

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Western Avenue Community Center

FALL 2018

## A summer to remember...

Kids ages 5 –13 enjoyed a variety of enrichment activities:

- ◆ Different types of dancing and friendly competitions.
- ◆ Theatre to bring out the character in everyone.
- ◆ Cyber time on ISU campus at the Technology Center.
- ◆ Art masterpieces created with help from ISU Art Station.
- ◆ Derby cars and motorcycles decorated and raced with help from ISU Math and Science Education.
- ◆ Visits to the zoo and nature center to see all the wonderful animals God has made.
- ◆ Most importantly, relationships were made and nurtured.



Derby races



Beautiful art created by a group of budding artists...

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Everybody dance now...

## God is on the move...the power of prayer and connection is amazing!

As our board of directors discussed the impact of our After School Program and the waiting list we experience, it's been on our hearts to find a way to expand our outreach while maintaining the depth of service quality, our first priority.

As the former Crosswinds Church and Community Center ownership was transferred, we viewed it as an opportunity to learn how the new owners planned to serve the community and how we might be able to work together if our missions and purpose aligned and we have shared goals. Lo and behold, God had put it on the new owners hearts to serve the neighborhood and build relationships with organizations already serving the community.

Much progress has been made in a very few short months with the help of God through community organizations' volunteers and staff! We are very grateful for the opportunity to serve more children through our After School Program and see the benefits of having them in one location this year at the Eastview Bloomington Campus!

## What does this mean for WACC?

It means there will be more space available to expand other programming efforts, better able to be the host site for more senior activities, provide a connecting space for youth through City Life Bloomington, provide gym space for athletic activities and to offer more space for wellness activities just to name a few.

## WE NEED YOU

Recruiting 2018-19 After School Program Volunteers!

Check our website or contact Jen Trimble for more info 309-829-4807

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### NEW SESSIONS

\*New Scout troop for boys AND girls entering K-5th grade through Scoutreach. Tuesday's 4:45—5:45pm.

No cost, but must register.

*"As a single mom, I don't know what I'd do without the After School Program."*

- Ami Crawford



WACC is pleased to announce the grant award from Illinois Prairie Community Foundation of \$1000 was granted for **Broadening Horizons to Increase Resiliency** to WACC's After School Program by providing exposure to and experience with additional STEAM activities that may further level the playing field in areas for students at risk academically or socially.



Get Your  
Tickets Now!

WACC MYSTERY DINNER  
FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 2ND 6 PM

This year's theme is Murders of The Lost Crusade but you don't have to be an adventure-seeking archeologist to help figure out whodunit in this Indiana Jones-inspired performance! Join a party thrown by an eccentric millionaire celebrating a recovered treasure that was only fabled to exist: the Egg of Monoceros. Dying to see it, Indiana must crash the party to reveal the Egg of Monoceros is just the starting place for the real adventure. When a trail of murders is uncovered, it's up to our hero to fight the bad guys, find the killer, and make the biggest archeology discovery of his career. Filled with famous characters from the original trilogy and some outrageous new ones, join Indy as he saves the day and the girl.

*Dinner, cash bar,  
silent & live auctions,  
and much more !*

<http://bit.ly/WACCDinner18>



Without a Net Entertainment

Calling All Seniors

**Potluck Bingo** at Western Avenue is the place to be on the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. A lively group of seniors come each month to enjoy food, fellowship, Bingo and fun prizes. All are welcome! The staff enjoy hearing the excitement and laughter, too.



SENIOR FALL FESTIVAL DINNER DANCE

OCT. 8th at 5:30 p.m.

Come and join us an evening of dancing the night away (or watching others dance) and enjoying a nice meal with fellow seniors. \$4.00/person. For reservations, call 309.829.4807.

Fall Highlights

10/7  
Putt Putt for Charity  
Fundraiser

10/8  
Senior Fall Festival  
Dinner-Dance

10/10—10/14  
Chicago Mexican  
Consulate

10/17 & 10/18  
Driver Safety Classes

11/2  
Mystery Dinner Fundraiser

10/3, 10/24, 11/14, 12/5  
Bookmobile at WACC



CURRENT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bloomington Center for Performing Arts  
Bloomington Public Library  
Boy Scouts  
Chicago Mexican Consulate  
City Life Bloomington  
District 87  
Downtown Bloomington Association  
Eastview Bloomington Campus  
Heartland Community College  
Home Sweet Home Mission  
Illinois Prairie Community Foundation  
Immigration Project  
Illinois State University  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
ISU Strings Project  
Jump 4 Joy  
Kindermusik  
Lincoln College  
Midwest Food Bank  
Pagoda Rebirth Martial Arts  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Star Literacy  
State Farm Insurance  
The Links, Inc.  
U of I Home Extension  
Unit 5  
United Way of McLean County  
WBRP  
Wishbone Canine Vaccination Clinic  
YMCA  
Zen Kids Yoga

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