

Fletcher Flashes



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1-5 Children go Hungry

In Indianapolis, 1 in 5 children go hungry on a daily basis. In the neighborhoods the center serves that number is closer to 4 out of 5 children - we experience this every day. Children coming to our hot meals with their families, eating a good meal in Preschool, and children that are over joyed to see parent's picking up a food pantry order.

Nearly 50% of our food orders go to feed children.

Poor early education possibilities stacks the odds against a child, the same child that fights hunger on a daily basis. Preschool is such an important part of a child's development today. Without preschool, our children have difficulty in Kindergarten as they start out far behind the other children. A high quality, level 3-4 Paths to Quality preschool program has a tuition of over \$3,000 a year. Once again our children 4 out of 5 are left behind.

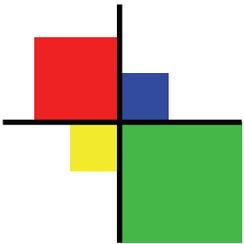
Fletcher Place Community Center is about increasing the odds

in favor of the child. Hot meals served M-F; over 45,000 meals sent home; fresh produce available through our Garden Project; and high quality Level 3 Paths to Quality Preschool with scholarships to even the playing field... Please help us even the odds for children in Indianapolis, **DONATE TODAY!**



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Rev. Jessi to Retire at End of Year

The Board of Directors is close to making a final decision on the new Executive Director. The Replacement Committee is made up of board members and has worked long and hard securing resumes, performing numerous interviews, thoughtfully and prayerfully seeking the new Executive Director. The plan looks like there should be an announcement by mid-January if not sooner.



Charity Shultz

Charity, our very capable Assistant Director has been working with Rev. Jessi to insure a smooth transition. If need be she will step in as the Interim Director, she is ready for the challenge.

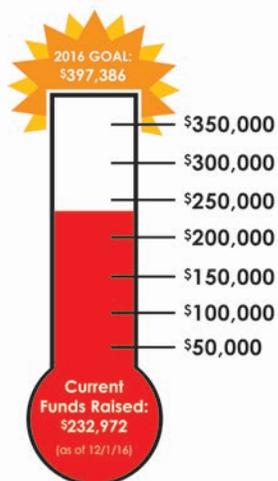
Some have asked what they can do to honor Rev. Jessi's 23.5 years at the center. Her response has been to join the Fletcher Place 500 Club - our annual fund that keeps all of our programs in high gear. She is proud to say that as a non-profit organization only 16% of donations go to administration, far lower than most organizations.



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

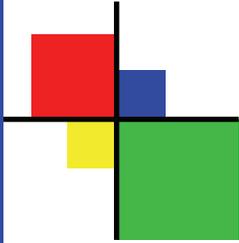
Annual Fund & 2016 Funding Budget to Date



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 the child that is the 1 in 5.

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



Christmas for the Child

This year you have helped us provide Christmas clothing and toys for 364 children that are the 1 in 5 of Indianapolis. Their parents' were able to select just the right items for each child with the assistance of personal shopping assistants.

In addition, each family received a holiday food order that totaled 5,598 meals!

This Christmas will be one to remember for a long time as children that thought Christmas would pass them by this year will wake up to gifts under the tree with their name on it.

Thanks for helping even the odds for each child.

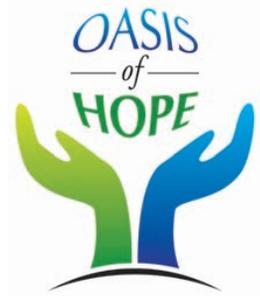


*"The Season of the Child"
Aiden, a preschool student kissing
the reindeer!*

Fletcher Place Annual Dinner @ JW Marriott



We enjoyed a wonderful dinner, a great educational program on the local Farm to Forks movement, and honored 11 volunteers! We are very thankful to Elizabeth Nelson and the JW Marriott for making this Annual Dinner possible!



We honored with stories, certificates and a gift of truffles: Jerry Keys, Ted Letherer, Jillian Fuhs, Keith Monroe, Lucretia Scammahorn, Mark Squire, Robin Heldman, Norm and Sue Stuart, Jason Jacobi and Adou Assoa.

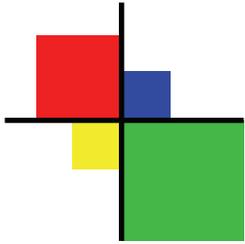
Fletcher Place Community Center is what it is as a result of everyday people volunteering their time to help out their neighbor in need. This year we should hit 13,000 volunteer hours and over 1,000 individual volunteers!



Jason Jacobi of Pure Eatery



*Ted Letherer our
Garden Project Volunteer*



"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, 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). Blankets are also greatly appreciated during these cold months.

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



Good Shepherd UMC is a new group that has committed to bringing Mac & Cheese to the pantry each and every month.