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## A Summer to Remember



This has been a summer that will leave many memories in the hearts of those of us at Shepherd. As with all of us, some of our memories are fond and wonderful, some are sad and painful.

Our wonderful memories begin with our new building! This was the summer of THE MOVE. We moved into our beautiful new home at 4107 E. Washington Street. We are all a little giddy with the large, bright space that we now have in which to work.

The move was no small feat, and our backs ached with loading and unloading. But when we were finished, what joy!

We have spacious new offices, a bright, huge new commercial kitchen with its own intake room, colorful new classrooms, computer labs for our families to use, and the ability to serve more and more families in our neighborhood! What a blessing!

This was the summer that brought 16 more students to our programs. Those students, spanning elementary grades through high school, are the reason we made this move. They are what this is all about. Summer programs gave all of our students wonderful memories (just turn the page and you'll get a glimpse of the excitement that this summer brought).

But, along with all of

our transitions and joy came heartache. Two of our students and their family were gunned down in a senseless crime; a whole family gone.

We miss our friends. Our comfort comes in knowing that they loved the Lord and are now with Him. The heart-break will live with us forever.

It changed us. It made us recommit to our goal of investing in the lives of those we serve. We know we have no promises for tomorrow, but we do know we have hope.

We now strive even harder to help the people of our community. We help them with parenting skills, job skills, lifestyle choices, education, and Bible Study.

We are here where we need to be. We are glad that we're here. And we thank you for your prayers and support.

Now we head into Fall, and a new season of creating memories.

## What I Did on My Summer Vacation

### by the Elementary Class at Shepherd

Aye, and it were a boat-load of pirate fun we had this summer, matey!



With such a large ship to sail on (our beautiful new facility!) we had ourselves a jolly good time sailing to such ports as the Indianapolis Zoo and the Children's Museum.

But pirates aren't always at sea, ye know. We also hiked in Eagle



Creek Park and learned about fire safety with Survive Alive.

And, as pirates also need their rest, we relaxed our sea legs at Holliday Park.

Parrots aren't the only animals pirates take a liking to -- we also had a treasure of a time with the Seeing Eye Dog Ministry (me thinks the captain could be using one of them dogs as he has that patch on one eye!)

The galley was full of good food - 2 square meals a day, and we snacked on the weekends with a snack pack we got to take home each Friday.



We went swimming (no, not in the Briny, but at a pool), and worked our land legs hard at gymnastics programs with Jireh Sports.

All 96 of us Jolly Rogers had Bible lessons, crafts, science with Mad Science of Central Indiana, and art with the Art Van from the Indianapolis Art Center. We worked together and built a strong sense of commu-

nity and stewardship.



And, as modern day sailors, we loved spending time in the new computer lab!

Last but not least, we had a week long basketball camp from East 91st Street Christian Church.

Thanks be to all ye who helped man the ship as we sailed through a treasure-filled summer!



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## Middle School Report: What I Did On My Summer Vacation

This summer sizzled with excitement for middle-schoolers at Shepherd Community Center.

The kids kept busy doing a variety of activities -- everything from picking up boulders (work for pay), to swimming with snakes, becoming characters from Narnia (by C.S. Lewis), sneaking through a narrow bat cave at night (Jeepers Batman!), to just hanging out with some really cool leaders!

During their down time they beaned each other in dodge ball, became financial brokers, designed 3-D

pictures, canoed the White River rapids, and got invited to a couple of business meetings. (Did I say 'down time'?)

Oh, yes, they also toured Philadelphia, Washington D.C. (with a personalized tour by Congressman Mike Sodrel), and competed in lots of sports at camp Kids Across America.



Overall, the kids overcame scorching heat, killer bugs, muscle cramps, friendship fights, and brain freezes -- and had one fantastic summer!

So, what did you do on your summer vacation?

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## High School Report: "What I did on my Summer Vacation"

The summer has been a busy one for the High Schoolers at Shepherd Community Center.

Students spent their summer vacation in job training studies - both in the classroom and on job sites where they worked for pay.

Looking ahead to college, students took many trips and tours to colleges and businesses, and well as taking college prep classes.

A fun trip was the tour of Washington D.C. Students were given a private tour of the capital with Congressman Mike Sodrel. They also took in the sites : Air and Space Smithsonian, Korean Monument, Vietnam Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson and Iwo Jima Memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, the Spy Museum, and the Holocaust Museum.

The trip also included stopping in Philadelphia for visiting Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Lights of Liberty Tour, and Franklin's Print Shop and grave.

A trip to Lancaster included a visit to Amish Farms and an Off Broadway performance of "Ruth".

High Schoolers received financial training (a 6 week program) from Kemba Credit Union, and free savings accounts. Executive Service Corps provided resume and job application training, and interview training and practice. Through the College Access Program, students were able to research careers, colleges, fill out financial aid forms, research scholarships, and write scholarship essays.

The summer was topped-off with a blast at Cedar Point!!

Our thanks to the following Colleges, Universities and Businesses:

- Xavier
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Evansville
- University of Southern Indiana
- Notre Dame University
- Saint Mary's College
- Holy Cross College

- Taylor University
- Wabash College
- Goulding & Wood (Organ Builders)
- Police Academy
- Clowes Hall
- Mills Catering
- Food Service Solutions Group (Kitchen Designers)

Plans for the Fall include Junior/Senior day (one day of after-school devoted solely to juniors and seniors, helping them with college and career research, SAT/ACT prep, etc.; After school tutoring, sports, games, photography, art, driving class, mechanics; and Bible Study at Howe High School.

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### *Welcome our newest addition:*

#### *Project Jordan is birthed at Shepherd Community*

On a regular day back in 2005, a baby girl was born here in Indianapolis. She was special as all babies are special. But this little girl was even more special to us at Shepherd Community.

This beautiful child helped those of us here recognize the need for us to come alongside new mothers to help them and their babies.

This Fall Shepherd is proud to introduce our newest program - Project Jordan. The "nursery" is built on the love of mothers for their children and our commitment to come alongside them, helping them to be the mother they want to be to their kids.

The "layette" includes home visits to provide help and support, well baby health care classes, free



child medical assessments, support groups, and periodic Mom's Day Out! Share our Joy in this new member of the Shepherd Family of Services!

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## Did you Know...



... Shepherd Community Center was featured in the August 7th edition of Time Magazine?

... you can remember Shepherd Community in your will?

... the middle and high school students from Shepherd Community spent 2 1/2 hours on a personal tour by Congressman Mike Sodrel in Washington D.C.?

... Shepherd Community students will get a huge helping hand returning to school with new shoes, shorts, socks, shirts, gym bags and back packs full of supplies thanks to our partners at East 91st Street and Indian Creek Christian Churches!?

... Shepherd Community would love to come speak at your church, service group or business about what we do to “Help Families Break the Cycle of Poverty”?

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## How Can I Help Shepherd Community?

There are always some specific items needed at Shepherd Community Center. As we settle into our beautiful new facility, we would love some help with items to help maintain it:

4 vacuum cleaners  
4 mop buckets  
4 big trash cans (on wheels)  
8 brooms  
copy paper



Food items needed for the pantry include:

canned vegetables  
canned fruit  
canned meats  
bottled water

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## Kool-Aid Stand provides Cool Relief on Hot Summer Day



The best way we know to keep cool on a hot summer's day is with an ice cold Kool-Aid soft drink (and maybe a cookie to sweeten the deal!)

These young entrepreneurs offered cold drinks and cookies during 95+ temperatures, and gave all of their proceeds (almost \$100) to Shepherd Community Center!

Now that's COOL!!

Kyle, (and friend) Michaela, Eric and Seth Somers