Summer—it comes every year. And with summer comes Central Detroit Christian CDC’s summer programs and summer dreams campaign. Our dreams are always ambitious and God sized, and every year God does not disappoint us with how He provides the necessary funding for the programs to operate. Each year He does that differently too, so we are excited to see how He does it this year. We know this—it does include you our friends, our financial partners, our readers of this newsletter for the first time.

Summer for Central Detroit Christian CDC includes 6 weeks of Breakthrough Day Camp (last year we had between 200-250 kids daily), 2 weeks of overnight camp, and 6 weeks of employment for 225 teens, teaching and production gardens, work projects which will help advance the housing development we are doing, and a dozen different volunteer groups descending upon us to help make it all happen. It also includes hiring additional summer staff to work with day camp, to work with volunteers, to work with teens, to work in the gardens. And, it concludes with reminding kids that school is just around the corner by providing them with a backpack filled with school supplies.

All this to say that we need you, the children and teens need you so they can experience a safe, fun, Jesus filled, well supervised summer. At the bottom of this page is a coupon for you to use to send with your gift to expand the possibilities for our young people including discovering who they are in Christ. Thank you in advance for your part in making our dreams for the children in this community a reality.
A Day In The Life At
CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN

Saturdays are one of our busiest days of the week here at CDC. This photo display is a day in the life of Central Detroit Christian CDC.

The day starts early at 8:00 a.m. with our construction training class. Tom Monte, a professional painter, is teaching about priming and painting and there’s no better way to learn than to actually prime the brand new drywall hung at 80 Clairmount, one of the houses we are rehabbing. Jacob is all geared up to get the job done. Thanks Tom for passing your valuable skills along.

Next, at 9:00 a.m., one of our faithful partner churches, Ward Presbyterian, arrives to work on the same property. Their goals for the day included yardwork, interior priming, and starting to build the wheelchair ramp. Mission accomplished. Thanks Ward.

For the little ones we have partnered with Detroit PAL to co-sponsor Little Hoopers. This program starts at 9:30 a.m. and is all about 4-6 year olds playing basketball. They are so fun to watch and some of them really do have game! This program, six weeks in length, for 30 children includes at least 50% from our Parenting program and the rest from the community at large. Thanks Detroit PAL for your partnership.

New Life Church at Wayne State University, another faithful church partner, arrives at 9:30 a.m. to help get our teaching garden ready for the summer day camp program. They pulled weeds and beautified the area. The rain held off until after they were done thankfully. Thanks New Life Church.

Finally, and also starting at 11:00 a.m. (good thing we have multiple staff to manage all of this), has been our Flag Football Tournament. It ranged from 8 year olds to 18 year olds. Kids had a blast over six weeks though we struggled with lots of rain outs. It was fun to listen in on their huddles as they strategized about how to get the ball over the goal line. It wasn’t about winning but having a great time. Thanks Jimmy and all volunteer coaches.

At 11:00 a.m. PNC Bank arrived with their mobile Early Childhood Learning Adventure set up and in the matter of a few minutes, they converted our parking lot into a carnival for kids under the age of 5. This was a great adventure for parents of wee ones and the children also. Food, fun, games and lots of information and resources to be a successful parent. Thanks PNC.

At 10:00 a.m. preparation for the summer continued with our Grow Detroit’s Young Talent employment program. How do you employ 225 teens? By having them come in and fill out job applications and have them get interviewed. Every Wednesday and Saturday (at 10:00 a.m.) our staff goes through this process with 50 teens each time to get to our goal. In June, those who are hired, will go through 24 hours of life skills training and in July they will start working.
Our ministry area covers zip codes 48206 and 48202, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Michigan. God has called us to be salt and light in communities of need.

Needs LIST

• Camp Scholarships (see Summer Dreams on page 1)
• Backpacks and school supplies for our backpack distribution
• Tutors for the fall programs

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