RULERS
- ◇ CHILDREN BACKPACKS

⇒ **Shoes:** We are planning to size, buy and fit a new pair of shoes for each child that regularly attends this summer, monetary donations would be very much appreciated! You can send a check to the Center at 1403 Chestnut Street, Terre Haute, IN, 47807. Just make a note in the memo line “shoes” or “school supplies.” You can also give online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code on page 4.

⇒ **Program Supplies:** Below you can find a list of some program supplies we need. You can also view and purchase these items on our Amazon Wish List by using the QR code below.

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| ◇ Melty Beads            | ◇ Glue Bottles/ Glue refill        |
| ◇ Iron                   | ◇ National Geographic science labs |
| ◇ Iron paper             | ◇ Paint                            |
| ◇ Bulletin Board Letters | ◇ Canvases                         |
| ◇ Bulletin Board Paper   | ◇ Balloons                         |



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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

### Executive Director

Connor Scanlon

### Director of Operations

Laresha Johnson

### Director of Programming

Ella Houvenagle