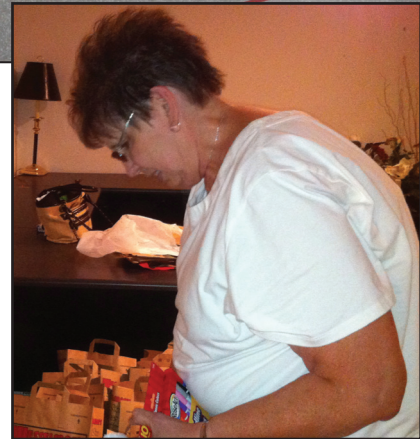


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Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he does for his people! Psalm 65:5

## Back to School Supplies

Students in the Dream Center Kindergarten through high school programs received back to school supplies for the upcoming school year. The supplies included pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, and folders. Thanks for Linda Heidom and all our sponsors for making this project a huge success!



## Open House

The Dream Center Staff attended Open Houses at Cedar Hall Community School, Evans Elementary School, and Lincoln Elementary School. The staff informed students and parents of the programs offered at the Dream Center. New students registered and flyers were handed out promoting a new Saturday Program starting in September.

## Launch of New Saturday Program

The Dream Center is offering a new exciting program for elementary students on Saturdays which will help provide students the opportunity to engage in healthy relationships and participate in fun and educational activities as well as receive a healthy, nutritious meal at the end of the program that will be available to them and their families. The goal of this program is to give students the opportunity to experience different activities that will help build their sense of trust, cooperation, team work, character, and community leadership through the use of guest speakers, activities and responsibilities given to students each month. The Saturday Program will also provide students a safe place to go during the weekend and help the children become active and engaged with their peers in a healthy and positive environment.

The Saturday Program will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. A guest speaker or staff member will speak about the characteristic, quality or trait that will be focused on for the day to help prepare the minds of students for the activity that they will have to complete. Each activity will accommodate to the desired lesson to be learned. Afterwards, parents will be encouraged to join the students for lunch to encourage parent participation. While students and families finish, they can help clean up after lunch, teaching them responsibility in the process.

# Love of Learning

September 12th, the Dream Center will begin the Love of Learning Program for K-6th grade. The classes will be held for 9 consecutive weeks and assist students in developing their skills in mathematics, reading and writing. Classes will be from 3:45 to 4:45 on Monday and Thursdays. Love of Learning will also continue on Tuesday and Wednesdays for middle school and high school students.

# Summer Activities

## USI and the Dream Center – A Slam Dunk Partnership!

The Dream Center held a special summer session featuring players from the Men's Basketball Team at USI. Students participated in basic shooting, passing, and dribbling drills. Students also learned the importance of proper stretching before physical activities. As a grand finale, the USI players put on a Slam Dunk Exhibition.



## Courtney's Crew

Courtney Mickel took a group of high school students to a different location each week. They discussed Life Skill topics such as: How to use coupons, how to manage their finances, college campus tour of USI. They students were also exposed to different restaurants that they had not been to before.

## Community Support

Summertime Inc. held an event at the Evansville Athletic Club to raise money for the Dream Center. They raised \$1553 for the Dream Center. Thanks to Travis Wayne and Summertime, Inc. for the \$1553 donation. Also, big thanks to Orthopedic Associated for a donation of \$483.10!

## Leaders in Learning

Campers involved in the Leaders in Learning Program from the YMCA Camp Carson came to the Dream Center for a service project. Campers learned about the history of the Dream Center, who is served, and the programs offered. The LIL students cleaned the upstairs classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen and floors. After leaving the Dream Center, one of the campers mentioned how it opened their eyes to the need in our community. Thank you to the Camp Carson Cleaning Crew for leaving the Dream Center sparkling clean.

# ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

We need volunteers to increase our student to adult ratio. We have an immediate need for: Wednesday night middle school, K-6 volunteers to assist with homework and the Love of Learning Launch, and volunteers for the new Saturday program. Please call the Dream Center at 401-5558 for more details.

In July...      1125 – Meals served  
                      991 – Times a child attended the summer programs  
                      785 – Times a child attended the faith based programs  
                      572 – Times a child attended the after school program  
                      121 – Times a child was transported  
                      108 – Served through the Dream Center Food Pantry

Thanks to all of our faithful donors for blessing these children!

**Thank you!**  
*Kristy Jossa*, Editor