



June Update



Dear friends of Bethel Neighborhood Center,

Thank you very much for your recent donation to Bethel Neighborhood Center. Your donation enables us to offer a safe and fun place to over 100 children and youth, and senior citizens all year round. Words fail to express our thankfulness to you for your continued partnership in this vital ministry that keeps young people off the streets and helps senior citizens to get out of their homes to socialize and exercise at a safe and nurturing environment. Our summer youth program provides opportunities to learn new things and to engage in positive activities instead of staying home and do unproductive activities during the summer break.

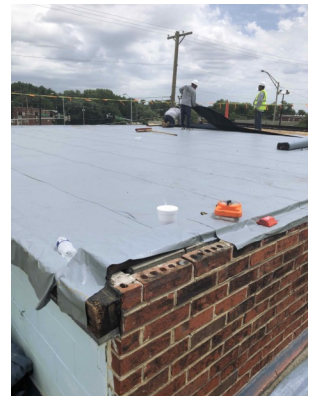


We are very grateful to First Baptist Church of Olathe for sponsoring our summer program kick-off on Saturday, June 9th. They served a delicious lunch, led fun-filled games, and painted many faces and made us all very happy. It was a fun day not only for the kids but also for the parents as they got to meet with other parents who have their children in our program. It was a time to learn about our summer activities, to share meal together, and to hangout with other parents. The **Q & A** session was an eye-opener to many as several important questions were asked and answered by our staff members.



It is so good to see many of our after school program participants coming back for our summer program. They are learning about **“One Big World - One Big Family”** through music and dance, food, culture, and biodiversity. It has been a very good summer for our students as well as staff members. We have lined up motivational speakers, the Sheriff of Wyandotte County, Nelson Atkins Museum staff, and some other influential people to talk to our students and lead some sessions. The positive comments we have heard from our students and their parents are very rewarding to our summer staff.

Renovation of our building continues and we are thrilled to see the progress our contractor and their workers have made so far. If you are interested in having a hard-hat tour to see all that is done, please let us know. There will be an opportunity to have a tour on our **GIVING DAY: June 26 from noon to June 27 noon**. To construct our Multipurpose Hall, we still need over \$320,000. Out of the **\$175,000** matching grant an anonymous donor challenged us with, our donors have matched \$66,503. Any amount donated is doubled until we match all of it.



May God bless you abundantly for your love and care for our community!

Rev. Mang Sonna, Executive Director