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The Tradition Continues



The new space provides many much needed improvements. We will have a safer building. It will be more energy efficient. Plus, we'll have bigger classrooms and more room to grow as needed. Also, we will have more parking (that's great news!)

For twenty-one years Shepherd Community Center has focused on meeting the needs of our neighbors living on the Near-Eastside of Indianapolis. Now, with just weeks until we move to our new facility just down the road, we know that this rich tradition of service will continue.



Our current property has served the community well, but we have definitely outgrown our space. We have had waiting lists for all of our programs, and now we have the room to grow and meet those needs.

We are tripling the acreage that we have had, and doubling the size of the building. We can't wait! Shepherd Community Center will be better able to serve our neighbors, and to increase the number of people we serve each week. Our goal is to double the number of people served by 2010.



We will have a larger, more efficient kitchen to use for feeding the kids in our day and after school programs.



Come see us! Visit on June 10th between 1 p.m.. and 4 p.m.. and get a tour of the new facility. We'd love to show you around. And we can't wait to welcome many new neighbors (and all of the familiar faces) to this beautiful, big, new space!

Our new address is
4107 E. Washington St.

Celebrate with us as the
Tradition Continues.



Is this your idea of summer camp? - (then you're in for a surprise!)

Kids in middle school are in for 9 weeks of fun-filled activities in Summer Camp at Shepherd Community Center. Transportation is provided and teens will get both lunch and an afternoon snack every day.

What is summer camp without fun in the sun? We'll be swimming, taking golf lessons, and attending Ray Tolberts Basketball camp the first week in August.

We also have plans for an overnight camping and canoeing trip, a trip to Washington, DC and Philadelphia for a week at the end of June with the High Schoolers, and Kids Across America Kamp for a week

in July.

Kids Across America is located in Branson, Missouri and is a sports camp committed to reaching the inner-city youth with the love and power of Jesus. KAA is revolutionizing inner-city America by reaching out in Christ's love to some 6,000 urban campers and 800 leaders annually from over 500 cities in 37 states. Their mission is to build leaders by encouraging, equipping and empowering urban youth and their mentors through Christian Sports camping.

Many middle schoolers do not have much exposure to many different types of jobs, so we will also take field trips to a variety of businesses for career exploration.

Days will also include Bible Study, academic tutoring, setting up and maintaining a savings account at KEMBA Credit Union, along with budgeting classes taught by KEMBA.

In order to have something to put in that savings account, the kids will spend about 2-3 hours of paid work per week (to teach them work ethic).

As a community service and leadership development outreach, teens will read to elementary age campers each week.

Contact Mimi Wacker at 636-3838 or MimiW@shepherdmail.org

High Schoolers Look Toward Their Future and Careers

High School students are ready to look ahead and prepare for what happens after graduation. The Youth Job Preparedness Program (YJPP) is a job readiness program currently housed at Shepherd Community Center. Due to limited amount of space, it runs primarily in the summer for 9 weeks (June to August.)

We will play "The Real Game" - a way to look at real world job and life applications.

High Schoolers will use the computer game "Biz Tycoon" to simulate building a business. Students will receive one-on-one career counseling,

helping them tie their talents and interests to possible career choices.

Field trips include Juvenile Court, American Senior Communities, Police Academy, Design Industries, IUPUI, Indiana University, Purdue University, Fire Dept/Ambulance Service, Mindstorm (Glendale Mall), INCAPS, Print Communications, Sysco, Publicis Ad Agency, Cad Cam, Flexware Development, Bank One, Inkwell Printing, Ball State, Oldies Station, Channel 13, Fisher's Airport, Ivy Tech.

Kids will record books on tape for the pre-school to use. We'll also have a report writing/typing class.

Paid work experience will give the kids money to deposit in a savings account at KEMBA Credit Union, where they will also receive financial training.

All that...and some FUN stuff, too! Swimming, horseback riding, a trip to the zoo, a dairy farm, and Mission to Mars. We'll also plant and maintain a garden.

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Ahoy, mateys!



Aye, and it be pirate fun we have fer ye this summer, matey!

Get set to sail with us during “Ahoy Matey”, our Summer Daycamp for elementary school kids! Each week, children will be spending some time in an activity called “Pirates Pleasures” where they will be making items that will be used in the Pirate’s Bash at the end of the week.

Pirate-y fun will include field trips to the Indianapolis Zoo, Children’s Museum, Holliday Park, Eagle Creek (nature hike), and Survive Alive.

Once each week young shipmates will have gymnastic lessons at Jireh Sports, go swimming (no sharks in these waters, matey), and enjoy Hands On Science lessons from Mad Science. Aye, there also be some Art lessons from the Art Van (Indianapolis Art Society), Service Projects, a

Talent Show, lessons from the Magic School Bus, just to name some of the fun.

As we sail the seven seas we will also attend an IPD Community Day for the East District, have Bible lessons, make crafts and play games (focusing on teamwork). Reading and supplemental activities will help improve academic skills. And we will enjoy daily Worship time together.

As jolly pirates, we will watch a family movie once each week, complete with popcorn and juice. And all good pirates keep a ship’s log (journal) to write personal reflections on questions and topics they will be given. In the middle of

the summer the children will put on a talent show (there be much talent among pirates, ya know!)

A new aspect of this year’s daycamp is the topic of “college days”. We will look at what it takes to get to college. This part of camp, called “Dream Big”, includes talks from college interns and a day of travel to a local college.

As we end our journey, we will have some gold to share - an Awards program for kids and parents - on the last day of Daycamp.

Now, don’t be a skallywag and miss the boat! This is one jolly summer camp and you don’t want to be left land-locked. We need captains to help guide the pirate ships: if you’d like to volunteer, please call Emilie at 636-3838 or e-mail EmilieB@shepherdmail.org.

It is Better to Give AND Receive?

We know that from a spiritual point of view, it is better to give than to receive, yet not every type of charitable gift involves a financial sacrifice. From a financial planning point of view, it is better to give and receive. Fortunately our tax laws are designed to provide significant benefits to individuals who will arrange their financial plans and their estate plans to include benefits to charitable organizations like Shepherd Community Center.

Individual who own appreciated assets have many options to improve their own income and financial position, while also providing a future gift to charity. Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA's) and Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRT's) are

extremely powerful financial planning tools and charitable planning tools that can be used to receive more income during life, and give the money to charity when we pass away.

These tools can benefit anyone who might be selling an asset worth \$10,000, \$100,000, or \$1,000,000 or more. While tax rates are lower today than they were five years ago, capital gain taxes can significantly reduce the amount of funds that are available to produce lifetime income. With a CRT or a CGA, the donor avoids paying capital gain taxes, and receives a charitable deduction that further reduces their income taxes, and can receive lifetime income that is often significantly greater than would be

available from any other option. With thorough planning it is often possible to also increase benefits to the next generation.

Most of us have a limited amount of cash that is available for charitable gifts, yet we may have assets that can be managed in such a way to produce more benefits for ourselves today and also for charity.

For more information (at no cost or obligation) please contact Shepherd Community Center, or call Brent T. Dunn, CFP at (317) 576-9644, or by e-mail at bdunn@camidwest.com

Did You Know?

- Shepherd Community Center accepts donations of vehicles
- Shepherd Community Center will take all of our middle and high school students to Washington, DC this summer
- You can volunteer your time and invest in the life of a child
- Each week, nearly 100 families receive food from Shepherd
- You can visit and tour our new building on June 10 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm.
- We are growing to meet the needs of more neighbors on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis

How Can I Help Shepherd Community Center?

Along with the many activities we have planned this summer, we have some specific needs to help us accomplish them. Here are some ideas:

Summer Camp:

- * TruRay construction paper
- * Craft Fabric
- * Yarn
- * Knitting needles
- * General craft items
- * AA Batteries
- * 3x5 note cards
- * Posterboard
- * Graph paper

Sports:

- * Kick balls
- * Official size Soccer balls
- * Flag Football equipment
- * Softball equipment

New Facility:

- * 3 Vacuums
- * Brooms
- * Window Squeegees
- * Garden Hoses
- * Wheelbarrow
- * Pruners

Pantry:

- * Vegetables
- * Rice
- * Beans
- * Deodorant
- * Toothbrushes
- * Disposable razors
- * Combs
- * Women's sanitary supplies
- * Diapers

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