

# Fletcher Flashes



## Hope. Compassion. Renewal.

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People generally come to the center on their worst days - when addictions have run the course, when eviction notices have been served, when jail terms are over and no one is there to help, when the cupboards are bare and you can't remember when you had your last meal. When all hope is gone and you find yourself shooting up on our door steps.

Life is difficult - hate messages are scrawled on buildings, society treats you like the enemy, rents go up with neighborhood improvements moving you further away from your familiar neighborhood into lower rent areas... it can seem never ending and leave one feeling so very all alone.

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People come to us on their worst day and then that day gets better, so much better. The building itself welcomes people with its bright colors, pictures and gardens; the coolness in the summer, the warmth on the cold winter days, the clean public restrooms...

Everyday a wonderful meal is prepared and waiting on you, even on your worst day. Kind words, prayers, listening ears, genuine smiles, they even learn your name - yes, your name. By the time you have been filled up with great food and warm conversation you are beginning to get your second wind. You begin to see the light again if only for a bit.

Groceries and clothing are available when your cupboards and closets are bare. A 'Pay What You Can', (yes really!), high quality level 3 Preschool is available for your child. And Christmas time comes with a free toy/clothing store for you to select gifts for your child.

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Please help us help others on their worst day. Support Fletcher Place Community Center with your gift today! [www.fletcherplacecc.org](http://www.fletcherplacecc.org)

## Rev. Jessi to Retire at End of Year

It is at times hard to believe that I have served as Executive Director for over 23 years. Some days it seems like it was just yesterday that I arrived at the center and other days it seems like a life time. When I started here my youngest child was in grade school, now I am Grandma Jessi to 8! It is time to pass the leadership on to the next generation. It is time for me to spend time with my family.



Charity Shultz

On August 19th I requested the board of directors to accept my intent to retire at the end of the year. They graciously accepted my request as did Bishop Coyner. I am confident in the current board, staff and volunteers at the center who are all dedicated, caring and capable individuals who will carry on the work we have all been about since Fletcher Place began in 1872.

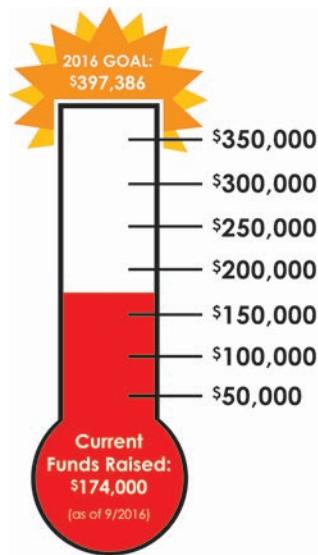
I was pleased to see the board take the first step in securing a new Executive Director by naming Charity Shultz, our Assistant Director, as the interim Director beginning in January. Charity is passionate about Fletcher Place and quite capable of moving us forward.



Rev. Jessi Langlie

*You are invited to a  
celebration and  
farewell open house on  
Friday, December 9th  
from 1-3:00 pm.  
I would love to see you!  
- Rev. Jessi*

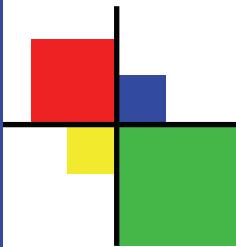
## Annual Fund & 2016 Funding Budget to Date



Make a difference today by supporting Fletcher Place Community Center directly. People come to the center on their worst day, that day they hoped would never come. Your support helps see them through the bad times and realize that there is good in the world, even in their world.

As you can see from our funding thermometer we are quite a ways from our funding goal for 2016 . Please do consider making a donation today, your support is full of **Hope**, **Compassion**, and **Renewal**. for people going through their worst day.

*"The measure of society is found in how they treat their weakest and most helpless citizens." - Jimmy Carter*



## It's Personal...

Feminine hygiene products are always hard to come by for the women that use our services. With the SNAP Program in Indiana, feminine hygiene products cannot be purchased. This means a lot of women have to sacrifice the small amount of income they have towards these products and sacrifice other needs or just go without. Feminine hygiene products are not something to go without if you are going to school or work or anywhere else. Recently, thanks to Walmart, we received a large donation of four flats full of these important products!

The first day we received them, a woman was brought to tears at our food pantry when she realized she could have a package of pads with her food order. She then went on to tell our food pantry manager that she had to decide between diapers for her baby or pads for herself that month. She chose buying diapers and just was not sure what she was going to do. It is amazing how one box can make a huge difference in a woman's life. Even with this amazing donation, we are still in need of steady donations each month so we don't run out. All it takes is one small donation to change one women's life.

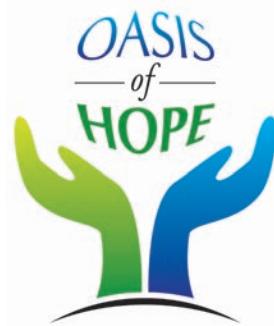


*"Without this necessity women are unable to go to work, school or anywhere else for that matter, for several days every month"*

## Fletcher Place Annual Dinner @ JW Marriott

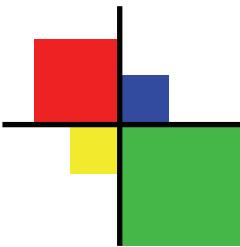


Join us to learn more about Fletcher Place Community Center on November 15th at the fabulous JW Marriott hotel. Help us honor some of our best volunteers and some of the best people in Indianapolis with huge hearts to help those in need. Enjoy a glass of wine at the social hour immediately preceding the dinner, ceremony and fun.



As an interesting twist, guests will get familiar with the 'farm to table' movement with one of the State's premier farmers, entrepreneur and chef in a panel interview format.

We would love to connect and get to know you better. Perhaps you have always wanted to engage in inner city issues like hunger and the homeless. This is your chance. We have a wonderful menu planned and can't wait to see you. Please note this is NOT a fundraiser, it's more than a volunteer recognition dinner - it's a place to connect, to learn, to grow and experience a wonderful evening while engaging with one of the city's oldest non-profit groups helping our neighbors in need.



*"Breaking the cycle of poverty through the compassion of Jesus Christ"*

## Fletcher Place Community Center

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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, Garden Project, Free Store, Preschool, Art in the City program, Hands UP Staffing Program, Senior Luncheons and Christmas Assistance.

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

## Current Needs

### **Volunteer:**

Go to our website and register for **Volunteer Matters** then check out our amazing calendar of volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Once registered you can actually reserve a spot to volunteer, sign in and out before even setting foot on site, or cancel out if life happens - all from the convenience of your computer, tablet, or smart phone.

### **Food Pantry Needs:**

Fresh or canned veggies and fruit, 1 lb bags of white and brown rice, toilet paper, and pads/tampons.



### **Free Thrift Store Needs:**

Gently used fall/winter clothing (all ages and sizes), next to new shoes/boots, and gently used towels (all sizes and types).

**Hot Meal Serving Dates are filling up fast for 2017, sign up today!**

*Old Fashion Oats collected by St. Mark's UMC each and every month.*