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# Construction Well Under Way at our Future Home

Construction on the future site of Shepherd Community Center at the former home of the Saraha Grotto, has begun.

Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of May. We have raised half of the total \$3 million needed for the campus.



Rooms are beginning to take shape. The new kitchen space is being prepared for new equipment to come. Concrete cooler pads have been poured and plumbing relocated.

As of the date of this newsletter, here are the specifics from Nate Howard.

All foundations and block walls are up for the building addition. A concrete slab has been poured.

Three fourths of the new section. Plumbing rough-ins are 75% complete (this doesn't include fixtures).

The electrical system is 75% complete overall. Wires are run and wall boxes are installed.

Breaker boxes and new structure wiring still needs to be done. Data/voice cabling rough-ins are about half finished.

Fire protection sprinkler system main lines are 60%. System is 40% complete overall.



Roofing has begun on the existing structure.



Ninety percent of the new interior walls in the existing structure are framed and drywall is underway.

And that's just the inside!

Outside the new sidewalk & curbs have been poured.

We'll keep you posted as things progress...

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# Shepherd Spreads Joy at Christmas Party

The Shepherd Community Children's Christmas party was a big hit this year, with record attendance, in both the English and Hispanic service, held last Saturday, Dec. 17th, 2005. Including volunteers, staff member, and children and their families, Shepherd Community graced the presence of over 600 people that day. Kids were treated to a puppet show, families were reminded of why we celebrate Christmas, and lunch, family photos, and goodie bags for the kids to take home were also included in this fun day.

We could not have done as well without the help of our friends and volunteers:



- Fuel youth came and helped us wrap on a busy night of Christmas shopping



-Trinity Wesleyan helped us wrap presents

- First Church of the Nazarene helped set up and serve lunch to over 600 people at the Christmas party



- St. Francis helped us wrap gifts and take people shopping



- Friends from Grace Community helped wrap presents



Also on the big party day, parents were given the opportunity to select a time to sign up to shop for their kids. This was also a great success. With an abundance of items to choose from, parents were leaving with at least 6 wrapped items per child, including both fun toy items, as well as needed winter clothing essentials.



- Crosswinds Church helped wrap presents, and also provided wonderful Christmas music as our friends were wrapping their gifts



-And then we had individuals who just called and asked to help, and we appreciate every person who came shared their time with us and with our community.

- Shepherd Community Ladies' Ministry and congregation helped our neighbors shop for toys,



and were with us through the whole week, helping with whatever we needed.



Thank you to everyone help us celebrate Christmas this season!



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-Print Communications came and helped wrap Christmas presents on a busy afternoon

Article by Emilie Balliett. Childrens Director

## Kids “Tote” Home Goodies for Christmas Break

Many of the kids on our programs rely on their schools and Shepherd Community for their meals during the week. Since kids will be on break for two weeks for Christmas Shepherd takes plastic totes full of food such as microwave meals,



snacks, and drinks to each of the homes of the kids in our programs. This year we received more than 200 totes full of food thanks to members

at Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Center Grove Presbyterian Church, and Greenwood Presbyterian Church, as well as others.



Article by Mimi Wacker, Middle School Director

## Shepherd and Partners Give 150 Food Baskets

Shepherd Community and Partners gave out over 150 Christmas Food baskets this year.

Ham, mashed potatoes, some vegetables, and, of course, dessert, were enjoyed on Christmas by over 150 Shepherd Community neighbors. The food baskets for our Hispanic neighbors even included beans and rice!

People began lining up at 7 a.m. - two hours before the first ser-

vice, to receive a food basket prepared by the people from Eagle Church and the Indianapolis Jaycees. A music team from Eagle Church played Christmas carols before Senior Pastor Jay Height gave a short Christmas message in English to those who came to receive a basket. Pastor Ed Parman gave a brief message in the Hispanic service later in the morning.

Big smiles and expressions of gratitude were seen and heard as

folks received their loaded basket and started off for home knowing that they were going to eat a good Christmas meal.

This very practical and meaningful ministry was made possible because of the kindness of the people from Eagle Church and those of the Indianapolis Jaycees. Thank you for partnering with us!

Article by Ed Parman, Director of Adult Outreach

## After School Program has Busy Holiday Schedule

We had a blast this Christmas helping the kids at School 20 Indy After School Program. We had plenty of activities for the children and their parents.

On December 15th, we had our Christmas Program. We served the families a Christmas dinner that consisted of ham, turkey and all the trimmings. While they ate, they enjoyed the Whole Person Ministry Steel Orchestra. The kids performed

many different things that they have been working on since September that included a skit, cheerleading, choir, Spanish Choir. And the art club presented their projects. We had 135 people attend this event.

On December 19th we had family sponsorship at Shepherd Community. We had 4 of our families sponsored on this night. All of the families were very grateful and could not say thank you enough.

We also opened our Christmas store at School 20. We were able to serve a total of 82 kids from our program. The parents had a great time going through and picking stuff out for their children that might otherwise receive very little or nothing at all.

On December 22nd, the Indy After School staff delivered over 45 totes full of food to eat over Christmas break to the children in our program.

Article by Rene Pitzulo

# Did You Know?

- Shepherd Community was able to send over 1000 toys to Gulf Coast
- through many friends, all the students at Shepherd received new coats
- you can donate your used vehicle to Shepherd
- each week, nearly 100 families receive food from Shepherd
- you can remember Shepherd Community in your will
- Shepherd Community has completed our five year plan - contact the office to get your copy

## How Can I Help Shepherd Community



Looking for a way that you can give some time to your neighbors downtown?  
We always need after-school tutors -- got a knack for numbers? A way with words?  
Our students need your help!

Are you a Jack of All Trades? We need someone to help with general maintenance.  
Call Marilyn at 636-3838

## Pantry Needs:

Canned vegetables, spam, tuna, canned meats, spaghetti noodles, Ramen noodles, individual juice boxes,  
laundry detergent

Be Mine



## A Very Special Valentine...

Give a special gift of love this Valentine's Day...as sweet as roses, fewer calories than candy: send a valentine handmade by one of our students to someone you love. A gift of \$14 to Shepherd by February 10 will have your wish on its way. Just be sure to include their address!