



January 2016

News

Bright Futures Harrisonville named finalist for three awards

Bright Futures USA has started an awards program in conjunction with its annual conference. In the first year for the awards, Bright Futures Harrisonville is a finalist in three of the five categories. Our affiliate is in the running for Affiliate of the Year and the Spotlight Award which focuses on marketing and promotion efforts. The Harrisonville United Methodist Church has also been named a finalist for Partner of the Year. The awards will be presented at the Bright Futures USA Community Engagement Conference Banquet on March 3.

Alternative School students build life skills thanks to Methodist Church

Over the last few weeks, members of the Harrisonville United Methodist Church have met with students from the Alternative School to help with interview skills, resume building, and more. The church arranged for a hair stylist to provide tips and hair cuts, then any student who needed it could shop in the Cats Basement for appropriate interview attire. The culmination came yesterday when the church hosted a Mock Interview Day for the students. A dozen church members spent the day interviewing the students, providing feedback, and then celebrating a successful day. Two students walked away with real jobs...one starts March 1 and the other starts June 1st!

Volunteer & Partner of the Month

Congratulations to our #My42 Volunteer & Partner of the Month - Michelle McCune and the Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene. Michelle is a regular volunteer with the Middle School After School Program. She has also spearheaded groups to help with weekend backpacking. The Harrisonville Church of the Nazarene has been a great partner for McEwen Elementary School providing snacks for the nurse and birthday party celebrations and volunteers for various events; chalking sidewalks with positive messages for MAP testing and the start of school; and being a leader with the Middle School After School Program.

The Middle School After School Program is always seeking additional volunteers. The program is held every Wednesday from 2:40-4:30 p.m. at Harrisonville Middle School. Volunteers can lead craft or cooking activities, or simply hang out with the participants and be a positive role model in their lives. You can volunteer for one week or multiple weeks. Contact Kim Duey for more information - kimduey1@gmail.com

Bright Futures gives Holiday Store proceeds to Ministerial Alliance

Members of the Bright Futures Advisory Board presented a check to the Harrisonville Ministerial Alliance for \$618.67. These funds were the proceeds from the Holiday Store in December. The Holiday Store offered all children the opportunity to shop for family & friends for only 25 cents/ticket during the Christmas on the Square event. A big thank you to all who made the Holiday Store possible!

Current Needs/Opportunities

Basketball Drive

Bright Futures will host a shoe/men's clothing drive at the February 23 boys' basketball game. We will be collecting new or gently used tennis shoes (male & female, all sizes) and men's black or gray dress pants and black dress shoes. The tennis shoes will be used in our Cats Basement and the men's dress clothes are needed for our Prom Closet. Anyone who brings a pair of shoes or pants gets into the game for free.

ECC Kindness Tunnel

As a culminating activity for kindergarten students participation in The Great Kindness Challenge this week, ECC is looking for community members who'd be willing to share a bit of kindness with the students by forming a Kindness Tunnel for the kids to walk through. ECC has an assembly on Friday and they'd like the kids to walk through the tunnel after the assembly

at approx. 3:15 p.m. You'd get to share a smile, positive words of encouragement and even some high 5s with our children. No RSVP is necessary, just come!

Make a Cake for Kids

Do you enjoy baking? Did you know that you can share your talent, give your [#My42](#), and make a child's birthday great? The Make a Cake for Kids program provides a personalized birthday cake for children who might not otherwise have a cake on their birthdays. Volunteers bake and deliver the cakes throughout the year. To get involved, search for the Make a Cake for Kids Facebook group. Each month, the program coordinator posts a list of dates and through the group, volunteers sign up!

Shout Outs for Giving #My42

- to Faith Baptist Church, the Harrisonville Schools Admin Office staff, the Middle School After School program, and Ms. Baxter's 5th grade class for packing backpacks this month.
- to Larry Pfautsch, Cathe Johnson, Deb Welhoff, Sonia Leslie, & Mackenzie Leslie who helped with the HES Family Night event!
- to Connie White's School of Dance for donating hats, gloves & winter wear to us! These were given in honor of Connie in lieu of Christmas gifts.
- to Kara Costner and Bill Kirkemo for helping at lunch at McEowen the first couple of days of the new Garden Bar.

Needs Met for January 2016

School Supplies- 3
Clothes- 13
Shoes- 14
Hygiene- 8
Total Needs Met- 38

Upcoming Calendar **These meetings/events are open to all.

Event	Date/Time	Location
ECC Council Mtg.	Mon., Feb. 1, 2:15 p.m.	ECC, 500 Polar Lane
HES Council Meeting	Tues., Feb. 2, 8:00 a.m.	HES, 101 Meghan Drive
HMS Council Meeting	Wed., Feb. 3, 11 a.m.	HMS, 601 S. Highland Drive
HHS Council Mtg.	Thursday, February 4, 11:30 a.m.	HHS, 1504 E. Elm
CCC Council Mtg.	Wed., Feb. 10, 4 p.m.	CCC, 1600 E. Elm
Bright Futures Advisory Board Mtg.	Monday, Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m.	Administrative Office, 503 S. Lexington
Alt School Council Mtg.	Wed., Feb. 17, 1:30 p.m.	Alt School, 402 Eastwood Rd.
McEowen Council Mtg.	Tues., Feb. 16, 4 p.m.	McEowen Elementary, 1901 S. Halsey

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