

Fletcher Flashes

Watch Us Grow!

2018 is the year of abundance at Fletcher Place Community Center! We are incredibly excited about the expansion of our preschool - the REACH Early Learning Center - and our newly designed food pantry and thrift store. Imagine we will have enrollment of approximately 40 students in our preschool program this year and 80 in the future. Where do you start to end the cycle of generational poverty? With the kids!

Ways to Help Break the Cycle of Poverty

Time & Talent: This does not happen without your greatly appreciated help. One of the best ways to sense the joy of giving is your gift of time and talent through several individual and group volunteer opportunities. Once you have spent a few hours absorbing the warmth and love of Fletcher Place, you will keep coming back (gardening, painting, serving food, fundraising, general clean up). Pick your favorite and be prepared to change lives, including yours.

Treasure: Another essential way you can help FPCC achieve our ambitious goals and recently completed Strategic Vision 2025 is through charitable donations. Your tax-deductible giving is critical to our mission, and we are very grateful.

Monetary Donation: Financial contributions are the foundation of our success, so please keep up your support. Feel encouraged to direct your donation towards a certain cause that appeals to you (meals, preschool, garden) -- unrestricted funds are preferred. You can donate directly at www.fletcherplacecc.org - click on the "Donate Today" tab or you can mail a check.

Room Naming: Through a generous grant and in-kind exchange, the capacity of our Pre-K program is almost quadrupling!! Breaking the cycle of poverty starts with the children and this will allow FPCC to have a major impact. Construction is almost complete, and if you feel as strongly as we do about this role, perhaps you would consider a major donation to help with the naming rights of one of the rooms! What would your room name be?

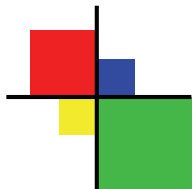
Planned Giving: Many of our volunteers and donors rely on their assets to accommodate their lifestyle. What happens after you pass? If you cherish the work of Fletcher Place Community Center, please consider adding FPCC to your estate goals. Your financial advisor or attorney can guide the process, or we can help. Give a gift that transcends you.

Stock Gifts: For investors that have highly appreciated stock with a very low cost-basis, you may be tentative to sell your stock because of the tax implications. FPCC has a solution! Consider giving your annual donation in the form of a highly appreciated stock from your taxable account. This allows you to meet your gifting goal, gives you a charitable deduction, and if done correctly, avoids the gain associated with the sale. If you would like more information on gifting stock directly to FPCC, please contact us and/or your financial professional.

Thanks for sharing your abundance with FPCC through your time, talent and treasures. Know that we are making a big difference in inner city Indianapolis, and you have played a major role in that success. But, there is still lots to do. Our board and staff are more gifted, invested and driven than ever to make a difference!

Blessings and thanks,

Melissa Drew
Executive Director



Join Us at the 9th Annual Culinary Collage!

The 9th Annual Culinary Collage is taking place **Sunday, May 20, 2017** at the University of Indianapolis Schwitzer Student Center. The event is Fletcher Place Community Center's annual fundraiser providing much needed support in our efforts to "take a bite out of poverty" in our community. Come out for the tastings from local restaurants, entertainment, grab bag praffle, and live/silent auction. Admission is easy! Simply bring a \$10 Kroger gift card (to be used for our food pantry) or pay \$15 at the door. Children under 12 are free, but must be accompanied by an adult and bring a non-perishable food item to help stock the pantry!

Get Involved -- Donate a silent auction item or volunteer at the event!

For more information, please contact Robin Heldman at 317.694.5096 or robin@directconnectprinting.net

FOOD • FAMILY FUN • SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!

Sunday, May 20, 2018
1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Schwitzer Student Center
 on the campus of the
 University of Indianapolis
 1400 E. Hanna Ave, Indianapolis

Culinary Collage
 Take a **BITE** out of **POVERTY** to benefit **FLETCHER PLACE Community Center**



Immediate Aid Services Move to a New Space

With the addition of the new preschool classrooms, the free thrift store and food pantry have moved to the basement Immediate Aid Center. Having both in the same space allows for one stop services. Food pantry is now client choice, which allows families to choose the items they need and want.

Now Accepting Registrations for the 2018-19 School Year

If you have been by FPCC, you have seen some big changes. Through support from United Way of Central Indiana and the Lilly family, FPCC is currently adding seats to our preschool. We are adding 2 new classrooms and expanding the existing 2 classrooms. When all is finished, we will have enough seats for 80 children.

Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year began on March 1st. We plan to have 40 children next Fall. The flyer to the right has more information about enrollment.

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HELPING CHILDREN DEVELOP AND REACH THEIR POTENTIAL SINCE 1930.

FLETCHER PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER PRESCHOOL
 We are an affordable, Level 3 Paths to Quality, neighborhood-based program that believes children learn best from hands-on experiences. Our newly renovated preschool is a safe and interactive environment where children can learn and grow.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

FULL DAY PROGRAMMING for 3, 4 & 5 Year Olds

We Accept **CCDF, On My Way Pre-K, and Indianapolis Preschool Program** Participants

JOIN US FOR A TOUR!
 Please call, e-mail, or stop by for a tour of our facility.

ENROLLMENT
 Beginning March 1st, Monday-Friday from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

- Bring your child's physical, updated immunizations, birth certificate, and your ID.
- Plan for you and your child to take a photo for their portfolio.

Special Enrollment Days
 June 9th & July 14th
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

For more information, contact:
 Netta Williams-Erby, Preschool Director
 netta@fletcherplacecc.org - 317.636.3466 ext 3

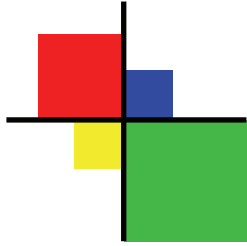
Fletcher Place Community Center
 Hope. Compassion. Renewal.
 A Promise for a Better Future.

Paths to QUALITY
 Quality Improvement Program

United Way

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EDUCATING AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH RENEWAL EMPOWERMENT, ACHIEVEMENT, COMPASSION AND HOPE.



A Year of Great Outcomes

Through your support, Fletcher Place Community Center provided support to over **10,000** individuals.

- 23,504 breakfast and dinner hot meals were served
- 1,221 households received over 30,000 meals through the Food Pantry
- 1,507 shoppers made 9,485 visits to the Free Thrift Store
- 3,286 Hygiene Kits were distributed to our homeless neighbors
- 141 families and their children received Christmas assistance
- 2,900 volunteers provided over 10,000 hours of volunteer service
- Over 1 ton of fresh fruits and vegetables were harvested from the Community Garden
- 22 students were enrolled in Preschool program



Community Garden

Grow it! Prep it! Preserve it! Eat it!

The 2018 growing season is quickly approaching. This year we hope to engage you and our community by holding monthly meetings at FPCC. These meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at FPCC. Meetings are free and open to the public.

The goal of these meetings is to:

- Provide an opportunity to educate ourselves through agronomy topics
- Review upcoming garden volunteer needs (planting, harvesting, watering, weeding, and insect and disease scouting)
- Talk about simple food prep ideas and share recipes.

Community Meeting Schedule:

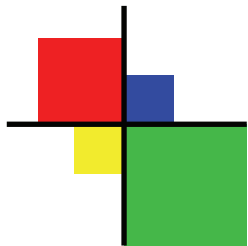
5/8/18	Container Gardens & Mirco Farms
6/12/18	Insect and Disease Management/Attracting Pollinators
7/10/18	Water Management and Irrigation Methods Preserving
8/14/18	Your Harvest
9/11/18	Season Extension Methods
10/9/18	Cover Crops
11/13/18	Year in Review

All events are on the FPCC Facebook page
www.facebook.com/pg/FletcherPlaceCommunityCenter/events/

As always, thank you! FPCC Garden Project only happens because all of you show up. You are greatly appreciated.



Volunteers helping at our free veggie stand



Fletcher Place Community Center: Breaking the cycle of poverty through Hope, Compassion and Renewal

Fletcher Place Community Center has been serving our most vulnerable neighbors since 1872. Our roots are in the United Methodist Church as we began as part of a local Methodist Church's outreach. Today we continue to reach out "to the least" in ways that help alleviate the pain of poverty. Current outreach includes hot meals served Monday - Friday, Food Pantry, Community Garden, Free Thrift Store, Preschool, Art in the City, Senior Luncheons and Christmas Assistance.

Location:

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Indianapolis, IN 46206

Mailing Address:

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Indianapolis, IN 46206

Website: www.fletcherplacecc.org

Phone: (317) 636-3466

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For more information about Fletcher Place check out our website, "Like Us" on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter!

Current Needs:

Monetary Donations: Money is always needed to maintain our programming, maintain our building, and pay our staff. Please consider going to our website and making a donation to support FPCC today!

Volunteer: Go to our website and register for **Volunteer Matters** then check out our amazing calendar of volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Food Pantry Needs: Fresh/canned veggies and fruit, 1 lb. bags of white/brown rice, toilet paper, and pads/tampons. We also need instant oatmeal, Ramen noodles, cracker packs, granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, and cans of pop-top soup and tuna for homeless snack packs.

Free Thrift Store Needs: Gently used spring/summer clothing (all ages and sizes), school uniforms, men's jeans, ladies dresses, socks, underwear, shoes/boots, gently used towels, wash clothes (all sizes and types), blankets, and household items including water bottles.

Hot Meal Serving Dates available for 2018 - Sign up today!