



News Around the Corner

JULY 2025



PRAY: For the protection of our youth from the violence that tears through communities and lives. Grant them peace in their schools, in their neighborhoods, and in their hearts. Guide our leaders, parents, and all who care for them to act with wisdom, courage, and compassion. May we be instruments of change and sowing seeds of hope where fear has taken root.

ISU CREDIT UNION BIRTHDAY PARTY



We had fun celebrating June Birthdays with friends from ISU Federal Credit Union. Thank you for sponsoring our June Birthday party!

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Verse of the Month (NIV):

1 Thessalonians 5:11
Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

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.

Visit our Website: 14thandchestnut.weebly.com

Find us on Facebook: 14th and Chestnut Community Center

July's Most Needed Items

⇒ GRUMBLING TUMMIES CAFÉ

Serving daily breakfast and lunch in the summer and snack and dinner during the school year. Help us keep their bellies full!

Biggest Needs: Sack Lunch items (individual chips, snack cakes/ treats, snack crackers like goldfish, fruit snacks, fruit cups, pudding cups, etc.)

⇒ 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.

Suggestions: room decorations, jewelry, Lego sets, hygiene products, perfumes/colognes, paints and canvases, science kits, playdoh/slime, sports equipment and candy

⇒ MOTHER HUBBARD'S PANTRY

Please help us keep our emergency pantry stocked to help people in our community in an extreme time of need.

Biggest needs: potatoes (mashed, scalloped etc.), peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauces (spaghetti, alfredo, etc.), cereal, canned peaches or fruit, canned carrots, peas and beans, canned meat (tuna & chicken), and frozen meat

We are also accepting donations of hand can openers, supplies for babies such as diapers, wipes, and jars of baby food and hygiene products for all ages

⇒ 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!

Biggest needs: boys sizes 6-14, girls sizes 6-16/18. 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!

Suggestions: 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

TOILET PAPER, & Paper Towels, General Cleaning sprays (Lysol , 409, etc.)

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!

BACK TO SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE

Step In. Step Up. Help a Child Start the School Year Strong.

Summer has been a full sprint since the first week of our 2025 Center Olympics! In June alone, we welcomed an average of 94 students each day. As we shift into July, we're busy packing backpacks and getting students sized for something special: a brand-new pair of school shoes!

These shoes aren't just about style—they're about confidence, dignity, and opportunity.

To qualify, students have committed to showing up—at least twice a week, for three weeks or more. By Week 5, 115 students have earned a new pair—many of whom have been with us daily since the beginning of summer. That's something worth celebrating! We've been praying for deeper connection with the youth in our community, and we're seeing the fruit of those prayers. Now, we need your help to take the next step.

Why Shoes? Why Now?

Because too many kids in our community are starting the school year at a disadvantage. Some walk into class in worn-out shoes. Others sit out of gym or recess because their footwear doesn't fit—or worse, makes them feel left out.

A new pair of shoes can be the difference between shrinking back and stepping forward.

How You Can Make a Difference:

- * \$30-\$40 buys a quality pair of school shoes for one of our younger students
- * \$60-\$80 provides durable, stylish shoes for our older kids
- * Any amount helps a child walk into school with confidence

Ways to Give:

In Person or By Mail: Drop off or mail cash/checks to: 1403 Chestnut St, Terre Haute, IN 47807 (Please note: "School Shoes" in the memo line)

Give Online: Use the QR code or donate via Vanco to support this and other ministry needs.

Let's walk beside our kids this school year.

Together, we can make sure their first step into the classroom is a strong one.

Have questions? Reach out to a director at 812-232-3126.



June Recap

Week 2 Recap: Growing in Grace and Sportsmanship

This week, we introduced a powerful new verse to guide our hearts and conversations: **Proverbs 24:17** —
“Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when they stumble, do not let your heart rejoice.”

This scripture opened the door for meaningful discussions with our campers about the true spirit of sportsmanship—not only during games and competitions, but in how we treat others every day. In the spirit of the Olympics, we’ve continued to explore values like **respect, humility, and perseverance**, all rooted in God’s Word. Our goal has been to help campers see that winning with grace and losing with dignity are both reflections of a heart aligned with Christ.

Week 3: Light of the World

This week, our focus was on what it means to **be a light in the world** and reflect God’s truth through our everyday actions. Our Verse of the Week, **Matthew 5:16** —“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

We kicked off the week by diving into the meaning of this verse and talking about the many ways we can shine—through our words, acts of kindness, and even in how we encourage others during games and activities. Even more inspiring, though, was watching them live it out—cheering for their teammates, helping one another, and choosing kindness in both big and small moments.

As we continued exploring the **Olympic values**, this week we emphasized **excellence, respect, and inspiration**, and how those principles beautifully connect to our faith. Whether in relay races or team-building challenges, our campers showed that competition doesn’t have to come at the expense of compassion. They lifted one another up and proved that shining God’s light is something we can all do—on and off the field.

Week 4: Encourage One Another

This week’s verse was “Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

This verse beautifully reflects the heart of the Olympic values—especially **respect, friendship, and excellence**. As youth learn to embody these principles, they’re also learning how to live out biblical truths. Encouraging one another in both victory and defeat helps create a positive, supportive environment where everyone can grow. Whether it’s cheering on a teammate, offering a kind word, or showing grace in competition, these moments reflect the spirit of Christ and unity.

By building each other up, young people not only develop stronger teams—they develop stronger character. In this way, **1 Thessalonians 5:11** reminds us that true greatness isn’t just about winning—it’s about how we treat one another along the way.



2025 School Supply Collection

A new backpack. Fresh pencils. A notebook waiting to be filled. These may seem like small things—but to a child starting a new school year, it means readiness, and hope. Help our kids start off strong!

We're collecting brand-new school supplies and backpacks to help our students head back to school prepared and proud. Every donation helps a student walk into school with confidence—and the tools they need to succeed. Let's help equip our kids for success this 2025-2026 school year!

What to Donate:

Most Needed:

- GLUE BOTTLES (we have plenty of sticks)
- TEEN BACKPACKS
- MARKERS
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- DRY ERASE MARKERS
- BALL POINT PENS (blue and black)

Also Needed:

- SCISSORS
- #2 PENCILS
- PENCIL BOXES/POUCH
- 1 IN 3 RING BINDERS
- FOLDERS WITH POCKETS
- COLORED PENCILS
- CRAYONS

Clothes Closet Restock: Help Us Dress Our Youth With Dignity

Every child deserves to feel confident, comfortable, and cared for—no matter their circumstances. You can help make that a reality. We're collecting new or gently used clothing for children and teens of all ages and sizes. Your donation could be the very outfit that helps a child walk into school feeling proud, prepared, and seen.

What We're Looking For:

- * Clean, gently used or new clothing for boys and girls (sizes 4/5 through teen/young adult)
- * Graphic tees, shorts, leggings, socks, and underwear
- * Seasonal gear - especially warm-weather items and back-to-school basics
- * Monetary donations are also welcome! Just note "Clothes Closet" when you give, and we'll make sure it goes directly toward purchasing what's most needed.

Not sure about your donation? If you'd feel good dressing your own child in it, it's perfect for another!

Drop-Off Location:

1403 Chestnut St, Terre Haute, IN 47807

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 4 PM

Questions? Contact a director at 812-232-3126

Thank you for giving with heart. Your generosity matters.

MINI OLYMPICS

Despite the weather, which may have kept a few families away, the turnout didn't stop the fun—or the impact. Our very first Mini Olympics with our amazing neighbors at Ryves Youth Center was a success and an absolute blast!

Families showed up with big energy to cheer on our kids as they tackled a variety of exciting challenges—from obstacle courses and tic-tac-toe relays, to over-under ball passes, a rock-paper-scissors showdown, hula hoop teamwork, and a tricky cone walk relay! Our kids teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship on display were nothing short of inspiring.

Major shoutout to Ryves Youth Center for hosting and for taking home the trophy this time—we're already gearing up for next year's rematch and ready to bring it!

Thank you to all the amazing kids and families who came out and made the evening so special. Bad weather may have affected expectations, but it couldn't touch the joy, connection, and community spirit we all shared.

Here's to keeping the Olympic spirit alive—see you next year for round two!



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Help make a Difference in a Child's Life

Here are some more ways you can help out 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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Summer Program Monday—Friday

9:00 am—1:30 pm
Breakfast served at 9:00 am
Lunch served at 1:00 pm

Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:00 am—12:00 pm

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