



CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Summer DREAMS

Summer 2017 is gearing up to be a great one! We are looking forward to our annual summer day camp program for at least 200 children each day for 6 weeks. This year's curriculum will focus on teaching sports – a different sport each week besides a Bible story, crafts, reading enrichment, gardening and plenty of good food! We will also be a worksite for 200 teens through the Grow Detroit's Young Talent program during that same time. A big challenge with a big payoff at the end—teens who will understand how to work and how to get a job. Nearly 100 young people from third grade on up will also get to go to overnight camp at either Camp Michawana or Kids Across America Kamp. All of this ambitious programming would not be possible without hundreds of volunteers coming to serve with us, and faithful financial supporters, like you, who dig a little deeper in their pocket to help sponsor a child or teen for the summer. Can that be you? PLEASE? We need to raise \$50,000 this summer to meet our program goals so don't be afraid to use the response card below to help make all of our kids' summer dreams a reality.



Summer Dreams 2017

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Summer Staffing.....	\$10,800
Transportation.....	\$9,900
Camp Scholarships (200 x \$75)	\$15,000
Back to School Rally.....	\$4,100
Gardens.....	\$3,200
Beautification/Construction Projects.....	\$6,000
Program Supplies/Sports Equipment	\$2,500
Grand Total	\$51,500

My Gift \$



Letter From the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



May, the month of winding down our school year youth programs, and the celebration of graduations. For me personally, this month brought great joy when our daughter graduated from Dominican University (in Chicago) with her MBA. She now studies to take her Registered Dietician exam (her undergrad program) and then off to find employment. We are so proud of her! Dottie Foster, our Family Financial Wellness Director also graduated with her Master's Degree in Family Counseling from Spring Arbor University. Congratulations to her as well.

At CDC we had a BOMB Squad (Men's group) graduation, a TUMI graduation (The Urban Ministry Institute at Milan Prison), a READY (Recruit, Educate, Advance and Deploy Youth for Work) graduation, and soon several of our teens will graduate from high school. All great reasons to celebrate!!!

But even as we wind down the school year and celebrate God's goodness in so many lives, it is equally important that we turn our focus to the summer and all that will happen then. Our staff keep getting readier and readier every day. I continue to see a parade of teens coming into the office to fill out job applications and a similar parade of parents picking up Day Camp forms. I have also seen several people being interviewed for our summer staff positions and have even gotten to interview a few myself. Always amazed at how God answers prayer and meets our needs even in these small things with so many big things happening around the world needing His attention. And we know in faith, that He will meet our budget as he has demonstrated year after year. Perhaps this year He uses you to help with that. I urge you to prayerfully consider being a part of the Summer Dreams Team by helping to sponsor a young person (or two or three or....) in our programs. You can be the catalyst for our young people who are crying out for love and affirmation and attention. Thank you in advance for your partnership with us. We hope you enjoy this newsletter as much as we did putting it together.

Serving,
Lisa J



Grand Opening of COMMUNITY CENTER

Another long awaited event is about to happen. Our new community center is ready to open! Because of the timing of its completion, so close to the start of our summer programs, we will host an Open House/Building Dedication in late August. We will send invitations so stay tuned. We hope you will join us for an opportunity to view the building and hear from staff regarding the building's use. Thanks to all who have helped make this all happen. To God be the Glory.



New Bible Study TO LAUNCH



Chris Norman, recent Moody Seminary graduate and staff member at Highland Park Baptist Church, will launch an adult Bible Study for the residents living in 8711 Second Avenue and 600 Pingree. In these two apartment buildings reside many of the poorest in our community. These buildings are filled with great need, experience great crime and have great opportunity for revival. Please pray for Chris in this endeavor.



Family Financial WELLNESS UPDATE

For the past year, our Family Financial Wellness staff led by Dottie Foster have been working with families who lost their homes to tax foreclosure but are trying to get them back through a special program sponsored by the Detroit Land Bank Authority. Families have had to attend 12 Home Preservation classes that CDC sponsored, open a savings account and deposit a specified amount into that account on a monthly basis, and participate with us in financial counseling and education. We are proud to announce that 38 families have graduated from that program and are now homeowners again! Good work Team and congratulations families.



●●● Good News GREAT PEOPLE



Meet Karen Harris (left) our new Garden Production Manager. Karen was a summer intern with us two years ago and when she heard we were hiring for this position, she jumped at the chance to come back and we are thrilled. We love the fact that she lives in our community too. Karen says, "I am happy to be back – I love CDC and look forward to a great season. So many new things have happened to make the gardens efficient." Well, Karen, we are glad you are here and welcome back!



BOMB Squad, our men's group that meets on Tuesday evenings, held it's third graduation (graduation is held after completion of each 18 week segment). At this graduation, 6 men got their sword of valor (level 1), 8 men earned their Shepherd's Staff of Leadership

(level 2), and 4 men got their Brotherhood ring (level 3). Super proud of all 18 men who are dedicated to becoming men of God. Kenneth Lamb, above, has now completed level 2.



The Urban Ministry Institute, a two and a half year seminary level Bible & Theology school curriculum that we teach to prisoners at Milan prison, witnessed 2 more graduates this past March also. Two men, TS and GJ, join 4 other men who graduated last year from the

TUMI program. TS heard the gospel in County jail and became a Christian. He really believes that God put him in prison so he could be involved in TUMI. As a matter of fact, because he had one more TUMI class to complete, TS asked the officials if he could stay back in the prison to complete the class even though he was scheduled to be released into a half-way house. It was an unusual request; they granted it; he graduated. Congrats men!



We have 2 workforce training programs in operation – one for teens called READY and one for young adults called READY 2. In April, six adults graduated from our READY 2 program. Upon graduation, Tony and Andrew, CDC staff, work to find jobs for graduates. In this graduating class, 2 got jobs as roofing apprentices with the

Roofer's Union, and Tyus (left) got a job with Higher Ground Landscaping. Three more are interviewing with companies and we hope to hear good news soon. Congratulations to all graduates! We are proud of you.



Anthony Beauford has been an employee of CDC in many roles over the course of six years. Most recently, he was the manager of Shadow of the Almighty Security. In January, while on duty guarding our construction projects, Anthony was shot twice. While he came back to work in March, it was hard for him to be comfortable doing security again. One of our housing consultants told us about a plumbing apprenticeship that was available and Anthony was able to apply and secure the position. While sad to have him

leave, we know that this former drug dealer and ex-felon met Jesus and has done nothing but grow spiritually and as a man. When he completes the apprenticeship, he will have a career that will support his family of six children (and wonderful wife) well. Congratulation Anthony! We are still family!



When you are a high school senior, this is the most wonderful time of the year—GRADUATION!!! And, while we have several more teens who are graduating from high school, we wanted to present two seniors who have been involved in our programs since childhood. Both Shana and Breanna are graduating from the Detroit International Academy for Girls and have been key student leaders in our Friday evening teen program. Both have college aspirations – one to become a social worker and the other to major in psychology. Congrats!



We had a wedding on our staff! Donovan Allen married Jasmine, first in a private ceremony before Christmas and then a big celebration on March 25, 2017. We love you guys and pray for a strong marriage that our teens and children in the community can look up to. Thanks for being committed to God, each other and the community.



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