

2018 Year in Review
A PLACE OF PROVISION –
COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

Wow! Our Community Outreach Center site has undergone many improvements throughout 2018 because of you!

Some highlights . . .

PARKING LOT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- Volunteers displaced crumbled asphalt using a skid steer donated by Sunbelt Rentals
- Cornerstone Pavers removed the piles of asphalt off our site
- Landscape plan created by Root Pike Watershed Initiative
- \$55,000 grant awarded toward our \$138,000 parking lot redevelopment project
- BrightView Landscape Services has been maintaining our site since July 2017



INSIDE THE BUILDING

CLEAN UP

- **Water damaged** walls, ceilings and insulation have been removed and are being replaced in stages with new insulation and drywall
- **Electrical** panels cleared out ensuring remaining electrical safe. Removed 99% of old florescent lighting ready for new upgraded LED lighting
- **Painting** inside and out!



WINDOWS



- Removed broken glass from exterior windows on the north and south sides of our building, framed, and installed white RFP. This was a major undertaking! With its completion we can now turn on our furnaces without the heat literally going out the windows!

CLIENT SHOPPING AREA



- Removed broken windows and doors, framed, sheeted, insulated and drywalled. Now we have a great space for our clients to “shop” for food and hygiene products.



WHO MADE THESE BUILDING PROJECTS HAPPEN?

- All of our progress has been made because of the labor of love given by local volunteers, AmeriCorps NCCC, the First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Program Students, and Rodgers Heating & Air Conditioning
- Feeding and rewarding our volunteers were: Durango The Pizza King; Georgie Porgie's Treefort; and other local fast food restaurant's coupons
- Material donations from Source Services, LLC, hallman lindsay Quality Paints, Sherwin-Williams, Bliffert Lumber and many local building supply companies (at this time, permission not given to publicly acknowledge)
- Monetary support through Racine Revitalization Partnership for the First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Program, Flying J, and many local businesses and individuals

FUNDRAISING

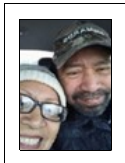
CHRISTMAS IN JULY



- The Christmas House Bed & Breakfast graciously opened their doors for our silent auction which included original water color, oils, mosaics and pottery pieces from local artisans. Auction participants also could bid on Christmas and B&B themed baskets. Many local businesses donated gift cards and gift certificates ranging from food to fine jewelry for our raffle.
- The support of our community was overwhelming. We thank everyone who donated items.
- Fruit and smoothie bar was made possible through a donation from Skogen's Festival Foods



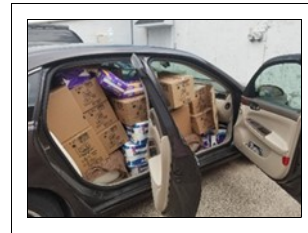
FILLING THE GAP



- Our fundraiser began on #GivingTuesday, November 27, 2018, and continues. Raising funds to help supplement the needs of working families to provide healthy food, personal care and household cleaning items.
- **We have raised \$5,316.00 to date!**

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTERS TO OUR MISSION – “to advance the lives of others”

- Skogen's Festival Foods – continues to support us through their “Food for Neighbors” program and various donations throughout the year
- Meetings & Incentives Worldwide, Inc. – is a continuous supporter through pro bono graphics work, hygiene drive and monetary support
- Kiwanis Club of Greater Racine – is a continual monetary supporter
- Grand Foundation – monetary supporter
- Dreamcatcher's Photography Studio – Giving to the Nations Board pictures for our website
- 5Kevents.org – we were the recipient of their race participant's food and hygiene donations



The most important part during all our repairs, remodeling, and fundraising activities, is that we have been able to help people. Although our site cannot receive clients at this time, we found ways to get the donated items to them.

It's not about us, it's about them, the people who need help. How can we be effective in advancing the lives of others? It starts with a vision which is brought into fruition through our volunteers and supporters. There are so many who have graced us with their time, talents, product donations and monetary support. **To all, we THANK YOU. You are what makes this all happen.**

We look forward to 2019 and the things we will accomplish with and through your support.

With Great Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn M. Nys".

Pastor Lynn Nys
Director, Giving to the Nations, Inc.