

Fletcher Flashes

2020: A YEAR OF CHANGE

2020 was quiet a year! The COVID-19 Pandemic changed our world as we knew it. FPCC, our donors and our volunteers all stepped up to serve those most vulnerable in our community. Even though we were not able to meet in person; together, we came up with creative ways to continue to serve. 2020 also gave us time to reflect on the best ways to serve our neighbors in the future.

Here to Serve

Staying true to the mission of FPCC, we have been evaluating the best way to serve our homeless neighbors. We are excited to announce a pilot program to relocate our immediate needs services off-site to be closer to the homeless population.

What We Have Learned

The homeless population is being displaced due to the gentrification of the Fountain Square area. In relocating our services, we will have the opportunity to serve a greater number of homeless neighbors by meeting them where they are. We have also learned that by having a dedicated space for this program, we are also creating more room for the Preschool program to grow and increase services offered to our REACH families.

What Does This Look Like?

We will continue to distribute hot meals, snack packs, hygiene kits and basic clothing needs. We are in the process of securing a large container, located in the Twin Aire neighborhood, that will be customized to allow for meal service from the windows.

How Can You Help?

- Prepare meals (at your facility or in FPCC kitchen)
- Donate/assemble items for snack packs
- Donate/assemble hygiene kits
- Volunteer to distribute meals
- Volunteer to organize clothing items

To donate food or hygiene items or for more information on current needs, please contact Tereasa: tereasa@fletcherplacecc.org

To arrange a time to volunteer, please contact Holly: holly@fletcherplacecc.org

Clothing Donation Drop-Off Times: Tues and/or Thurs 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Food Donation Drop-Off Times: Mon – Fri 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

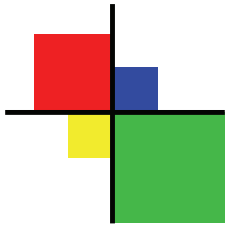
The Big Picture

Ultimately, FPCC is working towards growing the REACH Preschool program and to build an **Ease the Burden Center** that will provide enhanced services to help break the cycle of poverty.

Watch for more details and an invitation to attend an Open House at our new location!

2020 Outcomes

- Over **40,000** meals were served.
- **Thousands** of PB&J's were made and distributed.
- **3,286** hygiene kits provided to our homeless neighbors.
- **114** families and their children received Christmas.
- **4,699** hours of volunteer service.
- **3,640** pounds of fresh produce harvested and distributed from the Community Garden.
- **31** children showed education growth from enrollment in REACH Early Learning.



Culinary Collage will be back in 2022!

As much as we would love to all be together for our 12th Annual Culinary Collage Fundraiser, hosting a complete in person event is still challenging. For that reason, Culinary Collage will not be hosted in 2021. Don't worry, we plan to come back in person -- bigger and better than ever in 2022!



That being said, not being able to host our signature event has created a challenge to our already strapped fundraising budget. With the support and determination of our marketing committee, we are currently in the planning stages for the **Fletcher Fun Friday** fundraiser! The event will feature a Harry Potter themed trivia night in a hybrid platform to welcome a limited number of in-person participants as well as, an unlimited number of virtual participants. We believe this has the potential to bring family, friends and strangers alike together for the common good of our small, but vital community center. The event will take place on **Friday, October 8, 2021** at Hotel Tango in Fountain Square for those in-person, and on Zoom for those participating virtually. Stay tuned, more details will be announced soon!

If you're interested in sponsoring our 2021 event, please contact Melissa Drew: melissa@fletcherplacecc.org

Meet Our New Preschool Director

Sally Rice has been with Fletcher Place as the Preschool Director since November 2020. Sally came to us as a teacher in 2018. She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from University of Indianapolis and brings nine years of experience in preschool education. Thanks to her efforts, REACH Early Learning is expanding curriculum offerings around mindfulness and nutrition while increasing education outcomes for our students and families. Sally is doing an awesome job and we are so lucky to have her in her new role!



Success Story Years in the Making: Meet Kayla

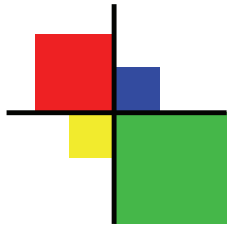


"When I was younger I attended Fletcher Place Preschool while my mom volunteered with the food pantry in the basement. On the weekend, my mom, my siblings and I would help pass out breakfast to the community along side many other volunteers. Through her time at Fletcher Place, my mom was inspired to become a social worker! Fletcher Place Preschool helped provide my mom with childcare and a bunch of other free activities for her kids to stay busy, learn, and grow while she attended college and earned her degree."

"There are tons of memories that I am blessed with from Fletcher Place. My favorite would have to be all the friends and family I met along the way. I made a friend in my preschool class named Ande and it just so happens that she has become one of my dearest lifelong friends! Side by side, she has always been there for me."

Now, as I am 21 and engaged to be married this summer, I am back at Fletcher Place, but this time as a Preschool Teacher! Just as Fletcher Place helped my mom, they are helping me too! REACH Early Learning is helping me complete courses through Ivy Tech to get my CDA! I'm super grateful for everything they have done and continue to do for me! Fletcher Place will always be a home to me and my family!"





REACH Early Learning Now Enrolling for 2021-22 School Year



REACH Early Learning at Fletcher Place Community Center (FPCC) is a safe, traditional Paths-to-Quality Level 3 preschool focused on encouraging children to recognize their value and REACH for their full potential. Recognizing the southeast neighborhood of Indianapolis houses the largest number of children under 5 years of age and the role education can play in breaking the cycle of poverty, REACH EL is committed to building a preschool as diverse as the community surrounding FPCC.

**We are now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year.
Call for a tour today!**

REACH accepts full pay, "On My Way Pre-K" vouchers, and need-based scholarships for three, four and five-year old students.

On My Way Pre-K applications are OPEN now! Sign up today at www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/on-my-way-pre-k/

For more information about preschool or to enroll your 3 or 4 or 5 year old student for Fall 2021, please contact Sally Rice at **317.636.3466 ext. 405** or sally@fletcherplaceecc.org. You can also check out our website at reach.fletcherplaceecc.org

ENROLLMENT

Monday-Friday from
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Weekend & Evening
tours available by
appointment.

CURRICULUM FAIR

Learn more about
our program!

Thursday, June 14th
6:00 pm

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Community Garden Project Growing Strong!

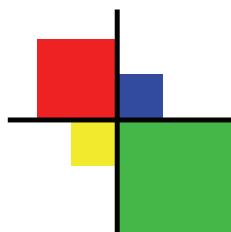


It's the 7th year for our community garden project which brings affordable, accessible, healthy food options to our community. This year we have also added 2 beds to our preschool playground and started Farm to Table challenges with students and their families enrolled in preschool programming.

Prep and planting dates are scheduled for May 8th & 22nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The garden stand opens June 6th.

Interested in volunteering? Help prepare, plant, harvest, or staff the veggie stand! You can also join our garden e-mail list. For details, e-mail Holly at holly@fletcherplaceecc.org





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*Breaking the cycle of poverty through
Hope, Compassion and Renewal*

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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. Today we continue to reach out "to the least" in ways that help break the cycle of poverty.

Current outreach includes meals served Monday - Friday, Food Pantry, Community Garden, Free Thrift Store, Preschool, Senior Luncheons and Christmas Assistance.

STAY CONNECTED TO FPCC! Find us on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter.



How Can You Help?

Donate Funds:

- A **\$50** donation feeds 20 people a meal.
- A **\$100** donation provides 50 food pantry baskets to families in need.
- A **\$150** donation provides hygiene kits and snack packs through our free Thrift Store.
- A **\$250** donation supports our Community Garden Project
- A **\$800** donation covers a month of tuition for a student in our Preschool Program.



Monetary donations are always needed to fund our programs, building maintenance and pay our staff. Planned giving and stock gifts are also a great way to support the cause. Please consider going to our website and making a donation to support FPCC today! You can also set up your donation to recur monthly to help on an ongoing basis.

**Donations are accepted throughout the year at
www.fletcherplacecc.org**

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