



News Around the Corner

March 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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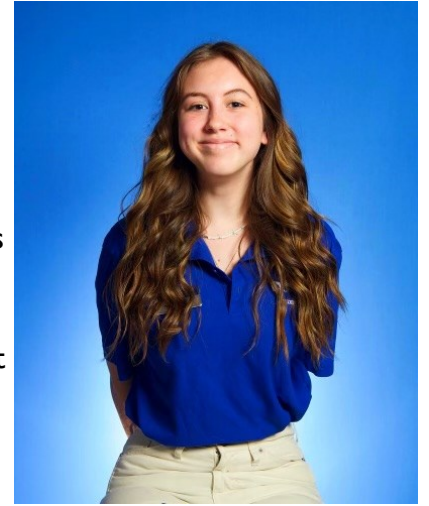
ISU Fellowship of Christian Athletes Visit

We had a visit from Ethan Chambers, an ISU football receiver, sharing about forgiveness the ultimate forgiveness of Jesus Christ to our kids for chapel time. The FCA is a community that works to see the world be transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes and we are excited to be able to have some of the athletes apart of the FCA at ISU to come share their stories and spend time with our students.

Verse of the Month:
 Luke 2: 52
 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

Staff Spotlight

March's staff spotlight is highlighting ISU sophomore, Natalie Veatch. Natalie is studying architect engineering technology and aspires to build affordable sustainable housing for people at or below poverty. Her dream job is to work for Habitat for Humanity. Natalie is from LaPorte, IN, enjoys graphic designing for fun and did cadet teaching while in high school. This is Natalie's third semester working with the k-2 kids and her favorite thing to do with the girls is going outside, playing group games with the parachute, or building forts. One things she loves about the center is dinner time. Natalie loves that we offer a warm dinner for the kids and that she gets to have dinner with them during the week.



Volunteer Spotlight

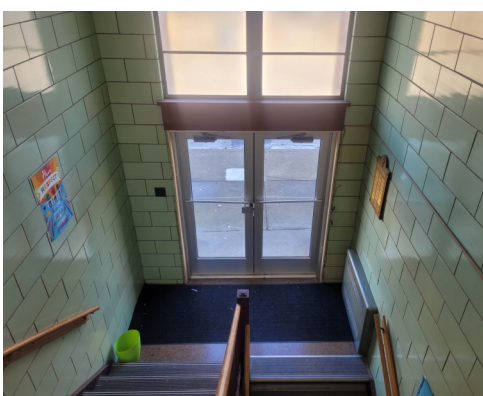


This month we highlight our last board member, Amanda Otieno. Amanda has been a huge asset to the center over the past couple of years in many different ways. Since leaving the center at the end of July to pursue her career as a Social Work instructor at ISU, she chose to stick around and help support and lead in a different capacity. She now serves as our financial secretary on our board. Amanda has been enjoying her time as an instructor and appreciates her new ability to be with her family more often. Back in 2022, Amanda, her husband, and others, were able to get some bunk beds and set up a dorm for the ladies attending their girls high school in Kenya. Since then things have been going well for them at the girls school but the

next thing they have been working on improving is setting up a new system to improve and update their showering situation. Amanda's heart and passion for the kids is very evident in everything she does and we appreciate all of her guidance, knowledge, love and service!

Room Spotlight

The room spotlight is highlighting some updates we have been able to make recently with a Federal Security Grant we received. In the pictures, you can see we were able to update and replace three of our wooden doors. We have also installed cameras inside the building and a couple outside the building as well.



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NEEDS LIST

14th and Chestnut Community Center

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Email: 14th.chestnut@gmail.com

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– Cereal, pasta sauces, potatoes, hamburger helper meals

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.

Building & Grounds— We could use some bulletin board letters and bulletin board paper.

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.





19th Annual

14th & Chestnut Community Center Gifts From The Heart Banquet

Come join us for an evening to hear stories of how

God has and is moving at the Center

THURSDAY, April 18, 2024

Doors Open— 6 pm Dinner—6:30 pm
Maryland Community Church 46 campus
4700 IN-46, Terre Haute, IN 47802

MULTIPLYING

Please come join us for a night to celebrate how God has and is moving at 14th and Chestnut. This will be a great opportunity to hear how staff and volunteers, past and present, at 14th and Chestnut are impacting youth in our community. This is a free event to attend but there will be an ask at the end of the night of an offering. All proceeds from the night will be going towards our costs to pay for summer staff. This is a little over 10% of our budget every year. We are praying you will considering giving a 1 time gift or coming on as a monthly giver at a financial amount you feel comfortable at. Our hope is with such a large amount of people coming on at monthly giving we will be able to raise the funds we need for our summer staff. We are still raising funds for the roof but feel confident we will be able to get grants this year to finish that project!

Reservations requested by April 4th, 2024.

Call 812-232-3126 or email connorscanlon81@gmail.com to register for the banquet. We will have room for registrations after April 4th but we need that deadline for our food vendors.



2023 Summer Statistics

175 different kids attended

68 avg Kids a day

15 summer staff investing into kids

1 goal to pour into our
Community's youth



Please return form by April 4th, 2024 and make checks payable to:

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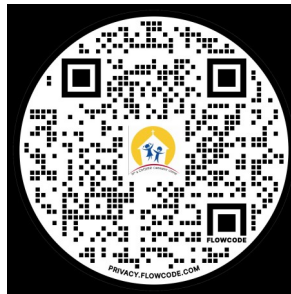
2024 Banquet Form

Name(s) or Table
Lead contact

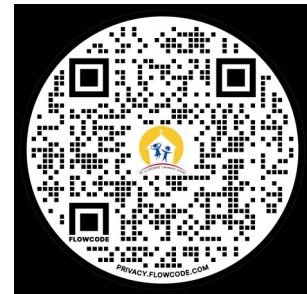
Phone

Any additional people that will be coming with you need to check in using the table leads name. 7 per table.

All seating is assigned. Please indicate any individuals/groups/organizations with whom you wish to be seated:



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Good Reads for Black and Women's History

Black History month and Women's History month is a time where we are able to recognize the achievements, contributions and the struggles of black individuals and women throughout history. During these months many people engage in various educational and cultural activities such as exhibitions and presentations to promote awareness and understanding of Black History. Black history has a vital impact on the broader narrative of human history. It serves as a reminder of the ongoing quest for racial equality and social justice. Since February was Black History month and March is Women's History month, the following book recommendations cover a wide range of topics and provides valuable insight into black and women's history, culture and experiences.

1. *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B Du Bois
2. *Becoming* by Michelle Obama
3. *Stamped from the Beginning* by Ibram X Kendi
4. *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander
5. *Two sides to a Man: The Silent Battles of a Black Man* by O. Diaz
6. *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo
7. *This Bridge Called My Back* by Cherríe Moraga and Gloria Anzaldúa
8. *The Pain Gap* by Anushay Hossain
9. *White Feminism* by Koa Beck
10. *I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb
11. *Bad Feminist* by Roxane Gay
12. *You Don't Know Us Negroes and Other Essays* by Zora Neale Hurston, Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Genevieve West



Custodial Position Available

14 and Chestnut is on the hunt for a skilled custodian with abundant energy and thrives working alone. This job looks like 20 hours a week Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The custodian is responsible for a variety

of maintenance, cleaning, and sanitation within the center and our pantry. Some job responsibilities include but are not limited to: sweeping, vacuuming, taking trash out, restocking/ cleaning bathrooms and mopping. There are various small or odd jobs that may come up throughout the year at different times like changing clock times, or lightbulbs or shoveling/ maintaining the grounds outside. We are looking for someone who takes pleasure in cleaning and can be attentive to the cleanliness of our organization. For more information please feel free to reach out to us at 812-232-3126!

Summer Interns Wanted!

We are beginning to plan for our summer program and are looking for high school juniors and seniors and college-age students to join our summer staff! The summer program will run from May 28– August 2, Monday through Friday from 8am-2pm.

The first week is training, and then we have nine weeks of programming where interns work with one of our groups of kids leading games, crafts, life skills, reading, etc.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying to work with us this summer, please call the office at 812-232-3126. We're excited to see the team God is going to put together and how He is going to use them to change lives this summer!



New Year Training Topics

Each month we host a training opportunity for our staff to help assist and or prepare for the work they do with the students that attend our program. The past couple of months we have discussed ways to gain and keep attention of the students, redirection and correcting behavior strategies, Adverse Childhood Experiences Syndrome (ACES), and the four goals of misbehavior in kids. These topics were intentionally talked about to help our staff understand where some of the behaviors stem from and how to handle those situations that may arise.

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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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Director of Operations

Laresha Johnson

Director of Programming

Ella Houvenagle