



THE BETHEL BEACON

MARCH 2024

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Thank you for your recent donation to the Bethel ministry. We are encouraged by the generosity many of you have shown to us in different ways. Some of you helped us financially while others donated food, volunteered your time and energy in spreading mulch on our playground and several other places, sorted and repackaged food, and some others picked up food from Harvesters! Our combined efforts have helped feed the hungry and touch many lives in our city. Thank you so much for your partnership in offering hope and in transforming lives in our community.

As receiving grants have become more difficult and more competitive, we need your prayers and financial support to meet needs and run programs and services that help our community. We are still raising funds to pay off our construction loan and we need your help. Since The Hall Family Foundation will match/double any amount you donated up to \$100,000 until the end of June, it is a good time to donate to us! We are planning to have a **Grand Opening** of our new Wellness Center on Saturday, April 27 at 12 noon, and our prayer is to be debt free by then. Please help us.



FOOD PANTRY

The need in our community is great! This month has been a busy one in the food pantry. This month, we have:

- Provided food for 244 households
- Given out 615 diapers

With your partnership we can provide even better help to even more people! We are always looking for more food to keep our pantry shelves stocked. Thank you for your generosity!

**"I enjoy being here and
talking to my friends! It's
fun!" - Leo, Bethel Student**



VERY HELPFUL VISITORS!

We had the pleasure of hosting the Rotary Club of Shawnee Mission and the Piper High School Boys Basketball team. The rotary club kicked off our day with an incredibly generous donation of food for our food pantry. We were so blessed by this act of selfless charity, and the community we serve will greatly benefit from it. The Piper High School Boys Basketball team braved the elements and dedicated their time to volunteering at our center. They tackled various tasks, from spreading mulch to repacking rice and pinto beans. They also assisted in assembling our portable stage, which is very heavy! Their hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for their invaluable contributions. We cannot express enough how blessed and fortunate we feel to have such incredible partners in the ministry here at Bethel. We are looking forward to seeing how the Lord will continue to provide for the needs of the work here.



PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for the many opportunities we had to work with our community in February.
- Praise God for our volunteers, donors, staff, board members, Bethel children/youth/families.
- Pray for God's supplying of our financial needs to pay off our construction loan.
- Pray for the Grand Opening of our new Wellness Center and Dedication of the Bethel ministry.
- Pray for Bethel's future plans and growth to impact more lives.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We wish to extend our **heartfelt gratitude** to each and every one of you who continuously support the work and mission of Bethel Neighborhood Center.

Your consistent dedication and generosity have been the driving force behind our mission to empower and uplift our community.

As we move forward, we humbly ask for your continued support and prayers. Your encouragement fuels our determination to strive for excellence and pursue our vision of a brighter future for all. Together, we can overcome challenges, inspire change, and create a legacy of hope for generations to come. Once again, thank you for being an integral part of the Bethel family. Your kindness, generosity, and unwavering support are deeply appreciated and never taken for granted.

