



News Around the Corner

October 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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Golf Scramble

We had our annual Golf Scramble August 25 and we just want to say thank you to everyone who came out to Idle Creek to support and or sponsor us during this event. We had 10 teams partici-



ate this year. Union Baptist Church was our first place team for the 2023 event. Although it was a hot day, we had a great event, raising over \$6,500! Thank you Idle Creek for hosting us and we'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our golfers, sponsors, and volunteers who helped to make this day such a success!



Verse of the Month:
Genesis 1:1
In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth.

Staff Spotlight



We are extremely excited to announce that we have filled our Director of Programming position! This is Ella Houvenagle. Ella is from Rockville, IN and is married to Mark Houvenagle. She and Mark have three adult children and a dog they love dearly. Mark is the pastor at Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church. Ella has experience leading youth ministry and felt called to serve at the center in previous years and now she gets to fulfill her calling by providing ministry to our youth. Ella's education consists of a Bachelor's Degree in Church Recreation and Psychology and a Master of Divinity in Urban Ministry. She also worked in Washington DC for three years as the Director of Senior Adult Ministries at the Johnning Baptist Center. Ella is looking forward to getting to know the kids and their families and we are grateful to have her on our team!

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Tim Buddle, one of our dedicated food pantry volunteers. . For work, he inspects Section 8 houses. When Tim is not at work, he loves spending time with his five grandchildren. Tim was invited by a friend to come help out at the pantry and has been coming to volunteer at the pantry for four years now. Tim loves that he is able to serve and provide a valuable service to the community that is highly needed. He gains a sense of satisfaction being able to talk to and help those in need and loves growing closer to the other volunteers. We appreciate you Tim!



Room Spotlight



This month's room spotlight is our Coat Room! This is a little closet where we store our winter gear. This month we are getting our kids ready for the winter by providing a winter coat with a hood, hat, scarf, gloves, and new or gently used blanket for each child who regularly attends our program. We have a ton of hats, scarves and gloves but we are in need of some new coats in **girls sizes 6, 10/12, 12/14, and boys sizes 6, 7/8, and 10/12. We also need women's sizes Lg-XXL and men's sizes small and large.** If you, your organization, business, or church would be willing to help, please contact our office. We would be happy to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. Our goal is to distribute coats by the end of

October. Thank you for your help! We could not do this without you!

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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 some new large 14" non-stick skillet, heavy gauged medium- large stock pots, and some heavy plastic spatulas and slotted spoons.

Clothes Closet—We are in need of fall clothing for all ages of children, but especially sizes 5-14. We could also use new packages of socks and underwear for children of all ages.

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, 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.

Candy— We could use bags of candy for our Halloween Truck-or-Treat.

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!

Our biggest need is new underwear and new boxers briefs 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, 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

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.



Art Program

We recently received a grant from the Indiana Art Commission to do an art project once a month with Muse Art. We started this project in July and had our second project in September once the kids came back. The first project was drawing self portraits with the 6th grade and older kids and the second was making pinch pots with the k-5 kids. We are keeping the projects to put on a short exhibit at the end of the year.



Kitchen Help

We are looking for people available from **4-6 on the first and third Wednesdays and some Fridays** to help out in the kitchen. The dates for Friday help are **October 13, 20, November 3, and every Friday in December**. Helping in the kitchen looks like prepping, serving and cleaning up dinner. If you are free and able to serve us in this capacity, feel free to contact Jan or Laresha at 812-232-3126. Thank you!

Birthday Party Fun!

We'd like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to our friends over at Prairie Creek Baptist Church for sponsoring our September birthday party! They brought ice cream and Jesus themed decorations, played group games with the children, and gave out prizes and goodie bags! We sang Happy Birthday to all of our children with September birthdays and gave them each a birthday present.



If your group would be interested in helping with a party, we are currently in need of birthday party sponsors for November and December 2023, and January 2024 moving forward. Parties are the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4-5pm. We have half of the children attend the first half hour, then repeat it all for the other half during the second half hour. Sponsors provide cupcakes and any other treats they might want to bring, decorations, and plan a couple of party games for the children to play. If you'd like more information, please call the office.





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It's the time of year that we all begin making plans for the holidays. Most of us plan a big Thanksgiving meal, what gifts to give family and friends for Christmas, how to decorate, and where we're spending Christmas. The holidays are a wonderful time to get together with family and friends and share together, thanking God for all He has done for us.

At 14th and Chestnut, we are also beginning to make holiday plans. Each year, we help the families of our children that regularly attend our program. More than 50 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. 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 can of pumpkin
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.

Contact Connor Scanlon or Ella Houvenagle with donation commitments.

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

THE NEED IS THERE – BE A CHRISTMAS SPONSOR

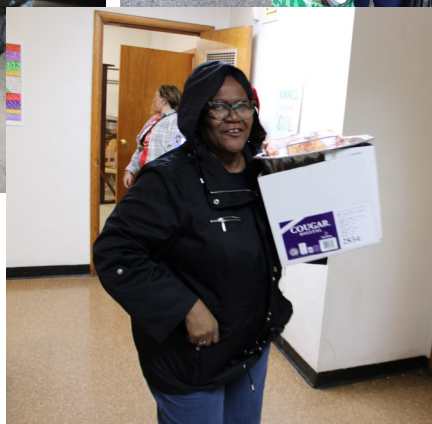
BY: JEANIE EDINBURGH

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 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. 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.



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.



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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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Connor Scanlon

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