



SUMMER 2016

CAMPAIGN FOR THE FUTURE: *Building Dreams. Transforming Lives. Advancing Hope.*

Come this June, the staff and volunteers at WSCC will be putting on our hard hats! Our home at the corner of W. 32nd and Lorain has served us well for nearly 40 years, but as the needs grow among WSCC's clients, so does the need for a physical space that will bring our clients the services they deserve. Our buildings need expansions and revitalization; our programs need increased space and opportunity; and our organization needs capital to continue serving those who come to us in need.

"Over the last several decades, we've been good stewards of our resources, but the reality is that our spaces no longer accommodate the size of our services, and our buildings require significant renovations," says

Christopher Koehler, WSCC Board President-Elect and chairman of the campaign.

Over the past two years, the Board of Directors and administrative staff of the WSCC have been making plans and determining how best to create spaces that will meet the needs of clients, staff and volunteers. Active fundraising began several months ago with our silent phase.

Now, we are pleased to share the Campaign for the Future with you, and all the other friends and supporters of the WSCC. This \$2 million campaign will provide critical funding to improve our physical spaces and secure the future of the WSCC so that our clients will be able to depend on our services for years to come.

"Since the recession, there has been a consistent and growing need for services provided by the WSCC," says Executive Director Anita Cook. "We have set forth a plan to continually enhance the operations and services of the WSCC to meet this need, and with a campaign as ambitious as the Campaign for the Future, we are confident that we will achieve the goals we've established."

The Campaign for the Future has three main priorities: Building Dreams, Transforming Lives, and Advancing Hope. These components summarize each area of need of the WSCC, which are improving physical spaces, ensuring program expansion is possible, and contributing to our endowment to

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- June 23** Mass in Resource Center
- July 4** Adm. Offices & Resource Center Closed for Holiday
- July 7** Expressive Arts Program @ SIHS's Breen Center
- July 19** Mass in Resource Center
- August 13** Sips & Swigs @ SIHS's Kyle Field
- September 5** Adm. Offices & Resource Center Closed for Holiday
- September 28** Mass in Resource Center
- November 18** Mass in Resource Center

For more information visit the WSCC website!



Architectural Rendering of proposed Resource Center Dining Area Interior

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DIRECTOR'S DIALOGUE



I am very excited to announce the news of the public phase of our *Campaign for the Future* in this newsletter. The capital campaign has been in progress for many months. It began two years ago with a feasibility study. The results of the study found that donors, funders and other members of the community supported our plans for the campaign and a goal of \$2,000,000.

For the past several months Jennifer Highfield, several board members and I have been reaching out to longtime supporters to get their commitment to the campaign. To date, we have raised \$1,435,000.

Although we have not reached our goal, we have begun one phase of the repairs and rehabilitation. Soon Moriah House, the Women and Children's Shelter will have a new roof, new energy efficient second story windows, and reconfigured space in the basement for "Strengthening Families" programming for the women and children. In addition, the kitchen will get a new stove and walk-in freezer. Finally, all the resident rooms will be patched and painted and new flooring will be installed. Moriah House has been open for more than 15 years. While we have always kept the shelter in great shape, the everyday toll of 34 women and children continuously living in the building necessitates this work. The work at Moriah House should be completed by September, 2016.

If all goes as planned our fundraising activities will be completed by December 31, 2016. The remaining repairs and renovations of the two other buildings will occur in 2017. Appropriately, this work will coincide with the 40th Anniversary of WSCC!

Please read all about the campaign and consider supporting this important work. Look for updates about the campaign and the work in future newsletters, on our website – www.wsccenter.org - and other social media.

If you have any questions about the campaign please email me at acook@wsccenter.org or call 216-631-4741, ext. 102.

Help us Build Dreams, Transform Lives and Advance Hope!

God Bless!

*Anita Cook
Executive Director*

DID YOU KNOW?

That all three buildings on WSCC's campus are historic Ohio City buildings? We have been proud stewards of these buildings, having received awards for our care and maintenance from the city of Cleveland.

Resource Center :: Originally a bar and a bowling alley, acquired by WSCC in 1978.

Moriah House :: Originally Stork's, a baby clothing and furniture store, acquired in 1998 and moved into when fully renovated in 2001.

Zacchaeus Housing Solutions :: Originally an auto parts store, acquired in 2008 and moved into when fully renovated in 2010.



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support continued growth.

The improvements outlined in “Building Dreams” include renovating and reconfiguring the Resource Center first floor as well as the expansion of the second floor, crucial repairs to Moriah House, and a new roof and the addition of an elevator at the Zacchaeus Building. With these changes, our clients will be able to achieve more than ever. More hungry people will be accommodated by the new Resource Center, Moriah House will be better-suited to helping homeless children, and the Zacchaeus Building will be safely accessible for ALL clients-- not just the able-bodied. But the work won't stop there.

“Due to success and growing demand, the WSCC needs more space for our Economic Opportunities programs,” says WSCC Board President Paul Bachman. “With increased programming opportunities and a larger space, we’ll be able to meet the needs of a larger group and offer the tools and training to better position our clients for sustained success.”

This means the Economic Opportunities program will gain space to serve an increasing number of clients and create a more efficient office space for staff. Clients will also be able to access expanded services in financial literacy training and adult education, including a new on-

site computer lab.

Any additional funds raised beyond our goal of \$2 million will be placed in WSCC’s endowment. The additional funding will secure the future of WSCC and ensure we are able to meet the needs of our clients for years to come. Additionally, the endowment will provide annual earnings to help fund operations and special programs.

We will be officially kicking off the public phase of this campaign at the WSCC Annual 5K Run/1 Mile Walk and Pancake Breakfast! With your help, we are confident we will have a successful campaign and be able to conclude in January during our 40th anniversary celebration.

“This is an incredibly exciting time for the WSCC, and we’re pleased with the early response of our supporters,” says Cook. “They are contributing to our campaign because they are passionate about the WSCC, and they truly believe in our vision for the future.”

To learn more about the Campaign for the Future, please contact Anita Cook at acook@wsccenter.org or Jennifer Highfield, Director of Advancement, at jhighfield@wsccenter.org.



Architectural Rendering of proposed Resource Center Second Floor Addition

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE FUTURE!

Name, as you would like to be publicly recognized:

WSCC may publicly acknowledge my gift: Yes No

I would like to make a one-time gift of \$ _____

I would like to make a pledge (*payable from 1-3 years*) of \$ _____

No. of payments: _____ Beginning on: _____

Payment frequency: Annual Monthly Quarterly

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN THE REMITTANCE ENVELOPE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. YOU CAN INCLUDE PAYMENTS OF CHECK (*MADE PAYABLE TO WSCC*) OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION.

For any further information, payment options, or questions please contact the WSCC Advancement Department at ext. 132.

2015 DOROTHY DAY HUMANITARIAN AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Decades of Dedication

The annual Volunteer Appreciation event in April was full of great blessings and recognition of volunteers with decades of service to be proud of. The 2015 Dorothy Day Humanitarian Award was given to:

- Patricia O'Malley for her dedicated service to the Resource Center and Moriah House.
- WSCC Volunteer Nurse Program

The Dorothy Day award is presented to a volunteer or group whose service exemplifies the spirit of Dorothy Day and her mission to the homeless and forgotten of our society. These volunteers have dedicated so much time and energy to ensuring our clients feel safe and healthy.

In addition, eight volunteers were recognized for ten years of service to WSCC and Alice Grinnell was recognized for 20 years of service. Ken Pattison and Roger Towers were among ten volunteers recognized for having over 300 hours of service. Both of these gentlemen had over 800 hours of service in 2015!

WSCC could not be more proud to celebrate this group's spirit of humility, kindness and empathy. WSCC truly could not be the remarkable social service agency that it is without its volunteers.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE:

Summer Backpack Program Filling the Summer Food Gap

The Summer Backpack Program is just one of the ways WSCC ensures children and families in our area have the food they need. For 10 weeks on Fridays over the summer, WSCC and its volunteer partners provide a nutritious family meal, games and activities to promote family bonding, and a bag of healthy food that provide families with weekend meals.

Thanks to generous funding from **The Dominion Foundation and the Thatcher Family Fund**, kids are given special backpacks filled with nutritious foods. A typical pack will contain proteins, vegetables, fruits and miscellaneous items.

We anticipate that 120 children and 60 adults from the surrounding neighborhoods will be served by the program. Summer Backpack Program families meet the income requirements to receive food assistance through Federal-and State-funded food programs, meaning they are low-income or very low-income families. These families often do not know where their next meal is coming from, which severely limits parents' ability to raise healthy children.

Many parents expressed appreciation for the program in 2015. One week a grandmother exclaimed, "these things (food and raffle prize -- which she won that week) are blessings from God! I needed to get my granddaughter some shoes and now I

have the means to do it. And I now have food for the weekend which I was wondering how I was going to get. Thank you."

Through the provision of healthy food to low-income children, we feel we make a substantial impact on the overall health of families in our community. This could not be done without the support of our funders and volunteers. Thank you!



DONOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

WSCC expresses gratitude for the recent donations made in honor/memory of:

In Honor:

Joe Bryan
Lisa Ciocia
Jennifer Cole
Anita and Tom Cook
Nancy Cooke
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The Ridgecliff Foundation has once more committed to supporting our Substance Abuse Collaborative this year with a contribution of \$18,025.

We are grateful for the long-term support of the Foundation, which enables our clients to access treatment for substance abuse issues. This program aids nearly 100 clients annually with assessments and treatment.

Ridgecliff
FOUNDATION

MONTH'S MOST NEEDED ITEMS In-Kind Donations

In an effort to meet all the needs of our clients and programs of the WSCC, we ask for in-kind donations from you and the community. The In-Kind Donation program will focus its efforts monthly on a special request.

SUMMER MONTHLY REQUESTS

June
NEW NOT USED 500 sets of socks and 200 pairs of underwear. Many times we do not have enough socks and underwear to give to adults and children in our program areas. These items go out as fast as they come in.

July
500 Back-to-School Packages
WSCC provides each child residing in Moriah House or participating in our Zacchaeus Housing Solutions Program and Summer Backpack Program a backpack filled with the supplies needed to start school.

August
50 complete sets of dishes and 50 complete sets of silverware. Many times we can only give clients one or two pieces of dishes or silverware for an entire family to use.

September
200 towels

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

SUGGESTED COMPLETED BACKPACK:

Backpacks
Pens
Pencils
Erasers
Crayons
Markers
Colored Pencils
Lined Paper
Notebooks
Pocket Folders
Pencil Pouches
Glue Sticks

Please be assured that these supplies will be in the hands of children in need before the first day of school.

Gently used, solid colored school uniforms for both genders and all sizes are also in high demand. Clients struggle to keep their children in uniforms to meet the school requirements.

NEWS BRIEFS

APPLETREE BOOKS DISPLAY

Appletree Books, is an independent bookstore in the historic Cedar Fairmount neighborhood. Each month, owner Lynn Quintrell, offers various artists and nonprofits the opportunity to use her storefront windows for displays to share information or display work.

West Side Catholic Center will be hosted during the month of June at Appletree Books. WSCC's display will feature information on programs offered and a visual aid telling a client's story.

Appletree Books offers an eclectic, well-curated selection of new book titles in multiple genres for both children and adults. They also feature greeting cards and journals in addition to other small gift items.



FROM THE WSCC KITCHEN BLACK BEAN QUESADILLA

Lite Summer Food, Under \$10

- 1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup prepared fresh salsa
- 4 8-inch whole-wheat tortillas
- 2 teaspoons canola oil, divided
- 1 ripe avocado, diced

1. Combine beans, cheese and 1/4 cup salsa in a medium bowl.
2. Spread 1/2 cup filling on half of each tortilla. Fold tortillas in half, pressing gently to flatten.
3. Warm large nonstick skillet over medium heat.
4. Add 2 quesadillas and cook, turning once, until golden on both sides, 2 to 4 minutes total.

Serve the quesadillas with avocado and the remaining salsa.

SUMMER CAMP

Funding from the **Billie Howland Steffee Family Fund** and private donors will allow WSCC to send children from Zacchaeus and Moriah House to one week of Hiram House Camp as a form of recreational therapy to promote healing in children who have experienced trauma due to homelessness. For the last four years the Hiram House Camping experience has enriched the lives of children and has resulted in immediate and positive changes in behavior, with noticeable upswings in enthusiasm, confidence, and overall morale for the participants.



2016 EXPRESSIVE ARTS PROJECT SHOWCASE: Annual Community Client Art Showcase



You're Invited to the 6th Annual Expressive Arts Project Showcase
Thursday, July 7, 2016

Breen Center for Performing Arts
St. Ignatius High School

FREE ADMISSION - 6:00PM
Featuring

- Readings from Creative Writing
- Drumming Performances
- Art in Action work on display

Client artwork will be available for purchase, with all profits going to the clients.



EVENTS BENEFITTING WSCC

WSCC has two fundraising events coming soon: **Warm Hearts Winter Nights** and the Associate Board's **Sips & Swigs** beer tasting event. **Each event has opportunities for sponsorships, marketing, and in-kind donations.** For more information contact Jennie Highfield, Director of Advancement, at JHighfield@wsccenter.org or extension 132.



4th Annual S.O.U.L. Race St. Joseph Catholic Church Saturday, October 15, 2016

The S.O.U.L Race is a 5k Run-1-mile walk that is fun for the entire family. St. Joseph Catholic Church in Strongsville created this event to raise awareness about healthy living and to raise funds for local charities.

Go online to register today!
sjohio.org/soul

Marriott Key Center Saturday, November 5, 2016

A fun evening celebrating the mission and programs of WSCC! Guests enjoy dinner, a silent auction, raffles and dancing. This is WSCC's largest fundraiser. We hope that you will consider joining us at the annual Gala.

Event, sponsor and ticket information at wsccenter.org/gala

Gordon Square Arts District Saturday, November 12, 2016

Stroll through the Gordon Square Arts District while enjoying a wide variety of soups from Cleveland's favorite restaurants. Your vote will help select the Souperbowl CLE 2016 winners!

Tickets \$25

Event and ticket information:
souperbowlCLE.com

BEERFEST BENEFIT



AUG. 13
3 PM UNTIL 7 PM
ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL | KYLE FIELD

THE WSCC ASSOCIATE BOARD PROUDLY PRESENTS



BEER MUSIC FOOD RAIN OR SHINE

SAMPLE BEER FLIGHTS FROM MIDWEST CRAFT BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS VISIT
WSCCENTER.ORG/SIPSANDSWIGS

ADMISSION

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
Unlimited 3 oz. pours from breweries, collectible glass, food, music, photo booth and more...

ADVANCED REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED. MUST BE 21 OR OVER, ID REQUIRED.

TICKET PRICES:

\$50 :: Early Bird (through June 30)
\$60 :: General (June 30 to 12PM Aug. 12)
\$65 :: Day Of
\$25 :: Designated Driver (non-drinker)

FOOD MUSIC & FUN

- Tickets sold for Chinese raffle, Grand Prize Raffle & more.
- Cornhole Tournament Entry fees are \$10 per person or \$20 per team. Prize for winners!
- **BRING CASH TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR RAFFLES OR TO ENTER THE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT. ATM NOT AVAILABLE ONSITE.**



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IT IS OUR MISSION :



West Side Catholic Center is grounded in faith, hope, love and respect for those we serve, we assist all who come in need of food, clothing, shelter, advocacy and a path to self-sufficiency.

"I am so thankful for being able to go to Hiram Summer Camp. It was the first time I got to hike, swim and canoe. It was good to get out of the Shelter."

- Courtney

