

MICAH 6 COMMUNITY



Summer Kids Programs Need Your Support!

Summer is here and we could not be more excited for our summer kids programs and how they are shaping up. We have a few opportunities we wanted to share with you and ask for your support.

Swimming Lessons at [Goldfish Swim School](#)

Early this spring, we began having conversations with Goldfish Swim School about bringing our kids out for swimming lessons. There are no public pools for Pontiac children to go to in order to learn how to swim, and minimal lake access as well. As we began having these conversations, we knew we would have a lot of interested kids, but didn't want to overwhelm the school, which was already being so generous. However, they kept asking, "Can you bring more?" As it stands today, it looks like we will be taking 30 kids a week to swim lessons!

Art Classes and Art Therapy

Are you familiar with the [Art Experience](#) in Downtown Pontiac? If not, you're really missing out. They are a great organization serving Pontiac through art classes, art therapy, open art studio times, and classes meant to open people's creativity and expression.

Once a week this summer, we'll be bringing our kiddos to the Art Experience to do art projects, learn about different mediums, and have access to art supplies and projects.

The Art Experience is a great partner and future tenant at Webster Community Center, but we are excited to partner together long before that!

Summer Camp and Summer Slam

Each summer, leading up to Summer Slam, we have a week-long kids camp for neighborhood children. This camp always has a central theme that we are learning about such as space, health, or dinosaurs. Each year, we take field trips to the Detroit Zoo, the Cranbrook Science Museum and more. This year is no exception.

As always, our summer kids programming ends with our back-to-school Summer Slam. Each year we hand out 400 backpacks to neighborhood children, packed with school supplies and other goodies to prepare for their upcoming semester. We also bring in partners to hand out information, offer dental cleanings, play pop-up sports, and more.

If you'd like to participate, please let us know!

All of this Can Happen with Your Support!

We can do all of these things for our neighborhood kids with your support. Great partnerships and early sponsors have come in to help keep our costs down. Today, we know we can effectively run our summer kids programs for \$8,000.

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Please consider donating at the button below to support our kids this summer.

I want to help support summer kids programming!



We have a new bus!

You may recall that for some time Micah 6 Community was raising funds for a transit van. We've needed one for some time to assist with moving people around, getting folks to the grocery store, and getting kids to programming around the city.

In early 2020, Birmingham First United Methodist donated a 15 passenger bus. We thought our problems were solved! However, the bus required a CDL and was a step above what we had the ability to handle.

Earlier this year, we were able to sell that bus to Rochester College, then use the funds to buy a 15-passenger Ford Transit. It is already in use moving people around the city.

Thank you to the so many who helped make this happen!



Looking forward to Meet Up and Eat Up!

In communities like Pontiac, where you have a majority of children who qualify for free or reduced school lunches, there are additional programs for summer food programs. Our program is called Meet Up and Eat Up and it is administered by our local Community Action Agency, OLHSA.

For the past five years, Micah 6 Community has been a Meet Up and Eat Up site where we drum up the neighborhood kids and bring them to meet the OLHSA vans that hand out food.

Our site last year handed out 1,200 meals to neighborhood children. That's a lot of meals!



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