News Around the Corner

November 2022

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:

Psalm 9:1

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

Homecoming Fun!

For many years, 14th and Chestnut has participated in the ISU Homecoming Parade, with a group of 6th and up kids and interns walking and representing the Center. We were excited to participate again this year! The theme this year was "Back to the Forest, so our group created an "Enchanted Forest" float with trees, forest animals, and large fairy tale storybooks. The kids enjoyed passing out candy, and smiling and waving at everyone along the parade route. The weather was perfect, and we had a wonderful time!

We appreciate our relationship with ISU and all of the area colleges! Students from a variety of different disciplines and majors are such a great asset to our program and provide great examples for our children of what they can do in the future.

Did you know? *Did you know there is a new way to give monthly to the Center online? See page 6 for more information.*

Staff Spotlight

Janet Rumple joined our team in the kitchen at the beginning of the summer. Jan has lots of experience and passion for cooking, having previously run her own catering business.

Jan has been doing a wonderful job in the kitchen, cooking a variety of new meals from scratch and encouraging the children to try new things. And if you come on a Thursday, you'll most likely smell the wonderful aroma of fresh baked goods!

Jan has brought a bright light to the kitchen, and we are definitely blessed to have her! We are currently still looking for a second cook in the kitchen, so if you or someone you know would be interested in joining Jan, please reach out and let us know.

Volunteer Spotlight

Marty and Glenn are happy to be back at the Center after taking a break due to Covid. Marty reads to our 3rd-5th grade children every Thursday, and Glenn volunteers in the kitchen during that time, helping with preparing dinner for the children.

Marty and Glenn attend First Baptist Church and have been great supporters of the Center over the years. We appreciate their calm presence and enthusiasm for reading that they bring to the Center! If you are interested in reading to children, helping with tutoring/homework help, or volunteering in the kitchen please give us a call!

Room Spotlight

One of the busiest and most used rooms this time of year at the Center is the Distribution Room. This is where we store donations for our various drives including Easter items for baskets, backpacks, school supplies and shoes at the end of summer, hats, coats and gloves for winter, holiday food baskets, and Christmas gifts.

We are currently in the middle of distributing new coats to each of our children, and will continue to provide hats, gloves, scarves and blankets throughout the winter months. We are also collecting food for our Holiday food baskets we distribute to the families of our children for Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information, see the Holiday Food Basket article on page 7.

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

Food Pantry– Numbers of people in need of emergency food assistance continue to grow. Staple needs include peanut butter, cereal, boxes of pasta, beans, rice, mashed potatoes, and canned vegetables.

Kitchen— Our biggest needs for the kitchen are meats such as chicken, hot dogs and ground beef, fruits and vegetables, and individually wrapped snacks to serve children for snack time after school.

Clothes Closet– We are in need of boys jeans sizes 6-14.

Merit Mart Items– We could use bracelets and jewelry, men's necklaces, cologne, watches, phone accessories, posters, key chains, lip gloss, sunglasses, spa/skin care items

Craft Supplies– We could use pre-packaged crafts, pipe cleaners, and painting canvases.

Building Needs—Duct Tape, Painter's Tape, Super Glue

Christmas Wrapping Paper

GRUMBLING TUMMIES CAFÉ

Serving daily snack 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 are also in need of dish soap and 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 hygiene products especially for boys, such as deodorant, body wash, shaving cream, 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. We are also in major need of Mac and Cheese!

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, Windex, paper towels, liquid pump hand soap, toilet bowl cleaner, Ajax detergent, liquid dish soap, Goo Gone or Murphy Oil Soap, 409, Spic and Span

Old cell phones or old printer cartridges

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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Trunk or Treat!

This year's trunk or treat event was so much fun! We had interns from each group decorate a trunk, plan a game, and hand out candy. We also had an amazing face painter, Heavenly Hype Face Painting, who had a line the entire evening for her amazing work! There was also popcorn, hot chocolate, music, and more! Thanks to the support of all of you, we were able to provide a safe, fun environment for the children to dress up and enjoy themselves. We are already looking forward to making this event even better next year!

Birthday Party Fun with Finzel Mastertech

We are so grateful for our friends over at Finzel Mastertech who sponsor birthday parties at the Center twice a year! They always have such fun activities planned for the kids, and October's party was no exception! The kids had a great time decorating pumpkins (and sometimes themselves) with stickers.

Birthday parties are such a fun time to celebrate our kids who have birthdays during the month. For some, this is the only time they get to have a party for their birthdays. It is such a blessing to see the joy on their faces as we celebrate their lives! If you are interested in sponsoring a party, please call the office for more information.

Clothes Closet Needs

At 14th and Chestnut, we are striving to meet all of the basic needs of our children so that they can focus on their education and becoming the people that God has created them to be. One of the ways we do this is by offering new and gently used clothing in our Clothes Closet. Each week, we have a great group of volunteers who serve our children and provide them with a few outfits as well as a new pack of socks and underwear every six months.

As the number of children attending our program increases, the need for clothing is increasing as well. Any donations of new or gently used clothing for children sizes 5-16 would be greatly appreciated!

A new way to give to 14th and Chestnut Community Center is online through our Vanco portal. This can be for a 1-time gift for a specific project or could be recurring gifts if you want to give on a regular basis.

By Computer

Go to this link 14th and Chestnut Vanco Portal or

Type this link into your computer https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z73R

Once on the site follow these directions

1. Pick a tile (Fund) to donate to
2. Pick the amount, frequency, and start date and add it to your basket.
3. Click on your basket when you are ready to check out (if you are giving on a recurring basis you will have to make a user name and password, it is just your email and password, if this is a onetime gift you don't have to do that.)
4. Put your card or bank information in and your contact details.
5. Then review your donation and submit
   (You are able to cover our small percentage processing fee by clicking over the tab on step 4 if you want to, you don't have to. Using your bank routing information is also a lower cost processing fee.)

Use the app

1. Search for Vanco Mobile App in your app store.

2. After you open it up you can search either by the name of our organization or use this invite code NFMH8P. Our logo will be with our organization.
3. Then you will either sign in if you have made a profile already or you can sign up by using your email and creating a password.
4. You will then follow the steps above by picking a tile to donate to and checking out.

Holiday Needs

Each year the 14th and Chestnut Community Center helps the families of our children that regularly attend our program. More than 70 families are blessed with a Thanksgiving food basket, Christmas food basket, and presents for the children. The holidays can be a very stressful, depressing time if you don't know how you're going to provide for your family. With your help, we are able to relieve some of that stress and spread the joy and love of Jesus to the families of our children.

Attached is a list of the food items we are collecting for the food baskets. We ask you to prayerfully consider collecting the items for one basket, or collecting one or two items in bulk. There are also other ways to get involved, including sponsoring a family for Christmas, providing gifts for children, or giving a monetary donation to help with heating the building this winter. With your help, we will be able to keep our doors open and provide a warm place for the kids to come after school this winter. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Items needed to fill One Holiday Food Basket

- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 boxes mac & cheese
- 1 box stuffing
- 1 can sweet potatoes
- 1 can/jar of gravy
- 1 package of dinner rolls
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 cake mix
- 1 can of frosting
- 1 can of pumpkin
- 1 can of fruit pie filling
- 1 can of evaporated milk
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 2 pie crusts
- 1 foil roasting pan

Bring non-meat items to 14th and Chestnut Center by Monday, Nov. 14 and Monday, Dec. 12

Due to limited freezer space, please bring:

8-10 lb. Turkeys ONLY ON DAY of Distribution—Wednesday, November 16

6-10 lb. Hams ONLY ON DAY of Distribution—Wednesday, December 14

Contact Amanda Otieno or Connor Scanlon with donation commitments.

Call: 812-232-3126, or email: 14th.chestnut@gmail.com

THE NEED IS THERE – BE A CHRISTMAS SPONSOR

BY: JEANIE EDINBURGH

So many lives in our community depend on the services provided by the 14th & Chestnut Community Center, and the Center depends on the generosity of our wonderful community. I personally go into the homes of so many of our children, I see how they live, and I talk to the parents about their basic needs. I am coming to you because without your help, many of our children will go without a Christmas, as many have in the past. Each year 14th & Chestnut Community Center spends a great deal of time searching for businesses, churches, and even individuals to sponsor one or more of our families for Christmas.

The families of the 14th & Chestnut Community Center consist of three or more members. Without your love and support many may go without a Christmas this year especially with the extra challenges in our economy. As a child coming up, I was in one of these households, and it breaks my heart to see that so many of our families live even worse than I did as a child. I would often hear adults say, "It takes a whole neighborhood to raise a child", in today's economy I have to say, it no longer takes a neighborhood, instead it takes the entire community to raise a child.

Times are hard for so many parents right now, and they do not have the security of knowing how their basic needs will be met. Many that donated to the center, now find themselves in the spot of needing help themselves. The 14th & Chestnut Community Center is depending upon YOU to assist us in making sure our families have a Happy Holiday Season. Please feel free to call me at the 14th & Chestnut Community Center @ 812-232-3126, I will be happy to answer any questions you may have, and give you the names and information regarding a family or families that need your help. Please join us in bringing smiles to our families this Christmas Holiday Season.

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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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