



News Around the Corner

MAY 2025



Verse of the Month (NIV):

Ephesians 4:32

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you”

School Visits

At the start of the school year, we expanded our weekly school visits from just Franklin to include Farrington Grove and Terre Town, and we've been so excited about it! Every Wednesday, we visit one of our three partner schools during lunchtime to sit, chat, and connect with the students. It's such a fun and meaningful way for us to build relationships and share what's happening at the center!

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PRAY: for a impactful, fun and successful summer program!

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14th and Chestnut
Community Center

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.

May's Most Needed Items

⇒ GRUMBLING TUMMIES CAFÉ

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

Biggest Needs: Fridge thermometers, **SUMMER VOLUNTEERS FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

⇒ 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 graphic tees, short sleeves, and basketball shorts. We could also use all size boys and girls PJs, girls sizes 6-16/18 leggings, biker shorts 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!

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

Cleaning supplies—Pledge, Spic and Span, Lysol Wipes

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!

Summer 2025 Serving Opportunities

Field Trip Drivers

We are in need of drivers age 25 or older to assist with driving for Friday field trips this summer. We leave the Center around 10am and return by 2pm most trips. If you're interested in more info or would be willing to help, please call the office at 812-232-3126.

Kitchen Volunteers

Our Summer Program begins on June 3, 2025, and we're in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen with preparing and serving meals. We are specifically looking for breakfast volunteers on Wednesdays through Fridays from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, and lunch volunteers on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. If you're available to help during any of these times, please reach out to Laresha to confirm your volunteer dates. Your help makes a big difference, and we truly appreciate your support!

Summer Career Day Volunteers

We are looking for more volunteers to come help our children explore what's out there for them. We had our 3 grade and older children complete an age appropriate career interests form so we could have an idea of what interests or skills they have to help give us an idea on who to invite in. **This Summer we would love to have some sports professionals and or coaches come share about their careers. We are also looking for some cosmetology, braiders, make up artists, and barbers to come in and share!**

Careers are not exclusive to what was mentioned above and we will gladly talk about other ideas! We want these career days to be engaging for our children in some way to connect with them and peak their interest. Their response to visitors is usually good but when there is opportunity to interact it is more meaningful and memorable to them. If you would like to talk about being a career day volunteer please reach out to Laresha at reshajohnson99@outlook.com or Karsen at 14th.chestnut@gmail.com or feel free to call and talk to one of us at 812-232-3126.

Banquet Recap: Celebrating 25 Years!

This year marks 25 years of being a resource, a provider, a safe place, a place to learn and explore the love of God and so much more to the youth in our community. This year we celebrated by remembering where we started and how far we have come. We spent the evening enjoying fellowship and recognizing our exemplary volunteers and staff. We also got to hear some thoughts and memories from Stacie Marlin, Paula Mayberry, and Jeanie Edinburgh about the origin of the Center and its mission.



GFTH Award Recipients

This year's *Eldora Brown Volunteer Award* was received by John Thompson!



John Thompson has been a huge part of 14th and Chestnut's story. John has been faithfully serving on the board at the center for many years serving as board president and currently vice president. John has been an integral piece in forming the identity of 14th and Chestnut. In highs and lows John has kept a heart and clear vision for the center making sure that there is always the best for the center. John has used his leadership, discernment, problem solving, character, loyalty and many other qualities and skills to help 14th and Chestnut in its first 25 years and we blessed to have John continue to pour into the center to form

the next 25 years and beyond!

The *Stacie Marlin Outstanding Employee Award* was received by Eli Royal and Chaiela Edinburgh



Eli served as an intern at the center from the Fall of 2022 until the Summer of 2024. Week after week, Eli's enthusiasm and commitment to the 3- 5 Boys was evident. From "Maps Mondays" that sparked curiosity about the world, to the fun and engaging Spanish lessons that opened new doors of language and culture to our young minds. Eli consistently went above and beyond to meet each boy where he was and always aimed to enrich their educational journey. Eli's creativity, patience, and intentional efforts fostered a space where learning was exciting, and challenges were met with encouragement. Eli doesn't just teach but he often empowers, uplifts, and makes connections that

last. Thank you for being a trusted role model and a passionate advocate for our youth. The knowledge, confidence, and joy you've helped cultivate will leave a lasting mark on their lives.

GFTH Award Recipients Continued



Chaiela became a leader in 2020 and primarily worked with the 6 & Up Girls during her four years here. While working at the center, Chaiela possessed the natural ability to connect with every student; meeting them where they were, and guiding them with patience, empathy, and God's love. Chaiela is not one to lead with noise, but with her presence. Her steady, compassionate, and genuine interest in each student's day-to-day life is what really made a difference. Chaiela showed up, created safe spaces where young voices were heard, and many dreams were encouraged. Whether Chaiela was leading group games, providing a listening ear, helping with the many, random, never-ending list of tasks, or

simply being a constant, calm and trusted presence, she has shown true leadership at 14 & Chestnut. In recognition of Chaiela's unwavering dedication and commitment to understanding and empowering the next generation of our students, we say THANK YOU for all you have done. The impact you make isn't loud, but it's lasting.

Thank You to Everyone who Made this Event Possible!

Maryland Community Church

Our Host!

Pabst Painting
Sponsor

The Bush Family Restaurant
Sponsor

Butta's Better BBQ
Sponsor

Chick-Fil-A
Meal Provider

Rick's Smokehouse
Meal Provider

Rachel Toney
Charcuterie Boards

Easter

What an amazing Easter season we had! In the days leading up to Easter Sunday, we journeyed through Holy Week together with all of our amazing kids, learning each day about the events from Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday. Each group came together to hear the story of Jesus' final week, reflect on His love, and connect the message of Easter to their own lives in meaningful, age-appropriate ways. But we didn't stop there! Each group also got to join in on some egg-celent Easter fun that made the week even more memorable!

K-2 Groups had a blast with:

- An egg scoop game where they had to transfer eggs into a bucket
- Unscrambling mismatched plastic eggs to find the correct halves
- A memory matching game where they had to find pairs of eggs hidden under cups!

3-5 Groups stepped up the fun with:

- The egg unscramble challenge and memory matching game
- A blindfolded egg scoop
- An energetic egg bucket relay race

6 & Up Groups brought the energy with:

- A team-based egg hunt where each group hunted for only their color, hidden across 4 rooms!
- The egg bucket relay race that had them cheering each other on!
- A hilarious round of Chubby Bunny
- A musical twist on a classic game: kids passed a stuffed animal around while the music played.

When it stopped, whoever was holding the stuffed animal was safe, and the rest had to race to grab an egg from the center pile!

On that Thursday, we had our BIG Easter egg hunt for all of the kids. It was the perfect way to celebrate after a week full of fun and learning!

A HUGE thank you to the Redrum First Nations Motorcycle Group for coming and passing out Easter bags to the kids. Your generosity and support made the day even more special for everyone!

Easter week was full of laughter, learning, and celebration as we reflected on the true meaning of Easter and had a whole lot of fun along the way. We're so thankful for our amazing kids, families, and team who made it all possible. He is Risen!



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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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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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