



News Around the Corner

November 2023

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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Sports World Visit

In October, our kids had the opportunity to visit and eat with Olympic Gold Medalist and Professional Women's Basketball player Ruthie Bolton and two-time Professional Heavyweight World Champion Wrestler Carmine Azzato. The kids got to hear a little bit of their testimonies and how God has a purpose for each and every one of us! Their visit reinforced our chapel series about the days of creation and how God has a purpose in all his creation!

Verse of the Month:
Psalm 107: 1
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.





Staff Spotlight

This month's staff spotlight is Allison Kallungi. Alli is a sophomore at Indiana State studying political science with minors in nonprofit organizations and Spanish. Alli works with the 3-5 grade and 6 grade and older boys and has been an asset to her coleaders by always being willing to take lead and join whatever activity they may be doing. In her free time, Alli enjoys listening to music and being around family and friends. One thing Alli loves about being at the center is getting to build relationships with the kids and watching them grow. Alli hopes to one day work within nonprofits in public policy making.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet the Chair of our board, Don Toney.

Don works for the Terre Haute Police Department as a patrol officer, detective in the Juvenile Division for 8 years, and is currently a Patrol Sargent on the night shift. He first became involved at the Center when he worked as a summer intern his sophomore and junior year of college. Don decided to be a board member because his time as an intern at 14th & Chestnut has held a special place in his heart. Because of his experience at the center, he has seen first hand the difference that the Center has made in the lives of our kids and in the community and as a Board Member, he get a chance to be a part of what God is doing here. Don loves our mission and feels like there is no better way to share Christ's love with our kids and community than meeting their needs while building relationships with them. Our programs provide food, clothing, coats, tutoring, Christmas gifts, adult mentors and role models who love and care for our kids, and so many other things. The Center both relieves some of the stresses facing our kids and their families and shows them they are loved and valued at the same time by meeting their physical, education, and spiritual needs and he loves being able to serve that mission! Don encourages everyone to be a part of what God's doing here and in our community! Find a way to share your time, money, and resources and make a difference in our community and in the lives of our kids!



Room Spotlight

November's room spotlight is our Homework room. Monday– Thursday we offer homework help to any of our kids attending to ensure they are completing any work they may need assistance with. Our homework room is open from 3-5 and is usually staffed with volunteers or an intern. We are currently looking for some consistent volunteers to help on a weekly basis. If you feel inclined to serve in this capacity feel free to give us a call at 812-232-3126!

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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 October 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, mashed potatoes, and canned vegetables.

Kitchen— We are in need of **two family sized electric griddles**, some cookie scoopers and some **new knives**.

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!

Our biggest need for the kitchen this month is some new cookware. Several of our kitchen items had to be thrown out due to wear and tear over the years.

We would also 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

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.



Van Donation

We want to express our thanks to Agape Christian Church for the van donation and thank you Deluxe Detailing for the new paint job and decals. We are so excited to have four vans now. This will be very beneficial especially with our Friday field trips in the summer. Hooray for van number four!!



Holiday Dates

Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching, which means we are planning for our holiday help. The **Thanksgiving Program is Thursday, November 16** and our **Christmas Program will be Thursday, December 14**. During this time we can utilize help in many ways. We ask for volunteers to help with decorating, cooking or prepping, serving dinner, clean up, turkey and or ham carvers, and or present wrappers. For more information about helping a program contact Laresha or Jan at 812-232-3126. If you are not able to help serve in that capacity, we are collecting monetary donations and food items for holiday baskets for the families we serve this season. Thank you for your consideration in helping this holiday season, we couldn't do it without your support!



Crisis Pregnancy Center Mobile Unit

We have had the opportunity to have CPC's mobile unit at the center a couple of times as a convenient resource to our families at the center. Their mobile unit acts as an extension of the Medical Clinic at the CPC, providing the same quality medical services as their office location in Terre Haute. They offer pregnancy services, education and information, STD/ STI testing, some medical testing and birth control options. Some are free services and some cost a minimal amount. They also have classes and programs to walk you through your pregnancy.





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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. Without your help, we won't 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.

If you need any further information about how to get involved, please call us at (812)232-3126, and we will be happy to talk to you. Thank you so much for the difference you are making in the lives of our children!

14th and Chestnut Annual Holiday Food Basket Drive

*Offering Food Baskets to 50 Families this Thanksgiving
& 50 this Christmas*

Items needed to fill One Holiday Food Basket

2 cans of corn	1 cake mix
2 cans of green beans	1 can of frosting
2 boxes mac & cheese	1 box of Mashed Potatoes
1 box stuffing	1 can of pie filling
1 can sweet potatoes	1 can evaporated milk
1 can/jar of gravy	1 can cranberry sauce
1 package of dinner rolls	2 pie crusts

Bring non-meat items to 14th and Chestnut Center by Friday, Nov. 10 and Friday, Dec. 8

Collect items to fill one basket OR collect 1-2 items in bulk.

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 parent 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. 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.

With the economy in the state it is currently in, so many parents have lost their jobs, therefore the security of knowing that their basic needs are being taken care of are gone. 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 at 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.

Trunk or Treat

The past few years we have been doing a trunk or treat instead of a Harvest Party and it has been a more successful form of participating in Halloween for us. Each group brainstorms a theme for their decorations and a game to go along with the theme. We always make this a friendly competition between the interns to see who can come up with the best overall decorations and this years winner was the 3-5 grade girls with Monsters Inc. inspired decorations and game. We had a good turn out this year in spite of the cold weather.



Art Program Conclusion

In July we started our Art Program with MuseArt where the kids got to participate in various different art projects over the span of five months. The older kids focused on self portraits the first project. Then any 3-5 grade kid wanting to participate could make a clay pinch pot for the second project. For the third project, everyone got to get messy making paper mâché monsters. Our last project will be mid November working on something new. We have been keeping the kid's artwork to put on a small art show at the end. The exhibit will be **December 7, 2023 at 6 until 6:30 pm.**



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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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