

OUTREACH

..... DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN

CROSSING BORDERS



..... IT MAY ONLY MEAN

CROSSING

THE STREET

..... DECEMBER 16, 2012 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 2012 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

CHRISTMAS

OFFERING

← COLLEGE PARK CHURCH →

★ ★ ★ BROOKSIDE INITIATIVE ★ ★ ★

Four years ago, gifts were given to Local Outreach in the 2008 Christmas Offering. We celebrate the gifts given and the ministries helped over these past four years!

With the 2008 Christmas Offering, the Brookside Initiative was launched. Local Outreach partners like the Midwest Food Bank and Heart Change were just beginning. Funds given helped propel them into the community. Other ministries like Kids Church, CEF, and Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic were able to increase operations and effectiveness from your gifts.

Four years later, with the help of your giving, many volunteers serving, and much prayer, these partners in the Brookside Initiative are reaching many families, single parents and children with the Gospel.

A passion for Jesus Christ has been ignited in our city through these Local Outreach partners, yet there is more in His plan. And we can celebrate that!

..... **HOW CAN**
YOUR GIFT
★ ★ ★ **MAKE A DIFFERENCE?** ★ ★ ★

YOUR GIFT...

HELPS PLANT A CHURCH IN BROOKSIDE

As the Kid's Church ministry has grown over the years, it became clear there was a great need to reach the families of the children they saw each week. With the vision of rebuilding the family unit in Brookside through the church, a group of believers led by Pastor Cory Johnson have been meeting on Sundays at the BEACH building in Brookside. This group (the Family Bible Study) has been gathering to hear the Word preached, worship in song, and apply the Word through small groups since June 2011.

College Park hopes to help grow this group into an affiliate church plant at the BEACH in 2013. Cory Johnson will serve as the pastor alongside a group of elders and their families, with the support of Christmas Offering funds that will be dispersed over the next four years as needed.

SUPPORTS A ★ CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR POSITION ★ ★ ★ TO HELP MINISTER TO CHILDREN AT HEART CHANGE

The ministry of Heart Change teaches mothers how to care for their children, how to care for their homes, and how to get the skills they need to move forward in life. Perhaps more importantly, Heart Change develops life-giving relationships with these women—lovingly pursuing their becoming disciples of Christ and growing in Him.

As more and more women come to Heart Change, they are bringing their children. This has become a wonderful opportunity to teach the children some important skills they may not have received in the home, to help them with literacy training, but also to teach them God's Word. Heart Change would plan to use Christmas Offering gifts to go towards a Children's Director position so they can better minister to all of the many kids coming with their moms to Heart Change.

GIVES CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CRU STUDENTS TO BE EQUIPPED TO REACH OUR CITY.

Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) has a three-fold strategy of disciple-making: "win, build, and send." Funds from the Christmas Offering will focus on building and equipping disciples by providing conference scholarships. At these conferences, students receive valuable training as well as practical opportunities to serve in our city.

**GIVES
HEAT TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
AT THE OAKS ACADEMY WHERE STUDENTS
GET A CHRIST CENTERED EDUCATION**

The Oaks Academy moved into its second location in 2012 after purchasing and renovating a former IPS school building. It is an amazing opportunity to now have a Christ-centered school with a classical education only one mile from the BEACH in Brookside. Some great renovations have been made to the school, but there is still the biggest need of a new boiler to provide more heat.

As you can imagine, helping to get a new boiler is only the beginning of the impact that's made. The physical equipment of a boiler enables more children to comfortably sit in classrooms where they are getting a true education and learning under Christian teachers. As the children grow, they become beacons of light among their families and the community.

**GIVES MORE CHILDREN
A SAFE CHRIST-LOVING HOME
THROUGH SAFE FAMILIES WHEN LIVING
WITH THEIR PARENTS IS NOT AN OPTION**

The vision of Safe Families for Children is to return the church to the forefront of caring for children and families in crisis. We believe that we, as Christians, are called to care for the weak and the needy, the fatherless, and the widows and orphans. Funding is requested to recruit, screen, and train families from College Park to serve as Host Families. Funding will allow College Park to increase the number of Safe Families who can adequately care for children by funding some of the screening process, allowing more funds for recruitment and training of families, and covering some of the associated administrative costs.

**GIVES A HURTING SOUL
A BED TO SLEEP IN
AND A CHANCE TO
ATTEND
BIBLE STUDY
AT WHEELER MINISTRIES**

Christmas Offering funds will go towards helping with the renovation of the Men's Shelter, where the homeless in Indiana are fed, sheltered, and loved. The facility only has room for 124 beds, and on most winter nights they're forced to squeeze many more than that into their shelter. There is a great need to increase the capacity of the beds from 124 to 200 as well as update their kitchen facilities. For the men who stay at this shelter they receive not only a bed and some warm food but they also attend chapel or Bible studies, some of which are led by College Park men.

**HELPS BROOKSIDE CHILDREN
LEARN AND BE MENTORED
BY CHRISTIANS THROUGH
THE WHIZ KIDS PROGRAM
AT SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CENTER**

Shepherd Community Center is implementing a tutoring and mentoring program known as WHIZ Kids at their locations in Indianapolis. This program provides desperately needed literacy help through one-on-one tutoring while at the same time creating an avenue for one-on-one mentoring. This program has been proven to reach over 1,200 students in Cincinnati, and Shepherd is hoping to see it take root in Indianapolis. Funds will go towards staffing, training, and curriculum development.

**ALLOWS LIFE CENTERS
TO EXPAND THEIR FACILITIES
AND THEREBY EXTEND THEIR INFLUENCE**

Life Centers provides compassionate care to women facing unplanned pregnancies, with the hope of protecting the unborn. The money will allow Life Centers to increase their influence by strategically expanding their facilities.

**DEVELOPS A
PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION
ALLOWING CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP
TO START MORE GOOD NEWS CLUBS
IN LOCAL SCHOOLS**

Using the in-school outreach program of Good News Clubs, CEF this year had its highest ever number of kids participate in the Brookside schools.

CEF would like to use funds to help support a Program Coordinator who could oversee the start and growth of new Good News Clubs in Brookside. Each ministry coordinator is responsible for raising his or her own funds, and Christmas Offering gifts would go towards matching half of one's salary. This opportunity would help enable more children in the city's urban core to be exposed to the gospel on a regular basis.

**HELPS PEOPLE IN
NEED OF LEGAL HELP
IN THE BROOKSIDE AREA
RECEIVE IT WITH AN ATTORNEY FROM THE
NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTIAN LEGAL CLINIC**

The Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic provides free legal counsel through an intake site at the BEACH in Brookside. Christmas Offering funds will help pay for more staff attorneys and summer interns who can serve low-income areas through legal aid.

However, the counsel goes beyond sitting at a desk and helping individuals with legal matters. These attorneys are Christians who are engaging with people going through tremendous challenges in their life. The attorneys provide needed encouragement and prayer while helping them recover their lives.

**ALLOWS OUTREACH INC.
TO EXPAND THEIR FACILITIES
AND THEREBY EXTEND THEIR INFLUENCE**

Outreach Inc. currently uses a renovated home as their facility. This has allowed a great environment for teens to walk right in and receive the love and encouragement needed. However, their building capacity is maxed out and financial gifts are needed to help with facility expansion so they can better minister to teenagers coming in. It's challenging to do crisis counseling when there's no room for privacy, and this facility expansion initiative will greatly enhance how Outreach Inc. can effectively carry out its mission.

**HELPS MIDWEST FOOD BANK
PURCHASE A REFRIGERATED FOOD TRUCK
ENABLING THEM TO DO DISASTER-RELIEF MINISTRY AND AIDE LOCAL CHURCHES**

In 2011 the Midwest Food Bank distributed approximately \$9 million of food and supplies at no charge to over 200 not-for-profit organizations. With a portion of the 2012 Christmas Offering, they plan to purchase a refrigerator box truck that will be used to pick up additional donations of frozen and perishable foods and to provide a regular mobile pantry to the Brookside area. This allows the Midwest Food Bank to increase the amount of donated food they can receive as well as what they can take to local ministries and churches. Through the Midwest Food Bank, churches are feeding the hungry but also sharing the love of Christ as they do so.

YOUR GIFT

— HELPS IGNITE —

..... A PASSION FOR

JESUS

— RIGHT HERE IN OUR CITY —



THEN & NOW

SEE THE GROWTH IN GOD'S KINGDOM RIGHT HERE
IN OUR CITY OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

KIDS CHURCH

2008 Number of kids hearing the Gospel **60**

2011 Number of kids hearing the Gospel **150**

THE OAKS ACADEMY

2008 Number of students enrolled **266**
Tenants in one building

2012 Number of students enrolled **500**
Owners of two buildings

MIDWEST FOOD BANK

2008 Individuals served monthly **40,000**
Value of food distributed **\$3.4 million**

2011 Individuals served monthly **60,000**
Value of food distributed **\$8.9 million**

SAFE FAMILIES

2008 Number of children from unstable homes
placed in safe families **23**

2011 Number of children from unstable homes
placed in safe families **324**

WHEELER MISSION

2008 Nights of lodging **101,255**
Bible study attendance **74,170**

2011 Nights of lodging **120,276**
Bible study attendance **79,852**

LIFE CENTERS

2008 Women who have chosen life **572**

2011 Women have chosen life since 2008 **1,127**

JESUS GAVE HIMSELF FOR US TO REDEEM US FROM ALL LAWLESSNESS
AND TO PURIFY FOR HIMSELF A PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN POSSESSION
WHO ARE ZEALOUS FOR GOOD WORKS.

TITUS 2:14

CRU

2008 On campus Bible study leaders **10**

2012 On campus Bible study leaders **40**

OUTREACH INC.

2008 High school students helped
to graduate **23**

2011 High school students helped
to graduate **40**

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP (CEF)

2008 26 clubs in 25 schools
Professions of faith **28**

2011 33 clubs in 29 schools
Professions of faith **205**

SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CENTER

2008 Students helped by Shepherd to graduate
high school **20**

2012 Students helped by Shepherd to graduate
high school **50**

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTIAN LEGAL CLINIC

2008 Individuals served with legal advice in
Brookside neighborhood **0**

2012 Individuals served with legal advice in
Brookside neighborhood since then **479**

HEART CHANGE

2008 Women attending **28**
Mothers University Graduates **0**

2011 Women attending **60**
Mothers University grads as of today **19**

CROSSROADS BIBLE COLLEGE

2008 Students **203**
Graduates **32**
Locations **1**

2011 Students: **231**
Graduates **70**
Locations **5**

FAQ'S

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==== OF THE 2012 ====
CHRISTMAS OFFERING



WHY GIVE TO THE BROOKSIDE INITIATIVE AGAIN?

In 2008, the College Park Church Christmas Offering launched the Brookside Initiative. Our gifts helped strengthen, sustain, and develop new ministries within the Brookside community of Indianapolis. Every four years, the Christmas Offering will go towards Local Outreach, and this year we have the chance to build upon what we started. Through the 2008 Christmas Offering we've seen God make an immediate imprint in this neighborhood, and our prayer is that through the 2012 Offering that imprint will greatly expand.

However, it's important to know that College Park is not simply giving money every four years as the extent of our relationship. The ministries to which we give are strategic Local Outreach partners. Our

church serves alongside them throughout the year, and annually our SERVE day goes towards blessing these ministries in significant ways. College Park Church has chosen to invest in the Brookside community not just financially but through service, prayer, partnerships, and long-term commitments. Even as we celebrate what God has done in the last four years, it is clear that great blessings have led to greater opportunities. God has used our church to do significant things in Brookside and through the 2012 Christmas Offering and we want to be used in even greater ways. There are immediate needs and possibilities in our own city that your gift will go towards so that a passion to follow Jesus is ignited locally.



HOW DO THE PHYSICAL GIFTS FOR THE PARTNERS HAVE SPIRITUAL CONSEQUENCES?

The giving of money is ultimately a stewardship issue, and we want you to know your gift will actually have a direct spiritual investment. Even though many of the results of the gifts will go to material or organizational needs there is a difference between giving to our Local Outreach partners and giving to a general humanitarian organization. Even as they seek to meet physical needs in the community, the goal is to build bridges of grace that can bear the weight of truth. What that means is that as these ministries love other, they are building relationships where they can then share the truth of the gospel.

Every gift that answers an immediate need of a local partner then allows them to better reach others.

See how your Christmas Offering gift will make a direct spiritual investment at

YOURCHURCH.COM/CHRISTMASOFFERING

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