

The Bethel Beacon

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Dear Bethel Friend,

Thank you for your prayers and recent financial donation to the Bethel ministry. We would like to say a very special **THANK YOU** to our 21st Bethel Open Golf Tournament sponsors, golfers and those who donated several items for the silent auction. Our gold and silver level sponsors were Spencer-Fane, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, Stinson, Unique Finds, the Pauls Family, and the Copeland Family. They helped us raise over \$13,000 to help more than 80 students who participate in our after school program this fall. The funds you all helped us raise and the donation you made to Bethel enables our students to complete their homework at Bethel Center, learn social skills, healthy lifestyles, dream about college, and prepare themselves to go to college. *Thank you once again for your help in instilling hope in our young people and building a great future for them and their families.*



Our senior citizens enjoy coming to Bethel to hangout with their friends, get a hot meal, play bingo, learn about healthy eating and active living, take part in group exercise, watch movies, do arts & crafts, go on field trips, and to be outside of their homes. The number of seniors who come to our center has been increasing but we have not reached yet the pre-covid participation level. Our seniors are grateful to Judy, our parish nurse and Terri, the visiting nurse from Visiting Nurse Association for taking good care of them. Gloria, a senior participant enjoys the exercise classes on Tuesdays and the sewing classes on Fridays. She said, ***“I like coming to Bethel to exercise in group with other fellow seniors. We motivate and encourage one another to become healthier.”*** One of our new seniors who enrolled himself to just pick up lunch everyday ended up participating in the senior activities Monday through Friday. He likes the activities we do, and he thinks that other seniors and Bethel staff and volunteers are nice and friendly. Although he was quiet when he first joined, he opens himself up, smiles more, and is very much willing to help other seniors.

After a short break at the end of the Summer Youth Enrichment Program, we welcome back more than 80 students in our after school program. We work with them closely to make sure that they have fun in a safe and nurturing environment and complete their homework while they are with us at the Bethel Center. Ms. Lili, our interim program director said, ***“It is so good to have them back in our building. Their energy, free spirit, creativity, and excitement makes me want to give them the best program.”***

Thank you for your generous gift and your continued prayers for us. May God bless you abundantly for your love and care for us!



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