

# Specific Ways YOU Can Help

# Service

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

**Food Service:** Help is needed in our kitchen on Wednesday afternoons. Volunteers would help serve food to students in our After-School program from 3:30-5:00 p.m, Monday through Thursday.

**Deep cleaning help** is needed at Shepherd's sports facility. Groups will spend 2-3 hours working on this project.

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, **contact Phil Merki at 317-357-0203 or philm@shepherdcommunity.org.**

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

OFFICE SUPPLIES:

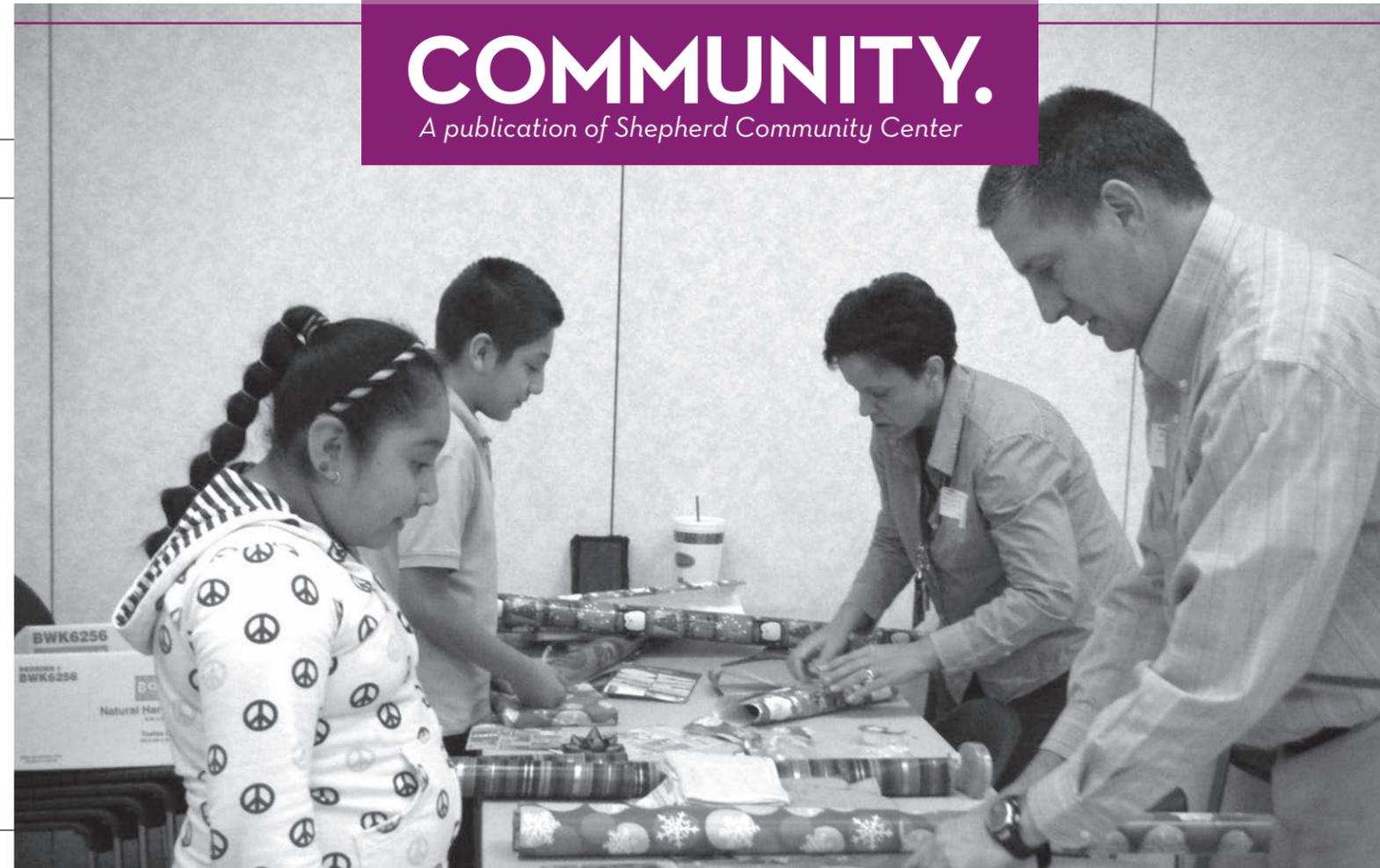
- AA batteries
- 8 1/2" x 11" white copy paper

CLEANING SUPPLIES:

- 2 vacuum cleaners for daily use at Shepherd facilities

KITCHEN SUPPLIES:

- Canola oil
- Canned fruits & vegetables for lunches served during school hours and our food pantry



# 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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## Hope—All Year Long



*At Shepherd Community Center,* it is our desire to offer hope to families during the holidays - and all year long. Breaking the cycle of poverty doesn't happen overnight and through the generous support of our donors, volunteers, churches, businesses, and staff, we were able to make a difference in the lives of many families on the near Eastside this Christmas. We did this through Shepherd's Christmas Festival, Christmas Store, Kids' Store, Toy Drive, and Christmas food totes.

Caring at Christmas Toy Drive is a beautiful picture of the city of Indianapolis coming together to give back. Partnerships with Jay's Movers and KeyBank allow people from across the city to give toys, hats, gloves, and so much more.

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## Hope—All Year Long *(continued)*



Shepherd's Christmas Festival is a time for families to come together for an afternoon of games, lunch, face painting, family portraits, carolers, crafts, and so much more. While there, they can also sign up for the Christmas Store which allows parents to personally shop for their children - picking out essentials - in addition to toys. Volunteers are present to help our families wrap and address each gift. Through

your generous donations, our kids are also able to shop for their parents at our Kids' Store - teaching them that Christmas is about giving to those you love, not just receiving.

Our Christmas food totes ensure that when children are on break from school, they and their family will not go hungry. Through collaboration with our partnering churches, every Shepherd kid was able to take home a tote full of non-perishable food during the two-week Christmas break.

This Christmas season, and all through the year, we do not simply give gifts and food to our families - we give a gift of hope. Hope that 2013 will be a brighter year, the year that they will break the cycle of poverty. ■

## LEGACY GIVING



Do you want to continue your legacy of giving to Shepherd for years to come? Including Shepherd Community in your estate planning can continue your impact of changing lives on the near Eastside of Indianapolis. Estate planning ensures that your passion for giving is maintained once you're gone.

Shepherd also provides opportunities for gifts to be given in remembrance of a loved one who has passed away.

**If you are interested in either of these opportunities, contact Rex Fisher or Jeff Boxell at 317-375-0203 or [refx@shepherdcommunity.org](mailto:refx@shepherdcommunity.org).**

## Did You Know?

**Shepherd sent out 762 Thanksgiving totes** full of food along with Wal-Mart gift cards to families over the Thanksgiving break. Thank you Indian Creek Christian Church for providing the totes.

**Shepherd's Christmas Store distributed 10,000 toys** so that parents could provide Christmas for their children who otherwise would not have had one. A special thank you to:

**Jay's Movers** for providing boxes and transporting the thousands of toys donated by local businesses all over the Indianapolis area.

**KeyBank** for collecting donated toys at over 30 Indianapolis KeyBank locations.

**This Christmas, we handed out over 1,300 Christmas food totes to families** on the near Eastside of Indianapolis. The totes ensured children and their families would not go hungry over the Christmas break. Thank you, Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Heartland Church, Emanuel Church of Greenwood, Greenwood Presbyterian, and Buckingham for donating these food totes.

**At our 2012 Volunteer Appreciation time**, we honored over 500 volunteers. Thank you for giving your time to help those in need. ■



## What is in store for 2013?



*We hear all kinds* of reports coming from Wall Street and Washington, DC of what 2013 could hold in store for us all. Well, clearly, no one knows and surely we could never all agree. But here at Shepherd Community, we have agreed on two priorities for 2013... two priorities that will be critical as we expect it to be a great year.

Yes, it could be a year of great challenges for our neighbors. So, one of our focuses is to deepen the service to those families we are currently serving. The economic challenges are proving to be quite the hurdle for many of our families. We want to continue to focus on providing them access so they can have the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty. The hundreds of families we serve will continue to be our focus and deeper relationships with them will be our goal.

Our second goal for 2013 is to strengthen the capacity of Shepherd. We want to continually build a strong cash reserve in order to weather the ups and downs of our economy. We also recognize that our staff is key to our programs, and we are dedicated to investing in and training those who serve our neighbors.

**I hope you will journey with us for a successful 2013.**

Focused and ready,