

God so loved the world that he gave his only son.



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A Child's View...

People may think that Shepherd is just a place to get help, but Shepherd is really there to show their love and God's love. They always show friendly smiles to you. I always get surprised when I hear that a family has volunteered to give my family presents when there are so many kids in my family, that they would spend so much money, and take the time to get us gifts they know we will enjoy. In all of that I see God's love. I am very grateful because my past wasn't so great. My mom was single and was never home because of work and at that time I was learning things that I shouldn't have known how to do until I was older; I always missed my mom. There were times when I needed to be reminded of what love was because there was never time for me to feel it from someone close to me, but Shepherd shows me love every single day, and they always remind me that I am special to them. Even when I am just walking down the hall, I can see the love in everyone. Shepherd is a very good place to get away from things in the world. I have also volunteered at Shepherd before. I wrapped presents; it is a lot of work, but every time I finished wrapping a present it made me really happy to know a child was waiting for that one gift. During the holidays, you see God's love every where. When Shepherd brings every child a really big box of food, I feel so excited, happy, and safe. I volunteer when I can because I want to show Shepherd and the people who work so hard for me (even when I don't think I deserve it) how thankful I am. Shepherd has helped me grow in God and has helped me and my family a lot. The people there give me courage to face life, and I don't think I would be as happy as I am now.

Age: 14
Grade: 9

In-Kind Needs...

BUILDING/OFFICE

- Hanging File Folders
- Copy Paper/Color Paper
- Small 110V air compressor
- Paint supplies (rollers, brushes, sandpaper, etc.)
- One HP 1022N LaserJet Series
- Two HP 12A toners
- Two armless task chairs
- 4 drawer lateral filing cabinet (6)
- 4x8 or 4x6 "scraper" doormats
- Four "caution wet floor" signs
- 32-gallon trash cans w/optional "twist on dolly" wheels (2)

One portable PA system

KITCHEN/PANTRY

- Diapers/Baby Wipes
- Milk
- American Cheese Slices
- Hamburger Meat/Hot Dogs
- Fruits/Fresh Vegetables

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

- Jump Ropes
- Nerf Balls
- Food Coloring
- Teen/Child study Bibles
- Index Cards
- Composition notebooks
- Big Rolls of Colored Paper
- Staplers/Staples
- Tempra paint/Paint brushes
- Scotch /Masking tape
- Stickers; Seasonal & Award

WOMEN'S GROUP

- Inexpensive Craft Ideas:
- Books/Supplies/Patterns
- Felt Pieces (all colors)
- Stamp Pads (colored ink)
- Sewing Boxes with Supplies

HEALTH CLINIC NEEDS

- Over the Counter Medicine:
- Allergy Medicine
- Cold Medicine (Child & Adult)
- Tylenol/ Advil (child & adult)
- Baby Scale
- Band-Aids: all sizes; child/adult
- Rolls of Exam Table Paper



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

1 John 3:18



Special Gifts of Love...

Love can be shown in many ways. God showed His great love to the world through Jesus. The Wisemen showed their love to Jesus through gifts of frankincense, murr, and gold. Nikolas Claus showed his Christian compassion towards the poor with small stockings full of gold coins.

Today, parents show their love through gifts of colorful packages wrapped with ribbons and bows...at least they wish they could.

Often the parents on the near east side do not look forward to Christmas because it brings with it a season of disappointment for their children.

That is why Shepherd Community Center provides many holiday events for our families so that they can witness God’s love for them.

Our Christmas Store, for example, is when parents shop for a toy, a hat and gloves, underwear and socks for their child(ren), and wrap them in colorful packages in order to give their children the gift of Christmas.

But more important than material gifts, the children and parents are given the gifts of hope, faith, and love from Christ through Shepherd Community Center and all those that help us make the holidays special.

The holidays at Shepherd will be filled with meal services, worship services, toys, food totes, and crisis intervention.

We need your help! To find out how you can help us this holiday season, please visit the Shepherd Community Center on-line store at www.shepherdcommunity.org

Your gift of love will go a long way in helping someone find Christ’s love this Christmas.



Celebrating God’s Faithfulness...

Join us for our Annual Banquet

Friday, November 9, 2007

6:30pm

Seating Limited: RSVP by Nov. 5th

For More Information Contact Us

317-375-0203

www.shepherdcommunity.org

Giving Thanks...

Yes, our children give thanks everyday. They thank the Lord for food, a safe place to come, a family through Shepherd, for friends, and for Shepherd Community Center.

These may seem like innocent childhood prayers, but they are ones that strike at our hearts. And, as a staff our prayer is that we can continue to be the hands and feet of our God and provide these precious ones with the things that they are thankful for.

You can see first hand what our students are thankful for at <http://newsletter.shepherdcommunity.org/>

A special video will be released on this site mid-November. Our kids and neighbors will express their thanks to you during this season of thanksgiving. Visit the link today and sign up to receive these videos that showcase all that the Lord is doing at 4107 E. Washington Street.



Sound Financial Futures...

Dear Friends,

Shepherd Community Center recognizes the importance of teaching Economic Literacy and Financial Life Skills to the youth we serve. Preparing them to be financially responsible will benefit them in years to come and aid us in breaking the cycle of poverty for future generations.

With that in mind we are excited to inform you that on September 13, 2007 the Economis Program began at Shepherd Community Center.

Economis is a mini-economy that imitates the real-world. Youth participating in Economis will receive a (pretend) debit card linked to a (pretend) online checking and savings account. They will earn a "salary" for participating in our various programs, and can also earn bonuses for accomplishing certain goals like having perfect attendance or maintaining a "B" or higher grade point average. The kids will then be responsible for

managing the "money" in their bank accounts, paying taxes, and tithing. They can use this "money" toward investments (such as virtual shares of stock and virtual CDs) as well as shop for items in our new incentive store.

Aside from the hands on experience in handling their finances the kids will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops and classes that emphasize the importance of being smart about money.

Our biggest challenge during this beginning stage is stocking up our online store. We also would like to provide them with needs and wants so that they can learn to curb their spending habits.

Here's a List of Things We Need:

- * School Uniforms (Shirts, Pants, Shoes, Belts, Backpacks, School Supplies)
- * Gift Cards (Dots, Claire's, AJ Wright, Shoe Carnival, Subway, Starbucks, Applebee's, etc.)
- * Watches and Small Inexpensive

Jewelry

- * Electronic Items (Mp3 Players, Camera's etc.)

And if anyone would like to volunteer to do hair cuts for the boys and styling for the Girls that would be great as well.

I am excited to see how this program will mature and to see the kids benefit from it. Hopefully, the lessons learned will take root and produce financially educated adults.

Sincerely,
David Chase
Economis/Youth IDA Program Coordinator
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"It's about teaching the kids the importance of money with the perspective that money is not the most important."

David Chase
Economis Coordinator



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Our website has been updated!

This newsletter is sponsored by:



Shepherd is a faith-based, non-profit organization established in 1984 with a simple but staggering goal: to break the cycle of poverty on the near east side of Indianapolis. Located centrally within the community it serves, Shepherd offers programs for children, teens, adults, and families, helping to meet their physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual needs.

Jay's Journal...

Fall is in the air.....the title of a poem I wrote in 4th grade.....there has been plenty of leave changes since then.

Change seems to be the way of life here at Shepherd Community. Always a time for new adventures. Sometimes it seems that it might be easier to just stay the same. But time does not stand still, nor do the challenges of our neighborhood.

We are always looking for new and better ways to help our families break the cycle of

poverty. We are also exploring ways we can partner with other ministries to better serve our neighborhood. This has led to some exciting conversations that may lead to partnerships and mergers: exciting days of change. Stay tuned so we can keep you informed of all the excitement and changes that will enable us to better serve our neighbors.

As we finally leave the heat of the very hot summer, we are moving toward the holidays fast. Just wanted to remind you that if you, your family, office, Sunday

school class, etc. would like to sponsor one of the families we serve, we need to know that by the end of October. Let us know and keep in touch. Come by for a visit and let us share the exciting days.

Jay Height
Executive Director

