



## 2015 Banquet & \$50,000 Match Update

We were blessed to have another annual banquet this year where our supporters were able to come together, join us for dinner and hear how God continues to move in the lives of numerous families and children through the activities of the Center. Those in attendance were also able to hear from Pete Brokopp as he shared from his life experience as a missionary in Burkina Faso and challenged us all as to the importance of noticing those right in front of us and not to neglect our cities.

As a result of our gathering we gained some new friendships and saw current supporters of the Center inspired to continue in their partnerships with us. We raised close to \$15,000 through the banquet in donation and pledges which will be matched dollar for dollar. We also had donations come in prior to and after the banquet (from those who could not be present at the event) which brought our match grant total to just under \$30,000.

We are excited by those numbers, but we still have \$20,000 more to raise in the next few weeks towards the \$50,000 match opportunity we announced in connection with our Banquet. Any new donations and or pledges will be applied toward that match amount so join in helping us meet that goal.



## Volunteers Needed This Summer

With so many activities happening this summer we will be in continual need of volunteers to help us in our various activities. Here are some ways that you can help us in reaching our goals this summer through service. Call or E-mail either Scott or Ruth for more details on these opportunities.

- Soccer camp support staff
- Hospitality in serving meals to Envision teams (anytime Sunday evening through Friday evening)
- ESL support staff
- Summer camp counselor @ Chicago Alive sleepaway camp (July 26-30, July 31-Aug 4)

## May 2015 Newsletter

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### Schedule of Events

#### **4 Weeks of Soccer Camp**

June 8—12

June 15—19

June 22—26

June 29—July 3

From 6:00pm—8:00pm

#### **Summer Camp**

July 6—Aug 14, 9am—2pm

#### **English as a Second Language Classes**

July 6—Aug 14

Mon—Thurs 2:30—5:30pm

#### **Women's Bible study**

Wednesday 6:30—8:00pm

#### **Men's Bible study**

Wednesday 10:00—11:30am

## Board of Directors

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## Electronic Funds Transfer

We accept credit cards and electronic fund transfers directly from your account to ours. The process is fast and secure. Visit our website and follow the instructions on our donation page to get started today!

## Prayer Support

We believe that our ability to do what we do comes from the grace of God, providing our team with wisdom in making decisions and guiding our daily activities. Praying for us daily would be great encouragement to our team.

## Contacting Us

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## Envision Teams

This past March and May, we had three Envision teams come through the Center. Our first two teams were from Toccoa Falls College and Simpson University. Our third team was a small adult group from Fallen Timbers Community Church in Waterville, Ohio.



It is amazing to see God use these teams to love on the children that we serve, playing with them, teaching them about God, helping them with homework, and reading to them.

As the teams come to our neighborhood to serve we also highly value our time to pour into the teams and teach them about God's love for all people, push them out of their comfort zones, and inspire them to live more wholly in pursuit of Christ. Pray for us as we host more than 200 people this summer from more than 12 different churches working together to see opportunities created to experience God.

Here are some of the testimonies from the week.

"This trip was life changing. So many amazing things happened and I feel that I am a better person now because of this trip."

"The entire week was just one huge memorable moment. I enjoy morning teaching sessions, I loved working with the kids, and helping with the ESL classes. But one of the greatest things about this week would probably be the community and friendships that were built. I loved my team and getting to know them. I loved the individuals that we met in Chicago. This week was exactly what I needed- to get away, to lay my selfish needs and desires down, and to serve. I'm beyond thankful that the Lord led me to spend my last undergrad spring break with Envision Chicago."



"God taught me about his love for people. I found myself to be heart broken for people, which was a new experience for me. God showed me his power and hand in ministry and how everything happens in his will."

