



News Around the Corner

OCTOBER 2025



Verse of the Month: 2 Timothy 1:7 ESV
for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of
power and love and self-control.

2025 BRICK MURAL

A huge thank you to Madison King (MuseArt Terre Haute)
for bringing our vision to life so beautifully!

25 years of impact, love, and community now captured in
our beautiful mural! Each brick represents the individuals and
families who pledged to support our mission with 25\$ or more a
month at our Annual Banquet back in April. Together, we continue
building a strong foundation for the next generation. Thank you
for being part of our story!

Visit our Facebook or our website to see in full color!
You can find Madison on her socials @maddiej_k_pdf



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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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ONGOING NEEDS

BUILDING & GROUNDS:
TOILET PAPER, & PAPER
TOWELS, GENERAL
CLEANING SPRAYS (LYSOL ,
409, ETC.)

MOMS MATTER: ANY GIFT A
MOM MIGHT LIKE
(LOTIONS/ PERFUMES,
COOKING SPLIES, GIFT
CARDS FOR DINING OUT,
OR LOCAL GROCERY
STORES.)

GRUMBLING TUMMIES CAFÉ:

- #10 CANS FRUIT (NOT IN SYRUP)
- #10 CANS VEGGIES (PEAS,
CARROTS, GREEN BEANS, CORN)
- #10 CANS MANWICH
- 100% FRUIT JUICES
- SHELF STABLE CONDAMENTS
(RANCH, KETCHUP, MUSTARD,
MAYO, JELLY/JAM)

CLOTHES CLOSET:

- BOYS SIZES 6-14
- GIRLS SIZES 6-16/18
- GIRLS & BOYS UNDERWEAR ALL
SIZES
- JR/WOMEN CLOTHING SIZES 5-8
- JR/MEN CLOTHING SM-LG
**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND WE ARE
SERVING CHILDREN/TEENS WHEN
DONATING GENTLY USED CLOTHES**

MERIT MART REWARD

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:

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

SEASONAL NEEDS & WANTS

BRAND NEW WINTER COATS!

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-16/18
MEN'S (M-XL) WOMEN'S (M, LG, 2X)

PROGRAMMING:

- NINTENDO SWITCH GAMES
- CORN STARCH
- BAKING SODA
- GALLONS OF GLUE
- EPSOM SALT
- BALLOONS
- FOOD COLORING
- FLOUR
- VEGETABLE OIL
- BEAN BAG CHAIRS/ COZY
FLEXIBLE SEATING FOR
LIBRARY

GRUMBLING TUMMIES CAFÉ:

- CAKE/ BROWNIE MIXES
- FROSTING
- PIE FILLINGS
- GRAHAM CRACKERS
- VANILLA WAFFERS
- TEDDY GRAHAMS
- MARSHMALLOWS
- CRACKERS (ALL KINDS)
- CASES OF WATER

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!



Holiday Giving at 14th and Chestnut

As the holiday season approaches, many of us are making plans organizing Thanksgiving meals, picking out Christmas gifts, decorating our homes, and preparing to gather with loved ones. It's a season of gratitude, joy, and reflection on all that God has done for us.

At 14th and Chestnut, we're also preparing, not just for celebrations, but to serve. Each year, we support more than 50 families whose children regularly attend our programs. Each year, with your help, we provide Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, as well as Christmas gifts for the children.

For families facing financial hardship, the holidays can bring more stress than joy. But we try to help ease that burden and share the love and hope of Jesus in a couple of tangible ways.

Below is a list of food items we're collecting for 75 baskets. You can help by: assembling a full basket or donating one or two items in bulk.

Other ways you can help this season:

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 by Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025

Contact Connor Scanlon or Laresha Johnson with donation commitments.

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

- Sponsoring a family for Christmas
- Donating gifts for students (K-12)
- Giving a monetary gift to help with heating our building this winter

Every contribution, large or small, helps us keep our doors open and continue offering a safe, warm space for our kids after school and a brighter holiday season for their families. To get involved, call us at (812) 232-3126. Thank you for being a vital part of this mission and for making a difference in the lives of our students.

THE NEED IS REAL — WILL YOU BE A CHRISTMAS SPONSOR?

The school year is well underway, and the holiday season is fast approaching. As we prepare to celebrate with our own families, we're reaching out once again to ask for your help in making Christmas possible for families right here in our community.

At 14th & Chestnut, we often serve children and families who are struggling with real and ongoing needs. I visit their homes. I talk with parents. **I see their struggles firsthand** — families doing their best, but still falling short on life's basic necessities. For many of them, Christmas is simply out of reach.

Each year, we ask businesses, churches, and caring individuals to step in and sponsor families for Christmas. This isn't about toys or wrapping paper — **it's about showing God's unconditional love to those who need it most.** Without your help, many of our children will wake up to a silent Christmas morning.

These are families of three or more, many of whom have lost jobs or stability due to the economy, health issues, and various other circumstances. Sadly, even some past donors now find themselves in need. The need is great and unfortunately, has not stopped growing.

As someone who grew up in a home just like the ones we now serve, I know the heartache of going without. It's a pain no child should carry. That's why I believe, more than ever, **it takes a community to raise a child — and you are part of that community.**

We are asking you to sponsor a family for Christmas. Your support will bring joy, dignity, and hope into a home that may otherwise go without. If you're willing to sponsor a family — or want more information — please reach out:

- 14th & Chestnut Community Center: (812) 232-3126
- Email: godschild20042004@yahoo.com

Together, we can remind these families that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved. Please join us in bringing joy to the homes of our children this Christmas.

In His Service,

Jeanie Edinburgh

Family Spotlight

In this new section of highlighting those we appreciate; we introduce to you all, our first family spotlight! This allows you all read first hand the impact our program currently has or has had to those we are here to serve. We are excited to introduce to you all the Tragesser Family and their testimony of their experience with our program!



"Our family moved to Terre haute in 2015. We have 3 boys who are 12, 9 and 6. We love to walk around nature parks, fish, and watch movies together. The boys have been going to 14th and Chestnut since July 2023.

The summer of 2023 there was a big storm. We lost power for a while, it did damage to our property and we lost all the food we had in our fridge and freezer. I got an email from the school that had a flyer of the center. We were in a very hard spot so we signed the boys up hoping it would make their summer better than how it was going.

Before joining the program, we couldn't find a place they could be themselves and summer and after school programs wasn't possible because of finances. The boys mostly spent their time complaining they were bored with nothing to do.

Our experience with the program has been absolutely amazing! The staff have always been so warm and welcoming. The kids get to be themselves and make lots of different friends. Our personal situation is always up and down and the center helps us out a lot with back to school supplies and holidays. It takes off so much pressure, physically and mentally.

The center has helped the kids with homework and reading. It has also helped all 3 of my kids socially but especially my youngest. Along side therapy, the center has helped him find his voice and be able to communicate with other people and really start to understand how to be a good person and friend.

Knowing my children have a safe and welcoming place to go to has helped us so much. I know when I have appointments they are safe and having fun. I know they able to fill their social cup and learn new things and do activities that they wouldn't otherwise be able to do. The center has helped us so many times, physically, socially, and mentally.

The boys love seeing their friends and all the different crafts they get to do, and science experiments. The summer time is always so fun for them. I get so happy seeing them come home on Fridays and they tell us the fun thing they got to do. Without the center they wouldn't be able to have all the memories they have and are making. I truly thank you, this program has been life changing for all of us!"

2025 FALL S.T.E.A.M. CHALLENGES

We welcomed back our students in September and we are at full speed with programming! We have made quite a few changes this fall (from rearranging rooms to adjusting programming structure) and we are excited to share those changes!

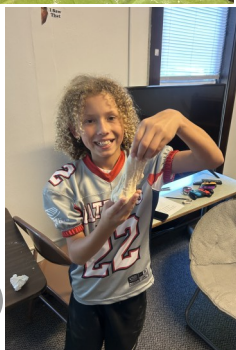
The first change we are excited to share and update you on is our Fall S.T.E.A.M. Challenges. We have been trying to establish consistent S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art & math) exploration in our programming and our students love to be competitive, so why not make this a fun challenge?

Think summer challenges, but with a school year twist. These challenges are happening over a span of 12 weeks. Each group has 2 weeks to do group exploration of one of the focus areas (Science, Technology & Engineering, Art, and Math). The third week following each focus is a common challenge week tailored to each age level for groups to explore and share what they've learned. By the end of the 12 weeks the group with the most points will be the first S.T.E.A.M. Challenge winners.

We have successfully finished our science focus and we will be wrapping up our technology and engineering focus soon. Some individual group science exploration groups did were making their own crystals, ooblek, a blizzard in a jar, coke and mentos, and bottle rockets.

Our common challenge was a playdoh making challenge. We gave them ingredients and recipes for six different playdohs. Our K-2 Kids had to choose 1 playdoh to make and explore textures and materials. The 3-5 Kids chose two different recipes and compare their properties (ie: texture, smell, stretch, holds shape). The 6th and older kids also chose two recipes and had to analyze how ingredient types and ratios affect playdough texture, elasticity, and structure.

After completing the challenge, we did a group show & tell presentation on their challenge and we judged them in effort, knowledge/ understanding, teamwork and creativity. Each group did an amazing job but our 6th and older boys took lead this time by 5 points. Stay tuned for more updates on our first ever school year challenges!



Career Day Volunteers & Community Learning Experiences

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to participate in our Career Days and help our children explore the many exciting possibilities their futures can hold. This fall we have been intentional at integrating more STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) exploration into our program so it would be really cool to have some people with-in those areas to come share what you do to spark some interest.

But careers aren't limited to those areas – we welcome all professions! Whether you work in the trades, the arts, business, public service, or any other field, we'd love for you to share your passion and journey with our young learners. We aim to make these Career Days engaging and interactive—something the children can connect with and remember.

We're also seeking local businesses, tradespeople, and community organizations to partner with us in creating meaningful career exploration opportunities for youth.

Our goal for a Community Career Learning partnership is an attempt to open young minds to the wide range of career paths available right here in their own community—especially those that don't follow a traditional college track. The hope is that through hands-on, immersive learning over a set period of time, students will gain real-world insight, build foundational skills, and explore alternative pathways towards their success.

We would love to see this experience culminate in a tangible project or event that showcases what they've learned—giving students a chance to apply their knowledge and celebrate their growth.

If you're passionate about inspiring the next generation and willing to share your expertise, we'd love to connect with you. Let's work together to spark curiosity, build confidence, and shape brighter futures—right here in our own backyard.

If you're interested in being a Career Day volunteer or being a Community Career Learning partner, please reach out to: Laresha at reshajohnson99@outlook.com, Karsen at 14th.chestnut@gmail.com or give us a call at 812-232-3126!

Thank you for helping us open doors for our kids and inspire them to dream big!



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Terre Haute, IN



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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