



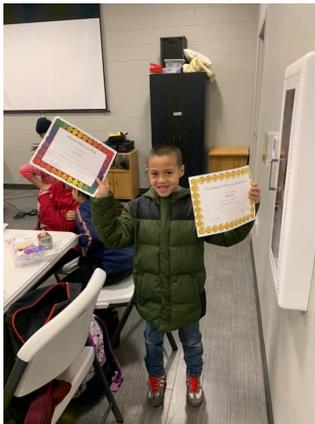
February Update

Our seniors proudly showing off their Valentine's Art Project.



Dear Bethel friends and well-wishers,

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of the Bethel ministry. Your support enabled us to offer hope and help to 137 at-risk children and youth, 46 senior citizens, and more than nine thousand individuals and families that were struggling financially in 2019. Although we are only in the second month of 2020, we are experiencing growth in our programs and services, and we are hoping to touch and transform more lives this year. The two unexpected significant donations we received last month enabled us to **PAY OFF** our construction loan and the funds we borrowed for buying our two new vans last December! Please know that our partnership has impacted many lives in our community. Without you and the funds you provided, we will not be able to do what we do. Thank you very much for your generosity. We count on you as we work with many people who seek assistance from us



Bethel Center continues to be a safe and fun place for everyone. It is our goal to make everyone feel welcome and accepted as they are without judging them. We provide love, acceptance, respect, dignity, hope, and help to make them become who God wants them to be. No achievement is too small or it is too big among our program participants. We acknowledge and celebrate their achievements and motivate everyone to do their best. In the first week of this month, Kevin, a second grader, brought two certificates from his school. He was recognized for his excellent behaviors and for bringing positivity in his classroom. He gave a short speech and displayed his certificates proudly for everyone to see. The time we took to recognize and celebrate his achievements at Bethel Center was a great encouragement to him and all the other students as they know how much we love and care for them. Kevin makes us all proud and we would like to have more students like Kevin.

Our sewing class students are getting close to their graduation and they received a new iron and an ironing board yesterday. Some students left early and missed the picture session. Upon graduation, they will also receive a certificate, the sewing machine they use during training, fabrics, and stuff needed to continue sewing! Thank you "Once We Were Refugees" for providing the much needed training that empowers these women.



If you are interested in donating a new or gently used sewing machine, new iron, ironing board, fabrics, and/or funds for our sewing class, you may send your donations to: **OWWR, P.O. Box 81 Lees Summit, MO 64063** or to us here at Bethel Neighborhood Center. You may write OWWR in the memo line of your check. You may also make an online donation on our website at <https://www.bethelcenter.org/donate>

During Spring break from March 13 to 19, we are planning to take our middle and high school students to Camp Moses Merrill in Omaha, Nebraska, to attend a youth retreat and to volunteer there at the camp site after the retreat is over. Please keep us in your prayer for a wonderful experience for our students and staff members. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!

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