



## October Update



Dear Bethel friend,

Words fail to express our thankfulness to you for your recent donation to Bethel Neighborhood Center. We are able to work with children and youth, senior citizens, refugees and immigrants, young mothers, and families that are struggling financially to provide emergency needs. Thank you very much for enabling us to work with them to provide a safe and a welcoming space, love, hope and support to our community. Without your help, we will not be able to fulfill our mission of offering hope. Thank you.



While homework help is a big part of what we do with our elementary and middle school students, we also teach them the importance of healthy eating and active living, social skills and community service. Since many of our parents speak little or no English at all, providing homework help is necessary for the success of our students. With our high school students, we focus on increasing high school graduation, college readiness, career choice, leadership development and community service. We have had a good number of “AHA!” moments among our students, and we hope to have them more in the future —that they will not only learn something new or new possibilities but apply their new knowledge in their daily lives to help them become successful in whatever they do. It’s a joy working with our students.



Junior League of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties sponsored the Bethel Fall Festival on September 29th, and their volunteers led several fun-filled activities. Many community members showed up with their children and it was a fun day for all ages. Many of the parents expressed their thankfulness to us for hosting the event. They too enjoyed the activities and hanging out with other community members. We owe a big **THANK YOU** to Junior League members for sponsoring our event and leading several fun-filled activities that brought together community members. It was so good to see so many people!

We are now getting ready to provide Christmas presents to the Bethel families. Our families have returned their Christmas applications, and we know what their Christmas needs are. If you, your church, organization or business would like to adopt one or more families, please call Rosa Macias at 913-371-8218. May God bless you and your loved ones for your continued support of our ministry!

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