

Specific Ways YOU Can Help

Service

EMPOWERING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE IN AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE A PASSION TO LEAD.

GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Deep Cleaning - Our Jireh Sports location needs deep cleaning on a weekly basis. Vacuums are supplied, but volunteers are asked to bring their own cleaning supplies. This job would be for 5-30 people on Saturdays.

Grounds Maintenance - Groups are needed to help clear out poison ivy, sumac, and oak along with picking up trash and general upkeep of the Shepherd grounds.

Painting - Our middle and high school rooms need to be painted.

INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES (orientation required)

Kitchen - Help is needed to prepare and serve meals during the summer months.

Mentoring - One-on-one mentoring with a student, minimum of one hour per week.

Health Clinic - In need of doctors and nurses who can commit to at least one Saturday a month, administration workers to help with sign-in, and interpreters. Clinic is the first four Saturdays of the month from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Sports Ministry (Jireh Sports) - Coaches needed for gymnastics and wrestling classes.

IN ADDITION TO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, THERE ARE MANY ITEMS NEEDED TO HELP OUR FAMILIES:

KITCHEN: Blender, plastic forks, knives, spoons, and containers

GARDEN: Kneeling pads, metal 7 ft. (+) T-posts

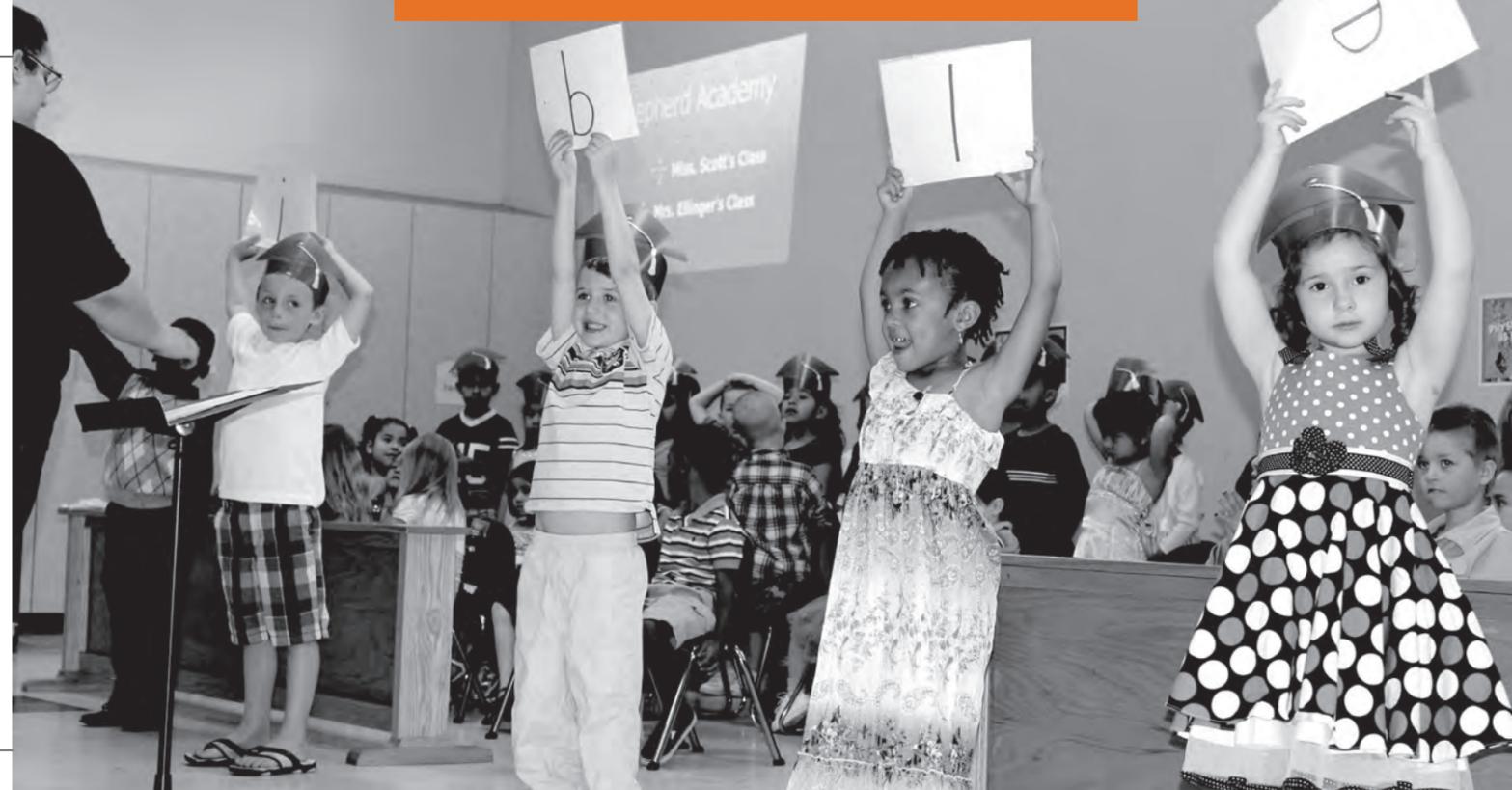
OFFICE SUPPLIES: Copy paper

FAMILY MINISTRIES: Weight scale for Health Clinic

Shepherd believes in empowering its volunteers to serve in areas where they have a passion to lead. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering in one of these areas or any other area at Shepherd, please **contact Phil Merki at 317-375-0203 or philm@shepherdcommunity.org**.

COMMUNITY.

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Shepherd is a faith-based, non-profit organization established in 1985 with a simple but staggering goal: to break the cycle of poverty on the near Eastside of Indianapolis. Located centrally within the community it serves, Shepherd offers programs for children, teens, adults, and families. Our primary tools? Education and love.

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EXCELing Through the Summer



This summer we celebrate 16 years of our Summer EXCEL Program. Summer EXCEL stands for Embracing eXcellence and Committing to Education for Life and aspires to do just that in the life of every child that walks through our doors. Shepherd's excellence and commitment are not solely focused on education alone. Shepherd's approach is holistic - addressing the physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual needs of our city's most vulnerable youth. We

provide a safe place for our youth as well as the academic accountability needed to stay ahead in school. During the summer, most children lack structure and rarely have a positive role model to pour into them the way their teachers, volunteers, and other educators do throughout the school year.

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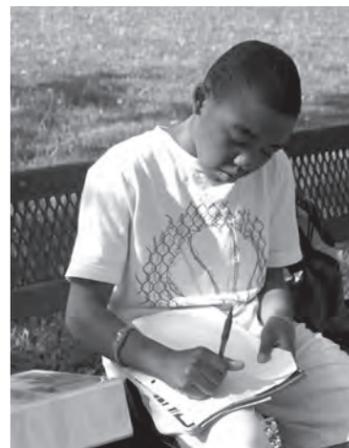
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EXCELing Through the Summer *(continued)*



Shepherd's Summer EXCEL provides six weeks of all-day, structured, but fun activities (Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm) to students in grades 1 - 12. Each student receives two meals a day, whereas most would go without if not for Shepherd.

Elementary students participate in activities that continually engage them in learning, while also developing their life and character skills. These activities include one-on-one academic learning, computer time, reading, writing, science, arts, crafts, and listening comprehension. Students also experience new opportunities through field

trips to the zoo, a dairy farm, and the park; physical fitness at our sports ministry program and swimming; and a week-long camp experience with Spring Hill.

Middle school and high school students engage in activities that prepare them for a future they never knew was possible. Students take field trips to businesses and college campuses, learn finance and budgeting, develop leadership skills, and work in a summer employment project. High school students work on developing their resume-building and interviewing skills. Middle school students participate in a one-week camp experience at Kids Across America (KAA). High school students travel on a week-long educational service trip that takes them outside the city. For many students, this is their first experience leaving the state, staying in a hotel, and being away from home for more than one night.

Most importantly, every student is presented with the hope found in Jesus Christ through daily Bible lessons, worship songs, and prayer. ■

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Donn Kump

Twelve years ago Donn Kump began serving at Shepherd, sponsoring two neighborhood kids in Shepherd's After-School Program. Since that time, Donn and his wife have caught a passion for these inner-city families. They have hosted numerous Christmas and Easter dinners at Shepherd, providing food and coordinating labor to serve those attending. Donn now serves on Shepherd's Board of Directors, and is entering his sixth year.

Donn sees his role on Shepherd's Board of Directors as an opportunity to greatly impact families on the near Eastside. "I want Shepherd to be a place that provides hope and encouragement and establishes Christ as the foundation of their life. I don't want our families to accept things as the way they are. I want them to be constantly improving themselves," said Donn.

As Shepherd continues with its mission to break the cycle of poverty on the near Eastside, Donn looks to the future with hope. "I want Shepherd programs to grow deeper. I want Shepherd to be a resource for similar ministries as to how to influence youth and serve as mentors. Shepherd can help ministries that are struggling," said Donn. Currently, Donn is the Chair of Finance and serves on the Operations Committee for Shepherd's Board of Directors.

Did You Know?

Shepherd's Academy maintained over **90% attendance** for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Academy's 1st through 4th grade students averaged an **80% or higher** in their reading for the school year.

The Academy's 1st grade class read **over 1,500 books** during their two reading challenges this school year.

Shepherd's graduating seniors will become freshman in the fall, attending universities such as **DePauw, Vincennes, Indiana State, and Notre Dame**, as well as an **Army** enlistment.

5th Annual Golf Tournament

The 5th Annual Shepherd Community Golf Scramble will be held on Monday, September 23rd at The Bridgewater Club in Carmel. The cost is \$200 per golfer or \$800 per foursome. The Golf Scramble will include a continental breakfast, lunch, silent auction, and prizes for the top 3 teams, longest drive, longest put, and closest to the pin. If you or a group of friends would like to be a part of this event, please go to www.shepherdcommunity.org/golf2013 or contact Jeff Boxell at jeffb@shepherdcommunity.org or 317-375-0203.



DREAMS.



So many of us plan our whole year around the moments. The moments when we escape our normal routine. The moments when we explore new places and create bigger dreams.

Unfortunately, many of our neighbors do not have the same opportunities that you or I had growing up. There are no family vacations or weekend getaways. The challenges of city living are often intensified during the summer months. The hurdles our families face are just a bit harder to overcome.

Yet, through your help, Shepherd is a destination of hope, safety, and new dreams. Shepherd is a place where our families can create bigger and brighter visions for their future.

This summer, our students will eat meals, improve reading, shoot a bow, climb a rock wall, do a flip, swim, hike in the woods, and learn there is someone who loves them unconditionally.

This summer, dreams come true.

Dreaming big.

Jay Height
Executive Director