



News Around the Corner

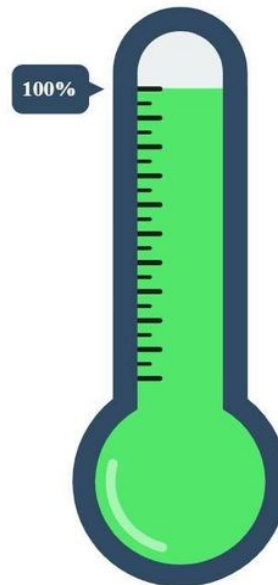
November 2024

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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GOAL: \$106,000



Roof Update!

Verse of the Month:

Colossians 2:7

Keep your roots deep in him and have your lives built on him. Be strong in the faith, just as you were taught. And always be thankful.

Because of some grants, and the generosity of those of you sharing, spreading the news, and even contributing to the roof fund, **WE HAVE OFFICIALLY REACHED OUR GOAL!!!!** We are ECSTATIC to have the funds to finally fix one of the areas that needed the most attention. The brick-work began late October and was finished early November. The new roof project will be starting soon! **THANK YOU** to all of you who helped in some way.

School Year Updates

In September, ISU students in the Black Student Union come and spent the day with our kids and to pass out hygiene kits. We also received 25 new backpacks and school supplies for any child who did not receive one at the end of the summer from our friends at Israel of God's Church.

The directors have been interviewing and welcoming new staff, attending community outreach workshops and youth related events, speaking at churches, going to visit students at Franklin, planning, and much more in order to prepare for this busy season we are arriving in.

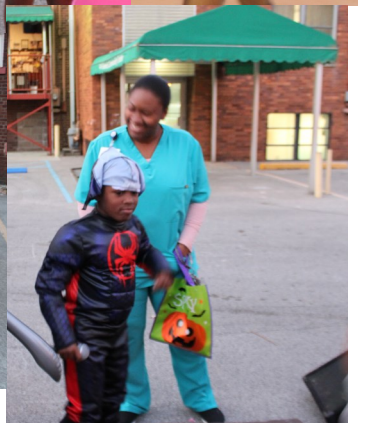
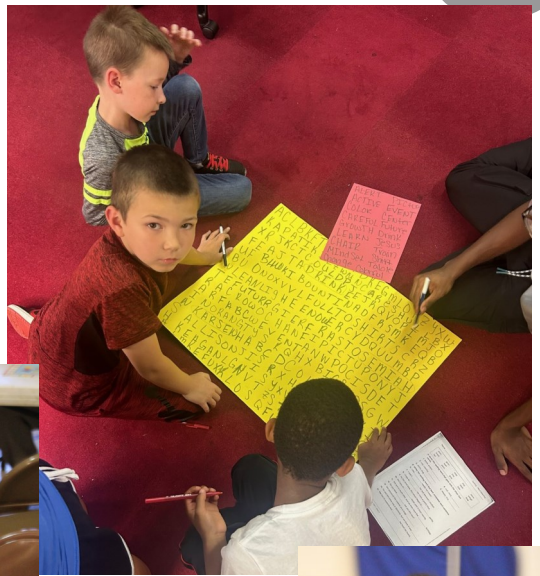
We started the school year learning about what it means to follow Jesus, how it looks to follow Him, and how to spread the Word of God to bring more people to Christ. We are now learning AND memorizing the Books of the Bible. In this series, the goal was to not only memorize each book, but to familiarize them with each of the books. We have learned up to the book of 2 Thessalonians and we cannot wait to show families their knowledge of the Bible.

Outside of chapel, our students have been busy learning life skills, doing homework, playing games of all kinds, and doing enrichment with our fabulous Miss Jane. This month's life skill focus was reading for pleasure, honesty, and service to others. We have also had our friends from The Swope Art Museum come once a month to lead some fun projects, we have celebrated September and October birthdays, and had our trunk or treat.

We have so many exciting projects in the works as well! We are in the process of the brickwork being done for the roof project to begin. We will be updating our bathrooms soon, and we will be having some new room updates or transformations happening within the next few months.

We are happy to have so many students here consistently and we thank our team of leaders for patiently working with our students directly and trying to find new and fun ideas for the kids to do.





November 2024 NEEDS LIST

14th and Chestnut Community Center

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Email: 14th.chestnut@gmail.com

Visit our Website! 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, sweatpants/ joggers for boys and girls, leggings and PJs- ALL sizes

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

Christmas Sponsors

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. These families truly need to be shown God's unconditional love. I go in the homes of our children, I see how they live, and I talk to the parent about their basic needs. I see their struggles. And I am coming to you because without your help, many of our children will go without a Christmas, as many have in the past. The families consist of a family of three or more and in today's economy, I have to say, it takes the community to raise a child.

So many parents have lost their jobs, therefore the security of knowing their basic needs are being taken care of are gone. People that have 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 @ **812-232-3126** or my cellphone at **812-201-0636**. You may also email me at the following address: godschild20042004@yahoo.com. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have and give you information regarding a family, or families that need your help. Please join us in bringing joy into the homes of our families this Christmas Holiday Season. **PLEASE BECOME A CHRISTMAS FAMILY SPONSOR!**

In His Service,
Jeanie Edinburgh

14th and Chestnut Annual Holiday Food Basket Drive

Offering Food Baskets to 50 Families this Christmas

Below 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. 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!

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
1 box instant mashed potatoes	1 foil roasting pan

Bring non-meat items to 14th and Chestnut Center by Friday, Dec. 6
Contact Connor Scanlon or Laresha Johnson with donation commitments.

Call: 812-232-3126, or email: reshajohnson99@outlook.com

Staff Spotlight



This month's staff spotlight is welcoming Ann Scanlon to our work family! Miss Ann came to help in the summer and enjoyed herself so much she came back to fulfill our second cook position. Miss Ann moved to Terre Haute to be with family but spent 20 years in Grand Rapids, MI, and considers that to be home. When Ann is not working, she enjoys being with her loved ones and walking her dog, Charlotte. Being able to be a part of providing a warm, free meal to our kids has been a blessing to Miss Ann because it makes her feel good to be able to serve and get to know our kids and what they do and do not like! Meal times are important and Miss Ann is thrilled to be here to serve our kids! Miss Ann has been a wonderful addition to our kitchen staff! She has been eager to help, teach and learn and we are happy to have her with us!

Volunteer Spotlight

We are highlighting one of our newest board members, Garien Woods! Garien is as an educator and school counselor. He is also a musician/artist and sports coach. When he is not working, he spends time with his wife and children, or he's creating music, coaching basketball and track, serving with the NAACP, or at his church Times of Refreshing International Ministries. Garien served and worked at the center from 2010-2014 and says it has always been a very special place in his heart. Even after no longer being a staff here, Garien would still come back to speak to the 6 and up groups, and would volunteer. He collaborated with the center through a Music is Key program he launched through the YMCA during COVID. Garien says the Center gave him his roots and it's truly a blessing to expand 10 years later after being an intern here.



By being a board member, Garien feels like he can help attract more people to the center and play an active role in helping to instill the values and community support that the center does so well for so many. He wants to be an active part of the continued growth.

One thing Garien loves most about the center are the relationships and connections he's built from the center and the Christian values that are flowing throughout the organization. Jeanie was the first person who saw something special in Garien, which encouraged him to get active with the center and that opened several doors and opportunities to connect with newer generations of kids and staff at the center. Garien loves what the Center represents to the community and the relationships it has with college students. Another thing Garien loves to see is former center kids become interns and directors. Garien hopes to one day start his own community center or performing arts academy and plans to base many of the principles on the values that he has learned from the center. Garien's son, Breyon, works at the Center, and he's really loving it, which truly makes his day to see.

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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
Executive Director
Connor Scanlon
Director of Operations
Karsen Boyce
Director of Programming
Laresha Johnson