

## QUOTABLES

During Summer Day Camp:

50 tubes of sun-block used

100 bus rides taken

135 volunteers worked

855 gallons of milk drank

6700 snacks eaten

13,000 meals served

1 million giggles heard

Generations changed FOREVER!

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## Two Become One...



**On September 1<sup>st</sup> an exciting chapter of our history will begin. Shepherd Community Center and Jireh Sports will become one.**

This marriage of ministry will allow many more children to be touched, loved, and changed! As we renovate the grounds at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Rolston, we do so with great anticipation of what the future holds.

Jireh Sports was started nine years ago as an alternative sports ministry. They have worked diligently teaching children self-esteem, respect, self discipline, and Christ's love through sports. They currently offer both competitive and non-competitive gymnastics and wrestling.

Once renovations are complete the sports ministry will expand to include boxing, rock climbing, baseball, and a skate park. A student run

farmer's market is also on the agenda.

Our tutoring programs, after school and summer day camp will be expanded to include not only those children on the near east side of Indianapolis but also those in the Martindale/Brightwood area. And will be hosted at both sites.

This is a blessing in our efforts to break the cycle of poverty in Indianapolis.



There will be several events in the month of September honoring this union. Please keep your eyes, ears, and heart open for what is to come and join us as we celebrate Two becoming One.

**For more details regarding this Marriage please contact Jay Height, Director at [jayh@shepherdmail.org](mailto:jayh@shepherdmail.org)**

## In-Kind Needs...

### BUILDING

Magic eraser sponges  
8-foot aluminum stepladder  
Small 110V air compressor

### PANTRY

Diapers  
American Cheese Slices  
Hamburger Meat  
Hot Dogs

### SCHOOL PROGRAM

Composition notebooks  
Big Rolls of Colored Paper  
Protractors  
Compasses  
Staplers  
Staples  
Tempra paint  
Paint brushes  
Scotch tape  
Masking tape  
Sticky tack  
Stickers; Seasonal & Award

### WOMEN'S GROUP

Batting  
Acrylic Paints  
Embroidery Hoops  
Inexpensive Craft Ideas

- Books
- Supplies
- Patterns

Felt Pieces (all colors)  
Cement

Sewing Boxes with Supplies

### HEALTH CLINIC NEEDS

Over the Counter Meds:

- Allergy Medicine
- Cold Medicine (Child & Adult)
- Antacids
- Tylenol (child & adult)
- Advil (child & adult)

Baby Scale

Band-Aids:

- all sizes; child & adult

Rolls of Exam Table Paper  
Disinfectant sprays & wipes

## Back to School Blast...



On August 11<sup>th</sup> Shepherd Community Center and Jireh Sports hosted the annual Back to School Blast. This year we held the event at both locations.

We gave out 2700 backpacks filled with needed school supplies by individual sponsors to area ministries, children, and schools.

Neighborhood children and their families came for a day of fun, food and necessities including health infor-

mation, haircuts, crafts, face painting, carnival games, lunch and of course a backpack full of school supplies.

We are still in need of school supplies. If you would like to make a donation of school supplies, the following items are needed:

- filler paper
- spiral notebooks
- composition notebooks
- blue/black ink pens
- scissors
- color pencils

- washable markers
- school supply boxes/pencil bags
- pocket folders
- multiplication/division flashcards
- daily assignments calendars/notebook
- multi function calculators
- Alarm Clocks

If you have questions or to make a donation please contact Sharon at 375-0203 [sparman@shepherdmail.org](mailto:sparman@shepherdmail.org)

*“Tragically 8 out of 10 children in our neighborhood do not receive 2 meals a day unless they are in school.”*



- September 1, 2007
- White River State Park
- 4pm - 10pm, fireworks shooting at 9:30pm.
- Admission free before 3:00pm. A charge of \$4 for general admission will be charged after 3pm. Children 12 & under are free
- There will be games, music, and fun for the whole family
- HANK's ADVANTAGE Health SkyConcert Fireworks will be choreographed to the music of 97.1 HANK FM, so bring a radio!
- **Donate your SkyConcert picnic blanket to Shepherd Community Center! Blankets will be collected throughout SkyConcert to benefit this great cause!**

**WANTED!**

Email  
Addresses

<http://newsletter.shepherdcommunity.org/>

We are very excited about our new ability to go high tech. This will allow you, those that support Shepherd, to stay informed about what we need, how we are changing lives, and where your donations are going in a very real and visible way.

We are currently launching monthly videos via email with interviews of Jay as well as footage of the children, parents and families utilizing our programs.

These videos are the first of many things we will roll out over the next few years in

order to keep you informed as a Shepherd Supporter.

Visit the URL above to view the current videos, see what's on the horizon, and add yourself to our email alerts. We look forward to you joining us on our venture to becoming high tech.

# A New Look...

On June 19, Indianapolis Public Schools adopted a strict dress code as part of an effort to create an environment of positive change in the culture of IPS schools.

Students will no longer be allowed to wear jeans, clothing with any markings, shirts that reveal bare midriffs and pants that sag below the waist.

This year, the new school outfit will be solid-colored, collared shirts in white, navy blue, or red, and black, tan or navy slacks. A belt, solid colored shoes, and sweater are also required. High school students must wear shirts that are the school colors.

One former student of IPS told the Indianapolis Star (June 20, Andy Gammill) that uniforms will be easier for many families to buy and will eliminate the stigma from poor students.

However, for some families, the

idea of shopping for any new clothing is daunting. For many neighbors of Shepherd Community Center the new wardrobe restrictions will place an added burden on them to purchase new school clothes at a time when they will also need to buy paper, backpacks, calculators, and other back-to-school supplies.

The public school district has been working with local retailers and some have agreed to provide clothing that meets the dress code at discounted prices for IPS families. IPS also is working with community organizations like Shepherd Community to provide free clothing to families in need.

Shepherd Community Center is currently seeking donations of clothing both gently used and new that meet the dress code requirements as well as gift cards which can then be used to purchase the clothing items needed.

Our goal is that each of our parents will be able to “shop” for clothing that their children need come the first day of school. Our hope is that we are able to provide every child that participates in our programs with at least 3 outfits.

That breaks down to:

- 600 shirts
- 600 pants
- 200 belts
- 200 shoes
- 600 sweaters

This is the bare minimum that we hope to be able to provide. We know that many students that are not in our programs will need help too.

For more information about how you can help some of Shepherd Community’s families with school clothes this Fall, contact Sharon Parman at [sharonp@shepherdmail.org](mailto:sharonp@shepherdmail.org) or call 375-0203.



**“Dear Children let us not love with words or tongue, but with action and in truth”**

**I John 3:18**

# Gifts of Love...

Our children know that they are loved both by us and Jesus. We show them this love by providing them and their families with things that they need and would otherwise do without. We do this through the gifts of love that you provide to us.

One of the most helpful gifts we have been given are that of Gift Certificates or Gift Cards. We

are able to use these in many ways such as purchasing diapers and baby wipes for an infant in order to help form a relationship with an untrusting young parent, or to help a family with car repairs so that mom and dad are able to still get to work.

These are only two examples of how gift cards have been used to minister to the many lives

that seek out God’s love and mercy at Shepherd Community Center.

If you would like to help please drop off or send gift cards to Marilyn. If you have questions you can call her at 375-0203 or email her at [marilynp@shepherdmail.org](mailto:marilynp@shepherdmail.org)





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## Our Mission

***Shepherd Community Center cultivates healthier children, stronger families and a safer neighborhood through supportive relationships that meet the physical, emotional, academic and spiritual needs of area residents.***

## Jay's Journal...

Yet again, the season of change continues to blow at Shepherd Community. Change means so much for each if us. Change is exciting, painful, and scary all at once. And yet, we find ourselves in the mode of change once again.

Last year we moved to our new home at 4107 East Washington. What a great place with twice the space and more room to serve additional families.

And now this marriage of two ministries which will

enable both to increase its reach. This road has been one of much prayer, planning and lots of conversations.

Yet this marriage will not be  $1 + 1 = 2$ . It will  $1 + 1 = 3, 4$  maybe more. Yes, the synergy of the two coming together will birth more opportunities to impact lives and help families break the cycle of poverty.

Yet, we now find two neighborhoods being drawn together thru this merger. We bring the assets of both

ministries to help each other.

Your help is critical in this time; this is all about an exciting expansion of who we are and what we are doing. So continue to invest in the lives of those we serve. It will make a difference.

Stayed tuned, more change is a coming.....

jay

*Jay Height  
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