



# News Around the Corner

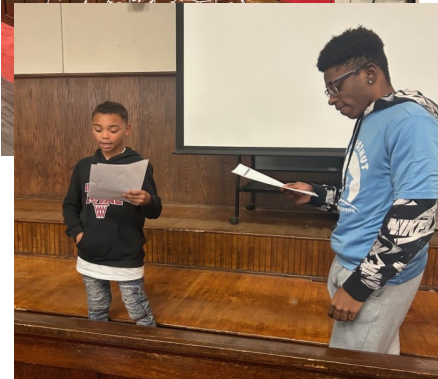
December 2024

**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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## Kids Lead



**Verse of the Month:**  
**2 Corinthians 9:15**

**Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

It is fascinating to watch how our students grow more curious in their faith everyday! Many of our students get so excited for chapel time, it is truly wonderful. We try to make chapel as fun and interactive as possible to help motivate our kids to want to dive deeper in their faith, especially since many of them consider the center their only church. Kids often ask to pray in the beginning and end but recently, many of them have been asking to LEAD chapel. We have many ways for kids to help lead. They can do a skit, help lead the verse, songs or even do a whole lesson if they want to. It has been going so well having the kids teach their peers, we might make this a regular thing!

## 2024 Thanksgiving Dinner

We had an amazing Thanksgiving program this year, counting 145 people, 71 kids and 74 family members in attendance! Upon arrival, parents come in to find their kid(s) and immediately go downstairs to eat. Once dinner is about done we start the program. At the beginning of the school year we started learning about what it means to follow Jesus, how it looks to follow Him, and how to spread the Word of God to bring more people to Christ. We then started a new series, teaching them the books of the Bible. The goal was to not only memorize each book, but to familiarize them with each of the books. We were able to plan games, trivia questions, dive into some new and old Bible stories, and have kids participate in skits in order to help familiarize and memorize the books. This year, our students recited their verse of the month, Colossians 2:7, ALL the books of the Bible— with hand motions— and sang the song “The Goodness” by Toby Mac and Blessing Offor. After the program concluded, we gave out 55 holiday food baskets.



# Thanks to our Barrel Locations

Each year we try to help each center family out by providing gifts to all our kids, but we could never do this without your help and the help of the hosts who allow our barrel to be at their business. We place barrels around Terre Haute with kids' names and Christmas wish list information on them for people to sponsor. The hope is that when people visit one of the many locations, they will select a name, buy a present or two and put it back in the barrels by the due date with the child's name or gift list. Then we make sure to get them to the proper child just in time for Christmas!

The locations willing to host this year include **5/3 on 25th and Poplar, Starbucks South, Starbucks by 70, Starbucks 25th and Wabash, Starbucks East, Loose Goose, TH Church of God, Harsha, Sycamore Country Club, YMCA, Saratoga, Rick's Smokehouse and the Terminal.** We appreciate these businesses helping us out during a very busy time of year! If your organization or business would like to be a barrel host next year, or would like to have more information about becoming a host, please let Connor or Laresha know!



# December 2024 NEEDS LIST

## 14<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Community Center

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Email: [14th.chestnut@gmail.com](mailto:14th.chestnut@gmail.com)

Visit our Website! [14thandchestnut.weebly.com](http://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**

**Grumbling Tummies Café** — fridge thermometers, meat slicer, toaster

**Food Pantry-** Frozen meats (any) **Boxed potatoes** (any), pasta sauces, pasta, Macaroni and Cheese, hamburger helper type meals

**Clothes Closet**— Underwear for k--5 grade, especially kindergarten, PJs- ALL sizes, socks

**Merit Mart**—art/craft sets, Lego sets, jewelry, room decorations, perfumes and body products, watches, sports equipment

**DEODORANT**— **BOYS AND GIRLS-WE NEED THIS BADLY**

**Building and Grounds**— 13 gallon trash bags, Lysol wipes

**Moms Matter**— gifts for moms, gas cards, grocery cards

### **GRUMBLING TUMMIES CAFÉ**

Serving daily breakfast and lunch. 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.

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 CLOSET**

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 PJs all sizes, **sizes 6-16/18 leggings and shirts.** 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**

**CANDY**

## December Spotlights

Each semester we get at least two internship students placed at our organization to help with their hands on educational learning experience. These students come from many pathways with different goals. We get many students from the Human Development and Family Science, Social Work, Psychology, Education and Nonprofit Leadership departments. They often come to observe, study, and apply any knowledge they have learned in class. This semester we had four internship students, three from ISU and one from Ivy Tech! These ladies each came ready to jump in where needed, helping by working with the kids, behind the scenes with the directors, and or at the food pantry. Read about our four students and their favorite memory below!

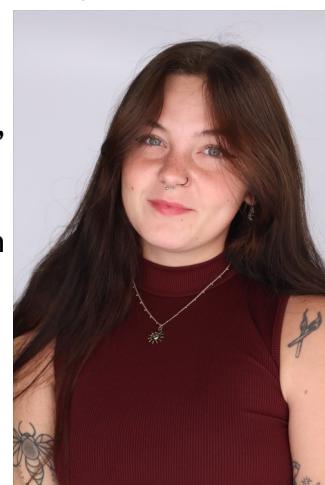


This is Aaliyah! Aaliyah is a senior obtaining her Psychology degree at Indiana State. She plans to obtain her Masters in Arts of Psychology and a Bachelor's in Nursing. "My favorite part of my internship at 14th and Chestnut was developing a relationship with the children and staff at the community center and learning what the center is all about when it comes to serving the community in Terre Haute."

Meet Cassie! Cassie is a Human Development and Family Science senior at ISU and she aims to work with adolescents or the geriatric population after graduation. "My favorite part of the internship experience was walking in every week and being greeted by the kids and their excitement."



Up next, we have Caylee! Caylee is a senior in Human Development and Family Science at Indiana State. She plans to continue my education always and hopefully find a job helping families and children get through tough times. "My favorite part of my internship experience with 14th and Chestnut was being able to see behind the scenes of all that the center does for their community! Doing things like getting winter coats together for the kids, or making thanksgiving dinner boxes for the families to take home. It is a beautiful thing to do for the community, and I was so honored to be apart of it!"



Lastly, we have Caitlin! Caitlin is a sophomore at Ivy Tech studying Human Services. Caitlin's goal after college is to find a career in healthcare and helping others in any way possible! "My favorite part of my internship was being creative and finding different activities for the girls to try."

College students help our organization run and we feel so blessed to be able to foster these partnerships with Ivy Tech and Indiana State.



## 2024 Coat Distribution

Every year we are able to distribute winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Many of our kids walk to travel everywhere or have to wait in the early hours of the morning for a bus. As the temperatures drop, this becomes a very cold task. This is one of the few things we can do to help make sure our kids stay warm during the cold winter months. Last year we gave out about 70 coats. This year we gave out 96 coats! Because we were able to help so many more students this year, we made a big dent in our coat supply and are now running low. If you all see any deals on coats throughout the season, consider grabbing them and bringing it in to help us restock! We really need youth sizes 6-16 and adult sizes small– large. Reach out with any questions at 812-232-3126!



### Keeping Warm

As you know, some of our families struggle with finances and or do not have proper living environments suited for the colder months. During these cold months we do what we can to offer items that help keep them warm. We give out coats, hats, gloves, scarves and even blankets!

Each student that was here and or needed a coat from us, receives a brand new coat at the beginning of the season. We also allow them to choose a hat, scarf and gloves to start the season off warm. Unfortunately, many of our little ones are constantly losing a glove or their hat or maybe even their coat!

From October through February we are continually restocking and replacing hats, gloves and scarves. The item that goes the fastest are any size gloves, but specifically the ones for little kids. We accept store bought and homemade items so if you or someone you know is looking for a place to bring some items to keep warm feel free to reach out or drop by!

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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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Karsen Boyce  
**Director of Programming**  
Laresha Johnson