



Bethel Neighborhood Center **2015 Annual Report**

Our Mission is to offer a renewed sense of hope to our multi-ethnic community by sharing material, educational, health, social and spiritual resources that help people bridge ethnic and economic boundaries to achieve self-sufficiency.

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Youth After School and Summer Enrichment Program

Children/Youth – Grades 1st through 12th



Description: We provide educational and recreational programs in a safe and nurturing environment. Our programs include reading, homework assistance, community service, health education, social skills, cultural awareness, and educational and recreational

field trips. Our high school program emphasizes on college readiness career options, and leadership.

Outcomes: In 2015, 129 students benefited from our after school and summer programs. 98% of students completed their homework and were ready for school the next day. While 98.5% of our students participated in six or more community service projects, 98% eat healthier and exercise more. High school students visited 3 college campuses and participated in 2 career choice talks. Our youth enjoyed 10 fun-filled and educational field trips to various places including Deanna Rose, Sky Zone.



Senior Program

Senior adults 60 years and better

Description: Our seniors attend lunch Monday - Friday accompanied by programs allowing them to socialize, participate in Bingo, games, music, arts and crafts, Healthy Lifestyles classes, community service and field trips. We have a nurse teaching healthy lifestyles and a visiting nurse who monitors blood pressure/glucose and weight on a monthly basis.



Outcomes: In 2015, out of the 32 seniors enrolled, 23 of them attended regularly and 50% of them reported losing body weight and 97% reported happier participating in our senior program. They stuffed 420 plus bone pillows, infant neck pillows, and empathy dolls for Children's Mercy Hospital and Cancer Action. They enjoyed going to the movies, Fair, the Plaza Lights, James Port, MO and monthly shopping trips for necessities. Seniors received 1,480 bags of produce during the year.

Food Pantry

Residents of Wyandotte County

Description: Our food pantry offers a variety of culturally appropriate food, baby diapers, baby wipes, and baby formula to neighborhood residents. We also hand out hygiene products, clothes and other household items when available. Our pantry is stocked with donation from KCK public schools, US Postal Carriers, churches and individuals and now in partnership with the Junior League of Wyandotte and Johnson County. A weekly food drop from First Baptist Church of Stilwell, Kansas helps us to distribute more fresh produce and bread to our community.



Outcomes: In 2015, we helped more than 10,375 adults, senior citizens and children and handed out more than 62,224 pounds of food. We also provided baby diapers and baby wipes to 839 infants/toddlers; giving out 8,799 baby diapers throughout the year.

Bethel has added ethnic dry foods in order to better serve our newly immigrated population.

Assistance with Language Translation and Notary Refugees, Immigrants, Economically Disadvantaged

Description: Bethel staff members speak more than 10 different languages helping us to provide culturally appropriate help. They help in advocacy, filling forms for schools, jobs, and clinics; translation of documents like birth certificate, legal matters, proof of income, authorization forms, and much more. A staff notarizes important documents for low income families.



Outcomes: Bethel was able to assist 61 individuals notarize forms and translated 20 birth certificates and 4 marriage certificates. Through assistance with language translation, 75 families were assisted in making various calls and appointments.

Community Garden

Immigrants, Newcomers, Refugees



Description: The community garden offers space on Bethel's property to people to grow their own vegetables. Many of the vegetables produced were unique varieties and were used in authentic cuisine. Participating gardeners plant their seeds and tend to the garden on a regular basis.

Outcomes: We had 12 families growing vegetables in the garden until late fall and were harvested many times. 100% of our gardeners share excess produce with other families in need.

Refugee Assistance and ESL/Citizenship Classes

Immigrants, Newcomers, Refugees

Description: ESL/Citizenship classes meet weekly for two hours on Mondays and Fridays. They work on conversational English, learn new vocabulary and listen to, read and learn pronunciation of stories. The class also helps attendees to learn about the



Pledge of Allegiance and US history. Bethel provided transportation and advocacy as needed on a case by case basis.

Outcomes: In 2015, 5 individuals took and passed their citizenship test out of the 20 students attending classes throughout the year. Advocating and assisting 2 individuals resulted in them getting the financial assistance with their hospital bills, totaling \$142,000.

Friday Night Meal and Worship

All are welcome

Description: For those who like to participate in worship over meal are welcomed on Friday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Range of attendance is between 35 – 75 individuals. Participants also receive transportation for Friday service and meal is provided by the hosting church. Produce and bread are accessible to families when available on Friday evening.



Bethel Christmas Shop

Bethel Families

Description: Bethel offers a Christmas Shop in partnership with Prairie Baptist Church providing gifts and much needed items for low income families year after year. Families submit their needs list which can include request for food, clothing, shoes, space heaters, blankets and other household items. Families receiving Christmas baskets are asked to attend financial literacy training in order to help their family.



Outcomes: In December 2015, Bethel helped 85 families, 32 seniors and 100 Bethel after school participants. A total of 24 different churches, church groups, businesses, families and individuals assisted in providing items for the Christmas

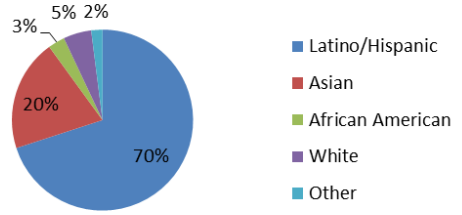
baskets. On the day of the Christmas Shop, more than 30 volunteers helped, entertained the children and helped in carrying out baskets to the families' cars. 95% of the families attended the training and 100% of the families received a holiday meat.

Service Breakdown Statistics

Youth Program Participants

Latino/Hispanic	70%
Asian	20%
African American	03%
White	05%
Other	02%

Youth Program Participants



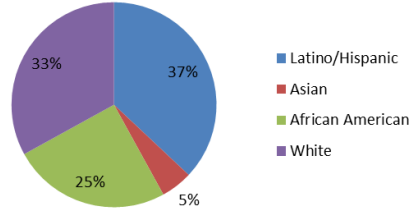
Senior Program Participants

Latino/Hispanic	50%
White	44%
African American	05%
Other	01%

Food Pantry Users

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Latino/Hispanic	37%
Asian	05%
African American	25%
White	33%



ESL/Citizenship Class

Asian	90%
Latino/Hispanic	10%

Community Garden

Asian 100%

Revenues

ABC Central Region	\$53,673.00
Church Related Donations	\$80,465.97
Individual Donations	\$101,126.85
Grants	\$64,640.70
Designated Program Gifts	\$127,189.85

Total Revenue \$427,096.37

Expenses

Program Staff Salary	\$201,476.12
Administrative Salary	\$37,741.22
Summer Program Salary	\$44,418.63
Program Supplies/Materials/Trips/Events	\$24,468.35
Healthy Lifestyles	\$8,187.64
Promotions & Membership Dues	\$8,649.35
Community Support	\$16,297.99
Indirect Expenses	\$53,042.96

Total Expenses \$394,282.26

Bethel Personal Impacts



"I am so happy that when I came inside Bethel, I get many people to say "welcome". I am so happy for that, that even if I don't get anything, I am happy to get welcome" –
Said, a Pantry user.

"I don't want to go home. I love being at Bethel with all my friends and teachers and I want to stay forever at Bethel" –
Lin, a second grade student.



"We always make time for Bethel because we just love the friends we have made here" –
Grace, a Bethel Senior

"I love Bethel because Bethel welcomes everyone. What Bethel does is not hands down but hands up for people to become successful in life." –
Pershing, a former Board member.



My daughter enjoys the summer program very much and she wants us to wake up early every morning to make sure that she is not late for the program. I am very happy for the positive changes I see in her." –
Nuam, Bethel Parent

2015 Snap Shot

January 29, 2015

Senior adult community service day as they stuffed empathy dolls for Children's Mercy

February 27, 2015

S.P.A.R.K.S. high school youth visiting the Blue Room at the American Jazz Museum



March 14 – 19, 2015

Bethel Mission trip to Springfield, IL

April 25, 2016

Bethel 104 year celebration!



May 17, 2015

Magnifying the Light & Hope Campaign Kick-Off.



June 14, 2015

Summer Program Kick Off

July 20, 2015

4th & 5th grade special field trip to Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, MO

August 5, 2015

Students received backpacks filled with school supplies this afternoon.



September 21, 2015

Bethel Annual Fall Festival



October 12, 2015

The First Bethel Open Soccer Tournament held at Soccer Nation

November 16, 2015

Bethel Volunteer Recognition Dinner hosted by Bethel board of Directors



December 17, 2015

Bethel Christmas Shop



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