



The Bethel Beacon

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West Wall



East and North Wall



Dear Bethel Friend,

Words fail to express our thankfulness to you for your recent donation to Bethel Neighborhood Center. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the community we serve here in Kansas City, Kansas. You have enabled us to offer hope and help through our programs and services for 112 years. The Bethel board, staff and volunteers, individuals and families, and our after school program participants join us in thanking you for your generosity. God has blessed our partnership and transformed many lives through our ministry.



After working at Bethel for more than 16 years, Rosa Macias has decided to move on and her last day with us will be Friday, May 26th. She started off as a bilingual receptionist and was given more responsibilities as she was capable and willing to learn new things. She has worn many hats from coordinating our food pantry and Christmas Shop to serving as a bookkeeper and administrative officer. Working at Bethel for her means helping to make a difference in the lives of many individuals and families whether it be giving a bag of groceries, a smile or listening to the stories of program participants and food pantry users. Rosa said, ***“I am thankful for the many years I worked at Bethel Center. I got to meet with many individuals and families, and I would like to thank them for being part of my life’s journey.”*** As a dedicated and valued employee, it will be difficult to fill her shoes. We will miss her! Since she has interacted with and touched many lives, we would like to have a reception in her honor on **May 26th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** If you are able, please come by to thank Rosa for her excellent service to our community.

As the school year is almost over, we will be winding down our after school program soon. Our staff is busy putting together fun-filled learning activities for the next few weeks and undergoing a staff training for the upcoming Summer Youth Enrichment Program. The theme we have chosen for our summer program is **“Good Neighbor.”** We hope to have many opportunities to learn who a “good neighbor” is. In order to run a successful summer program, we need to raise \$50,000. **Your financial donation will keep 100+ at-risk children and youth out of the streets, and enable them to engage in life-giving activities under the supervision of caring adults in a safe environment.** You may donate online at www.bethelcenter.org/donate or scan the Venmo QR code which is below the picture.



Thank you once again for your continued support of the Bethel ministry. We pray for you and your family to have a wonderful summer! May God bless you!

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