Peaceful Corners

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Peace Neighborhood Center's mission is to provide programs for children, families, and individuals who are affected by social and economic problems.

Peace helps people discover options, enhance skills, and make choices that lead to self-sufficiency and positive community involvement

Performance Arts Academy Spreads Holiday Cheer

As part of our interconnected group of youth programs, Performance Arts Academy helps children discover the power and joy of self-expression in the creative arts. The program provides support, guidance, and encouragement to help these children develop self-confidence through the discovery of their own strengths and talents in creative areas. Participants join one or more clubs, including dance, drama, step, drumline, piano and digital photography.



Throughout the year the children demonstrate their talents at performances for their families, friends, neighbors, and other community members. On December 16, 2008, the Performance Arts Academy took the stage for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Holiday Celebration.

Members of the piano club performed versions of We Wish You A Merry Christmas, Jolly Old Saint Nicholas and Jingle Bells followed by a rousing rendition of Don't Be Late by the dance club. It was a wonderful evening for all in attendance. We are very proud of all of our performers and invite you to see them at our next Friends and Family Night on Feb. 19th!





8th Annual Thanks For Giving Benefit Dinner Another Great Success



Executive Director Bonnie Billups with Honoree Monty Vincent and his wife Julianne



Crowd enjoying hors d'ouevres



New PNC Board President Dan Brady with his wife Kathy and Peace supporter Tom Dewhirst

On Thursday, November 19, 2008, over 120 wonderful supporters joined us at Peace Neighborhood Center for our eighth annual Thanks For Giving Benefit Dinner. This event is the primary fundraiser for PNC throughout the year, and we were overjoyed to see so many of you in attendance.

At this year's event we honored Monty Vincent, an accomplished businessman, inventor and the former owner/founder of Arbor Tech. As a long-time supporter of Peace Neighborhood Center, Monty has unwaveringly demonstrated his commitment to our mission through his tireless effort and ambassadorship on our behalf.

His giving to us continues as he serves on our advisory board and helps with special projects as they arise, most recently "Peace House" as our co-construction manager.

We are grateful to have had so many of you join us in celebration of Monty and the accomplishments of Peace Neighborhood Center.

From all of the staff and families at Peace Neighborhood Center, we would like to thank everyone who made our recent Thanks for Giving Benefit Dinner such a wonderful success!

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George & Joyce Schlecht
George & Jan Schnierle
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Carol Weber
Maynard & Judith Wellman
Susan & Mark Wellman
Vickie Wellman & Ian MacGregor
Richard Westbury
Marian & Richard Williams
Joan Wolf

Peace Helps Over 260 Families Through The Holidays This Year

We want to thank everyone who helped make our annual Holiday Toy and Food Drive a success this year This holiday season, we have helped over 260 families provide toys, clothes and food for their children. Your generosity, your willingness to give, means so much to the families we serve. It means smiles, laughter, and joy where there might have been sadness, stress and worry.

Eighty-five percent of the families we work with are classified as the working poor – adults working hard every day and still finding it hard to make ends meet. Thanks to our wonderful donors, Peace Neighborhood Center is able to give these families the opportunity to remain self-sufficient while providing them with the support they need.





In our youth programs, the theme we talk about and teach to our children for the month of December is altruism – the willingness to give of yourself without the expectation of receiving anything in return. In the spirit of the season, we thank you for being an example of what it means to share of yourself!

Calendar of Events

February
19th Friends and Family Night

March
TBA *Peace House* Transitional Housing Center Grand Opening

April
4th Friends and Family Karaoke Night

16th Zingerman's Deli Hall of Fame Fundraiser for Peace Neighborhood Center

For more information regarding any of these upcoming events at Peace Neighborhood Center, please call 734-662-3564 or email Kevin Lill at klill@peaceneighborhood-center.org.

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Don't Miss Out on Our Annual Zingerman's Fun!

Our annual outing in partnership with Zingerman's Deli is fast approaching. This year we will be conducting a sandwich into the Zingerman's Hall of Fame following a tasteoff at the event. In a twist on last year, it's now possible to assemble a team of your closest sandwich aficianados to create your own sandwich to be entered into the tasteoff competition.Tickets for the event are $100, but you can cast a vote for your favorite sandwich at any time by giving a dollar at Zingerman's. All proceeds go to benefit Peace Neighborhood Center. Sample the sandwiches, have some wine, listen to some local music and have fun all in support of Peace! Spread the word to your friends and we hope to see you there on Thursday, April 16th at 6 pm!





Peace on the Web

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