



News Around the Corner

September 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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Back to School Bash

To end our summer fun we had our annual back to school program and it was one of the best programs we have ever had. The students and their leaders worked hard all summer to prepare a special performance for their families and it showed! The joy they had singing, performing and reciting verses was truly amazing. This years program was a little different than years before. We combined our family fun day with our back to school program and we had a total of 211 people that attended. The first part of the program we had dinner, games, face painting, and Foam Homies on the parking lot. We gave out 133 backpacks filled with all their school supplies and 96 pairs of shoes. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved to make this summer a success! We surely couldn't do this without every intern, volunteer, sponsor and or donor, helping make this program what it is!

Verse of the Month:

Psalm 103: 11

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him

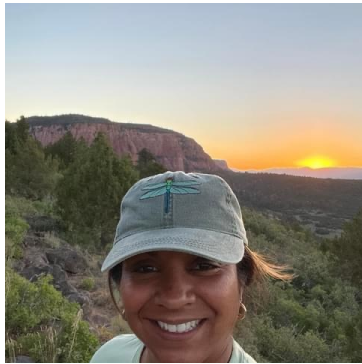
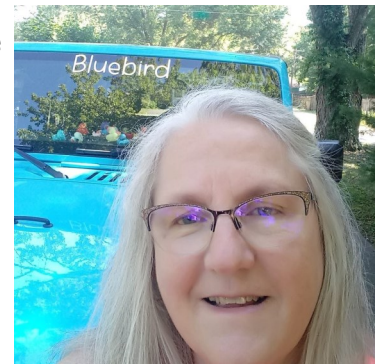


Staff Spotlight: Sabrina Kennedy

Welcome our second cook, Sabrina. Sabrina attends Memorial United Methodist Church, serves as an advisor for The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and is active in several philanthropic organizations, and run an e-commerce business. Sabrina is a mom of three Mason, Garson, and Amber and a wife of 32 years to her husband Daryl. Having grown up as a military kid and then a military wife she found her love of cooking from living all over the world. She has learned that the best way to learn a new country and its culture was through its food. Sabrina enjoys playing with new spice palates and learning new cuisines. The thing she likes the most about cooking for the kids at the center is getting to see the kids smiles and excitement for the day.

Volunteer Spotlight: Cindy Hart and Giovanna Sanders

Cindy Hart is one of our executive board members. Ms. Cindy attends Oregon Baptist Church and is an accountant at Sackrider and Company. One thing she loves is watching the kids grow up and seeing them work at the center. She wanted to be a member of the board because she believes in our vision and mission. She has served on our board for several years and is currently serving as our treasurer. Cindy has poured into the center in many ways over the years and is an incredible asset to us and we truly appreciate her for all she does.



Giovanna is a member of our board and is a full time senior pastor alongside her husband for the Terre Haute Church of God. She's also a doctoral student at Grand Canyon University. Giovanna is involved with the youth at her present church and has always had a heart for kids. Being on the board allows her to give back to the community by investing in an organization that places children at the core of all they do. What she loves the most about the center is the vision and the passion that goes into making the center a safe and fun place for kids to go and she feels honored to serve alongside other members with a heart for the center.

Room Spotlight: The Enchanted Cove

The room formerly known as The Great Room has gotten a new name! Last year we had cabin challenges and the winner got a room named after them. This year we decided to keep it going and for the second year in a row, the 6th grade and older girls, known as The Mystical Daydreams, were the overall winners of our summer Crew Challenges. Going along with the theme of the summer, they chose to have an island name as well, which is what we chose to use as the new name. The Enchanted Cove is one of our multi-purpose rooms that is used daily. We utilize this room for a variety of things such as crafts, projects and coloring. Numerous card games and group games are played and many life skills lessons are taught in this room. In addition to those things, we also use this room for movie days when the weather many not be good or whenever everyone is tired and or just needs a mental break.



September 2023 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 September as we prepare for the after school program:

Food Pantry—We are in need of any staple foods such as rice, beans, potatoes, pastas, etc. to keep our pantry stocked and ready to serve those in need in our community.

Kitchen— We are in need of some new large 14" non-stick skillets, 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.

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

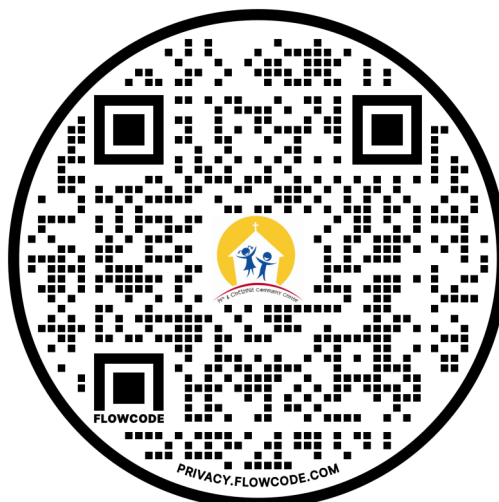
BUILDING & GROUNDS

Cleaning supplies—Pledge, Spic and Span, Lysol Wipes

Old cell phones or old printer cartridges

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

If you would like to give a monetary donation online, scan the QR code below. You can give a one-time gift or sign up for a monthly donation.



Holiday World and Splashin Safari



At the end of each summer we take qualifying kids to a big field trip out of town. This year we were able to take two Turner buses with 75 kids and 16 Staff to Holiday World. Groups spent their time there riding roller coasters, water rides and swimming. We genuinely feel blessed to have this opportunity to bring the kids

somewhere majority of them have never been.

Favorite Summer Memories from our Staff



“My favorite memory from the summer was at the back to school program. One of my girls (fairly new) didn’t know our dance very well and has bad stage fright but really wanted to preform with our girls. So I pep talked her and gave her all the tricks I know to conquer stage fright and she did it beautifully with the girls, but the best part about it was after she was done and she was so happy she ran into my arms and gave me a hug and thanked me for giving her the courage and confidence to conquer a fear.”- Amber

“My favorite part of this summer was when we went to the Learning Lab and the kids got to make things with tools. Me and one kid helped hang a white board and found out what classes he should be taking for a career he would like to have in the future.”- Patrick



“One of my favorite memories would have to be when we do our chapel songs. One thing I will never forget is doing the chapel dances with the kids.”- Bri

Merit Mart and the Present Room



At the Center, we have a Merit Store that allows children to spend play money they have earned for good behavior, good grades, reading, etc. on things they want. Our present room is where we store our Team Leader and Birthday gifts. We use donations from our supportive community to keep the store and present room stocked. We have an abundance of goodies for our elementary kids but our middle and high-school kids are usually limited. **Items like spa stuff and skin care, bracelets, men's necklaces or watches, cologne, posters, key chains, lip gloss, sun glasses, paint and canvases and room decorations are great items to consider donating.** Five Below is a perfect place to find the things mentioned and more!



Kitchen

The month of August is a time we get to deep clean, take inventory and plan for the after school program. Our cooks have been hard at work making sure the kitchen is ready to go once the kids come back. While taking inventory, we noticed several of our cooking utensils, pots and pans were in poor condition and had to be thrown out. **We are now in search for some new 14" nonstick skillet, heavy gauged medium- large stock pots, heavy spatulas and slotted spoons.**



Winter Coats

As we transition from summer to the school year, we are starting to plan for the cold winter months. With temperatures many times dropping below freezing, we want to make sure our children stay warm. Each year we provide a new winter coat with a hood, hat, scarf, gloves, and new or gently used blanket for each child who regularly attends our program. We want to keep our kids safe and warm not only outside, but also in their homes where there may not be any heat. Monetary donations or coats are needed to help us take care of all of the kids who look to the center as their second home. **We need 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 Sm and Lg.** 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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Reading Volunteer



We are looking for a retired reading teacher or someone with a reading intervention background to help our students become more skillful in reading. Over the past couple of years, we have heavily emphasized the importance of reading and encouraged the students at the center to read. Within those years, the interns have noticed many of our students struggling with word reading and sometimes reading comprehension as well. We have implemented things to help them enjoy reading like a reading program with prizes, book clubs and even story times for the little ones. Some interns in the past have taken the initiative to try and help students by having them practice flash cards with words or phrases on them but interns come and go throughout the school year so it is hard to maintain their efforts to help in this specific area.

In July, we highlighted Ms. Jane in our volunteer spotlight. Ms. Jane is a retired teacher and she comes to play “thinking” games with our students, helping them to learn math in a fun way. Ms. Jane comes twice a week and works with all of our groups, playing games, giving prizes, and expanding our kiddos’ minds. We are on the search for someone who is available and willing to work on reading skills with our students in a way that is fun for them. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in helping our ministry in this way, please feel free to contact us!

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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

Executive Directors

Connor Scanlon

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