

FALL 2019

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

THE CENTER

love in action

The Center

Dinner Fundraiser

September 28 6:00

PLEASE COME

Our annual fundraiser is also very informational and inspirational. You will leave equipped to tell others about THE CENTER.

BRING A FRIEND, WE NEED YOU!

Donating to good causes you care about not only benefits the charity themselves, it can be deeply rewarding for you as well. Millions of people give to charity on a regular basis to support causes they believe in, as well as for the positive effect it has in their own lives. Our community has many very good charitable organization you could give to- so what makes THE CENTER any different than the rest? In some aspect it isn't, but if you are reading this newsletter perhaps you are being called to give to The Center.



THIS YEAR WE WILL EXPLORE HOW THE CENTER ANSWERS THE QUESTIONS- WHO IS OUR

COMMUNITY? IS THIS YOUR COMMUNITY? IS THIS HIS COMMUNITY?



This event is FREE, we will be asking for funding for our programs and ministries. We need you to call for reservations.

6:00-Dinner 7:00 Program Celebration

7:30 Guest Speaker 8:00 Auctions

If you can not attend but would like to contribute please see the enclosed envelope, AND if you would like a video of the evening just give us a call.

Silent Auction will be outstanding!

Center Partner UPDATES

[skatechurch](#)

The two skate mission trips were a success! We are getting ready for a FULL FALL OUTREACH!

[QC Harm Reduction](#)

Peer support Group- First and Third Tuesdays 5-7 Open to All

[QC Alliance of Refugees](#)

School supplies available for families of refugees

[Friendly Thrift Center](#)

Granted more than \$35,000 in 2019 in our community

[Food Panty at The Center](#)

316 families served last month

[Street Team Outreach](#)

Provided 250 showers for people in July

[Neighborhood Cafe](#)

567 free lunches in July

[Churches](#)

House of Refuge- 11-2 Sancier 3-6

[Bible Studies](#)

Praying for The Center and neighborhood Wednesdays at Noon.

NEWS AROUND THE CENTER

Pastor Jeff and Pastor Jay get involved with the table Tennis Club at The Center. Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings.



Table Tennis Club; just another way The Center cares for our Community.



A place to be together!

On a hot day two neighbors have a friendly competition. We encourage games and conversation at The Center. If you have a free afternoon come in, we would love to have you help facilitate conversations and games.



Nobiea Brown

Last month Nobiea past away. She had no family around her, no one to speak kind words about her at a service, no one to remember her EXCEPT our team at THE CENTER. We were with her through out her illness and her passing. The Lord blessed us with her. She taught us so much. We miss her but will see her again!



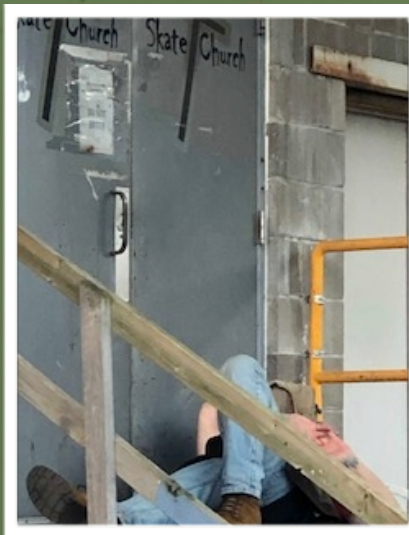
Pastor Johnson

Pastor is teaching on 1 Peter 2:9.

He has classes Wednesdays and Friday nights with supper. Come with your Bible! If you need one we will get one for you!

“ I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, when I was sick you took care of me, in prison-you visited me”

Jesus
Matthew 25:35-45



Fall Needs

If you can help please come to The Center or call. We would like to talk with you further about the needs in our community

Skate Church

Pop Candy Chips Water

We have a snack bar at skate church. The cold drinks, and snacks are a way we can start great conversations with our students.

It is a great way for students to ask “non-skater” friends to come to hang out as well.



Street-Team Homeless Outreach

bus tokens

Walking up and down Brady Street hill is difficult but people do it, sometimes twice daily. PLEASE HELP US! We also use to tokens for appointments and jobs.

hats,gloves, socks, hand-warmers

Hard to believe but winter is coming let be ready for those who spend most days outside. These items change lives!



Neighborhood Cafe

COFFEE! ECT.....

Our coffee is free! We offer coffee and conversation for our neighborhood. SO FAR we have never run out of coffee, although it has been close some days. We all like to sit and talk around a cup of coffee.

Paper products

We try to not use paper, but sometimes we are short staffed and it is what we need to do. If you see any on sale somewhere pick some up for us, cups and plates, mostly.

Radical Hospitality

We practice Radical Hospitality!

Dear Newsletter Readers or To those who have more than they need, We invite your into a partnership and into a contributing relationship with us. PLEASE help us help those in need no matter what the need.

For those who are turned away elsewhere, our doors are wide and welcoming. In fact, our doors are open to all of our neighbors.

To those who live in the shadows, we want to brighten your days. And to you, we extend an invitation to join us at our tables and help turn on the light. Because Jesus has done so for us!

Our Model at the Center is unique, we invite other non-profits to come beside us to work with us not in competition with us. We fight together for unjust ways people are being treated. We try to have a holistic approach to our services.

One of the many benefits of our approach to being of service is that each week hundreds of people take us up on our offer of hospitality. In response to this the staff at The Center and our partners have developed a number of programs offerings that are designed to address some of the critical needs that many of our guests have. The practice of radical hospitality means that we invite the whole person into our space, wounds and all.

When we first began, we thought the answer to scarcity was abundance. Instead what we found through years of working together our perspective has changed a bit. We have gone from a thought of scarcity to a thought of enough. We do this by ensuring that there is always enough for everyone – enough food, enough clothing, enough funding. Sometimes we wonder if we will have enough but God provides daily and blesses us with just enough.



On a hot day in August we welcome our guest with water!

Thank you for providing cases of water for us to hand out.

Again, we invite YOU to partner with us as we try to be radical in our hospitality as we welcome all who come



We offer:

- bus tokens
- breakfast and lunch
- free coffee

- help with housing needs
- conversations for hurting people
- healthy community relationships
- homeless outreach
- youth outreach
- neighborhood development
- and so much more!



Connor, our Associate Director. He does many things at The Center. He runs the skate church, keeps the calendars, managed the finances, provides case management with people, and has been know to cut hair. (although he only know one style-buzz)

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Job Opening:
The Center is looking for a part time Social Worker to work with our Street Team Homeless OutReach. Call Pennie for more details

Giving from the Heart is EASY

This month we are asking that you prayerfully give to our yearly fundraiser-

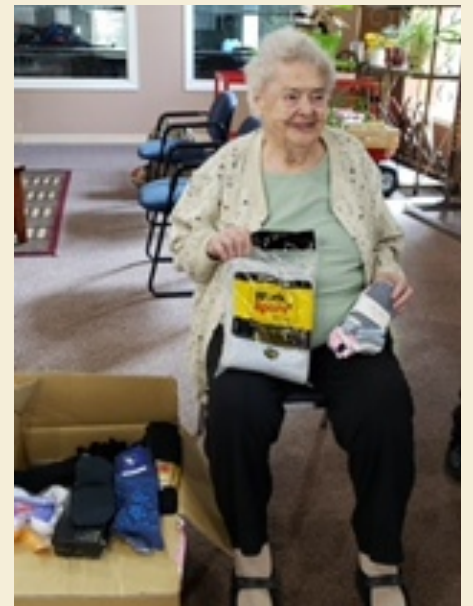
OR BETTER YET BRING SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER BEEN HERE. WE WILL BE SHARING STORIES ABOUT THE IMPACT THE CENTER HAS HAD ON SEVERAL LIVES OVER THE LAST YEAR.

ENCLOSED IS AN ENVELOPE FOR YOUR DONATION TODAY,

CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



When Fae turned 97 she decided she had too much stuff! Instead of more gifts she asked for 97 pairs of socks to give to our homeless outreach team! Her smile says it all “giving is easy when it comes from the heart”.



Happy 97th Birthday



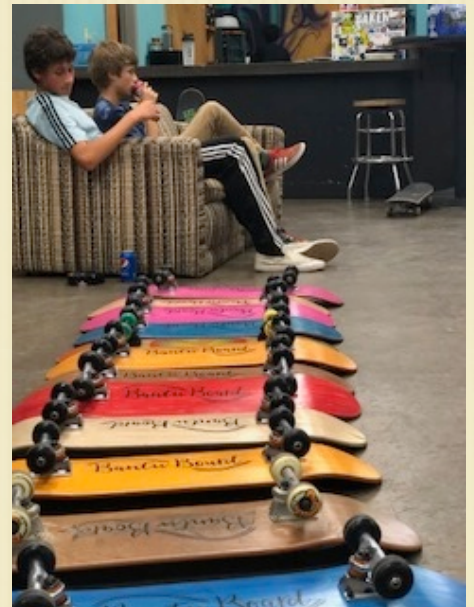
“Skate church is my family, I am here three nights a week. Skateboarding saved my life!”

Quincey

Picture above is of skate camp we had almost 40 student with five skatechurch student as leaders helping teaching with Connor at the camp.

SKATE CHURCH HOST SKATE CAMP WITH CORAM DEO BIBLE CHURCH VBS

With a dependence on God, through the Gospel, relationships, and example, we desire to enter into the lives of skateboarders to present an accurate picture of Jesus Christ resulting in the winning of souls and the transformation of lives. Skate church, has been reaching out to skaters, bikers, and scooter riders for about 20 years. Located within THE CENTER, it has been a testimony to the great work of the Lord and faithful savants. Over the years have seen to answered prayers and God’s power to save souls and change lives.



Picture to the right: skatechurch made boards with students