



# The Bethel Beacon

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Seniors during their recent field trip



Dear Bethel Friend,

Thank you for your recent donation to Bethel Neighborhood Center. Your donation enables us to feed the hungry, provide diapers, wipes and baby food, run senior day program, teach cooking and sewing skills, and work with youth from grades 1-12 under the care of caring adults in a safe and nurturing environment. Thank you for enabling us to offer hope and help to our community for more than 111 years.



The graduation day of our cooking class last month was fun for our students, their family members, and our instructors. In celebration of the new cooking skills our students achieved and their successful completion of the cooking course, we invited their family members to join the celebration. One of the activities on the day of graduation was decorating cupcakes. Although it was not a competition, the children of our students worked very hard, and their creativity was displayed in the cupcakes they decorated. Some of the children expressed their gratitude for making their moms *“a better cook”* and for the wonderful time they had on the graduation day. One of the children said, *“My mom now knows how to cook American food, and I am very happy.”* Our cooking students learned how to prepare 16-18 dishes to complete the course. They learned how to read recipes, how to use measuring cups, food ingredients, healthy and unhealthy food, and cooked/prepared simple and easy meals like, hamburgers, spaghetti, chili, sloppy joe, hot dogs, chicken enchilada, bean casserole, banana bread, baking turkey, and much more. They also learned how to use the oven and bake cakes for their children’s birthday and other important occasions in their family.

We are very grateful to our high school students and the youth group from First Baptist Church of Louisburg, Kansas, for spreading a big truckload of mulch on our playground. We really appreciate them as it is necessary to make our playground safe for our program participants and our neighborhood residents. **We share our playground with our neighborhood residents as there is a recreational desert in our neighborhood.** Volunteers enhanced our ministry because there are so many things we cannot do on our own in and around our facility. We are very thankful to those of you who have volunteered and volunteer with us in offering hope and help to our community.



As we write this update, our summer program is going on in full swing. We are happy to see many old and some new students participating in our summer youth enrichment program. Thank you once again for your continued prayer and financial support of the work we do in our community. May God bless you!

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