



News Around the Corner

June 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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Verse of the Month:

Isaiah 54:17
“No Weapon
formed
against you
shall prosper.”

Each year Sodexo comes with a meal prepared and serves our students. This year they had spaghetti, green beans, breadsticks, applesauce and dirt pudding cups! Thank you so much to our friends over at Sodexo for continuing to help provide for our children!

Staff Spotlight: High School Senior Edition



Our first spotlight is **Jay Dodd**. Jay grew up at the center and became a leader in 2021 and has shown so much growth. She works with the k-2 boys and her favorite thing to do with her boys is Bible studies. Her best memory is when they did a lesson over Jonah and the Whale and they made a whale craft. She enjoyed this because it was the most engaging study they have had. Jay is a recent THN graduate and is planning on attending Ivy Tech to finish her Associates in Human Services and then transferring to ISU

to obtain her degree in Special Education. One thing she takes away from growing and working here is to always be yourself. Her advice to her boys is to ALWAYS follow your dreams!

Jaidlynn Flowers is our second 2024 THN graduate. Jaidlynn also attended our program as a child and joined our team in 2021 and has displayed so much leadership. She works with the 3-5 girls and loves baking and doing water balloons outside! Jaidlynn will be attending ISU in the fall studying Social Work. One thing she has learned while being at the center is that every child goes through something different at home and when they come here sometimes it can be the highlight of their day so what you do that day as their leader can change their day. A



word of advice for her girls is to be their self and embrace who they are. They are all loving and very unique in different ways.



Patrick Sowards is our last 2024 THN graduate. Patrick was also a center kid growing up and is a strong and reliable leader. Patrick works with the 6 & Up boys and enjoys playing basketball and football with his group. This is Patrick's last summer with us as he is going to go to trade school in the fall. One thing he has learned while being a leader is patience. A word of advice for his boys is to listen two times as much as you speak.

JUNE 2024 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

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

Food Pantry- Cereal, pasta sauces, potatoes, hamburger helper meals

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 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

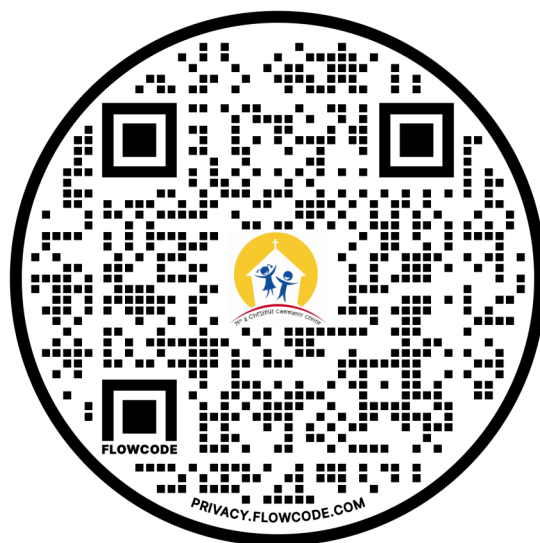
Cleaning supplies—Pledge, Spic and Span, Lysol Wipes

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.



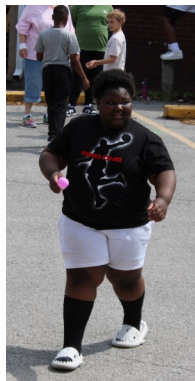
Stove & Oven Update



We had a gas leak in our kitchen a couple years back, which caused our program to be interrupted for a day or two. At first we believed the stove itself was broken and in need of replacement. The funds needed to replace the stove and ventilation system were swiftly raised by our kind community. After learning that there was a gas leak in the wall, we were able to have it fixed. The stove was serviced and put back in working order by us as well. We were able to get a new hood system because the ventilation system was out of date and not code compliant. Since installation, the hood has been great! Unfortunately, at the beginning of the year our ovens went out. But by God's grace and your kindness we still had funds left over in order to finally replace our old appliance. After many conversations and options, we now have a 4 burner stove and convection oven. We had just enough to cover costs and we would not have been able to do it without those of you who contributed to the fund, THANK YOU!

Spring Olympics

At the beginning of the month, one of our ISU seniors put on a "Spring Olympics" for all of our students to participate. They started with the Torch Ceremony and ended with everyone getting a medal. There were 3 different medals, one for being the best sportsmanship, most effort, and overall winner. This was a big hit with all the kids and even some of the leaders!



2024 Summer Needs

⇒ **Drivers:** We are in need of drivers age 25 or older to assist with driving for Friday field trips this summer. We leave the Center around 10am and return by 2pm. If you're interested in more info or would be willing to help, please call the office. Field trip dates: June 14 (a later return time), 21, 28 (a later return time) and July 5 (split trip), 12 (split trip), and 19.

⇒ **Swimsuits & Towels:** Each year we provide a swimsuit to any child needing a new swimsuit for our field trips. This year we have quite a few swimming trips planned and we are running low on boys trunks and ran out of our girls/ young ladies swimwear last summer. We need little boy sizes 6-18 and men's small and all little girl and woman sizes. Many of our students come needing a towel so we accommodate for that. We keep our towels but many have been lost over the years.

⇒ **Medieval VBS Décor:** This summers theme is going to be something like medieval times. We are looking for any medieval Vacation Bible School/ party or just plain (kid appropriate/safe) medieval decorations to use

around the building to bring our theme to life. Items such as flags, knight armor, swords, torches, trumpets, toy riding/ stick horses, etc. We could really use items to help diy these things as well such as black, brown, grey, and blue bulletin board paper, red, orange and yellow tissue paper, empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls, duct tape, pool noodles, etc.



⇒ **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.

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