

Fletcher Flashes

Preschool

The Fletcher Place Community Center Preschool program has been a staple in the neighborhood for generations. Over the past few years we have been partnering with United Way of Central Indiana to improve our preschool. Our belief is that the preschool program should be the highest quality possible regardless of whether parents can afford it. We are excited to say that we are now a Paths to Quality Level 3 Preschool (soon to be working on the final Level 4 in this program). A Level 3 reflects a preschool that is of high quality, something we are very proud of.

You can support our preschool families with a donation to our Preschool Fund, helping to offset the cost and keep our doors open to ALL families. Currently our preschool is a "pay what you can" program.



Our 2016 Preschool graduation class all ready for Kindergarten.



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Backpacks filled with school supplies for our graduates - thanks to the Stansfield Circle!

Garden Project

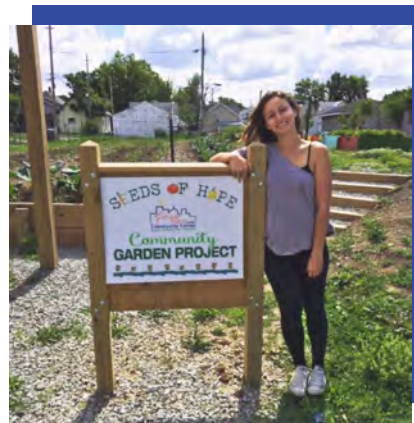
Volunteers have really rocked our garden this year! They have built steps up the slippery slope, made and installed three benches, put in place a fence, created a shade structure/counter for our produce give-aways, created/installed our garden sign, planted, watered, weeded, harvested and much more! It really is a labor of love to insure our community has the fresh produce available that is so vital to good health.



Studies have shown time and again that food insecurity plays a role in poor health outcomes and even in increased crime rates. At Fletcher Place Community Center we work to make sure that fresh, healthy food is available to all who are hungry through our garden project, daily meals and food pantry.

Nick and Ted are energetic volunteers in our garden. Every Tuesday evening and Saturday morning our free veggie stand is open with freshly harvested produce.

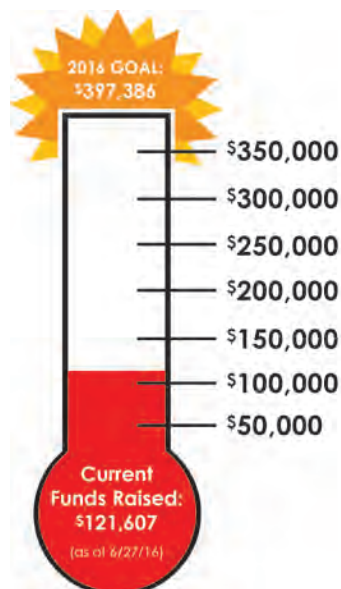
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Our summer intern, Alexis with our new Garden Project sign.



Annual Fund and 2016 Funding Budget to Date



Summer time is often a time when donations to the center slow down to a trickle yet the activity at the center continues at a fast pace. Did you know:

- We do not receive government funding.
- We are not a United Way Agency.
- We do not receive annual funding from the Indiana UMC.
- We do receive funding from individuals.
- We do receive funding from local foundations through grant requests.
- We do receive funding from churches in the greater Indianapolis area.

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 really does keep our doors open and the lights on for our neighbors in need.



Good Shepherd UMC spent a Saturday volunteering at the center.

Volunteers Matter!

We have been thinking about different ways to make volunteering easier for you! With research and comparisons of many different software systems, we have found that *Volunteer Matters* will help volunteers sign in, sign up, and reach us faster than ever! A variety of volunteer opportunities along with different shifts will be available so you can find what tasks you like best and what fits in your schedule. There is something for everyone! It will be the easiest it has ever been to help others! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Charity@fletcherplacecc.org for more information. Be sure to keep an eye out on our Facebook page, Twitter and our website for our *Volunteer Matters* start date.

Culinary Collage "Take a Bite Out of Poverty!"

This year's event was a blast! We were able to take our story to 3 local TV shows with Jungle John of Silly Safaris leading the way. We raised \$11,949.25 the day of the event and a total of \$27,264.25 of which 100% goes directly to our programs.

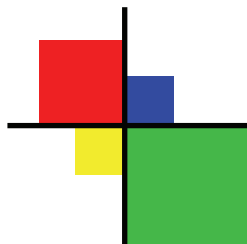
Our event wouldn't be possible without the multitude of volunteers and the donations of food, auction/raffle items, event space and advertising. Please check out our website for a list of sponsors and restaurants and make sure to support them!



Keep an eye out this Fall for information on the 2017 Culinary Collage!



Jungle John, Becca and Rev. Jessi hamming it up after a TV spot.



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

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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, or follow us on Twitter or Instagram!

Current Needs

Food Pantry Needs:

- Fresh & Canned Veggies
- Fresh & Canned Fruits
- 1 lb. Bags of white/brown rice
- Toilet Paper

Free Store Needs:

- Gently used summer clothes (all ages/sizes)
- Next to new walking shoes
- Gently used towels (all sizes/types)

Christmas Shopping:

Program needs list will be in the August/September newsletter and is posted on our website.

Volunteer:

Our Seeds of Hope Garden Project needs your time and energy! Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings we work the garden, harvest and distribute fresh produce. To sign up, contact Charity @ 317.636.3466 ext 4

Hot Meal Dates Available:

Halloween dinner (this will be loads of fun) and Dec. 29 breakfast. Please contact Holly at 317.636.3466 ext 1



Garden volunteers Alexis and Carri working the produce stand.

