

Summer Edition  
2024

## Off The Press at Citizens Concerned for the Homeless

Autumn is upon us and the Sand Castle Shelter renovation is complete. This week, we started welcoming back our participants. We cannot thank the community enough, and the Winter newsletter will list all the agencies, foundations and groups that donated to this massive undertaking. We take immense pride in the completed project, as evidenced by the many pictures throughout this newsletter.

In April, we had to make a critical decision, to graduate families and not replace them, or continue programming with the families relocated to a hotel. As always, we chose to err on the side of compassion. The Sand Castle families were housed at the Baymont Inn, and as they graduated, we replaced them with new displaced families, unhoused by the harsh realities of the current housing crisis that Michigan City and the country currently faces. The project took ten weeks longer than planned, and the final cost of the hotel was enormous.

We are asking for your help with this project, one last time. If you have the ability and desire to donate, this is the time we need you the most. Please visit our webpage at [www.cch-mc.org](http://www.cch-mc.org) to donate. Thank you, God bless you and bless Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families.

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THE SHELTER  
RENOVATION IS NOW  
COMPLETE

# Sand Castle Shelter



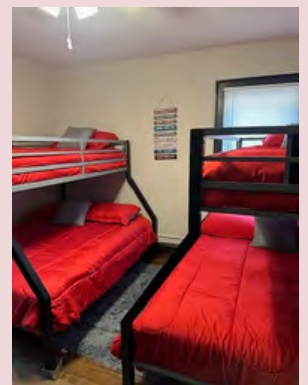
OUR SHELTER  
FAMILIES ARE BACK!

## SAND CASTLE SUCCESS STORY

### The Journey of G & B

G & B came to Sand Castle this Spring in need of a fresh start. They were only at the shelter for a few weeks before renovation began and families were moved into a hotel. Despite the challenges of being off-site, G & B still managed to knock it out of the park! After becoming employed and saving their money, G & B were able to obtain housing and move into their own place. They received furniture, dishes and household items thanks to the joint venture between Friends of Beverly Shores and CCH. Our Food Rescue Initiative program provided them with food. Through hard work and determination, G & B were able to graduate into housing in about 3 months and we are so very happy for them.

Congratulations!



# Grace LEARNING CENTER

## Classes and Services free to the community!!

HIV& HEP-C Testing

Financial Literacy

Credit Basics

Substance Abuse

Nutrition Basics

NARCAN Training

GED/HI-SET

Anger Management

Trauma-Chronic Illness

Work Ready

Critical Thinking

Plant Based Cooking

Banking & Budgeting Basics

Healthy Relationships- Grief

Hoosier Health & Well Being

Educational Outreach Program

Basics & Intermediate Computer Class

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Contact our office for class dates and times, or visit us at [www.cch-mc.org](http://www.cch-mc.org).

Come check us out any day  
Mon.-Fri. between 8am-5pm.

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We look forward to seeing  
you!



Daily self-help classes offered free to  
the community to help you reach your  
life goals!



**COMPUTER LAB**  
Open to the public  
Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm





# Keys to Hope

## KTH Summer Graduates

KR came to our program in June needing to get back on her feet, she worked diligently to find a place of her own and save her money, all while attending classes at Grace Learning Center.

DJ came to our program in May, accepted a job, saved money, attended classes and moved into his own place.

JW entered our program in early July. She attended classes, accepted a job and saved MORE than 75% of her income. She found an apartment and moved in all within 70 days of entering our program!

Congrats to ALL of them on reaching sustainable self-sufficiency!




Fresh new looks!






# Food Rescue Initiative



Since its inception in early 2019, CCH's Food Rescue Initiative Program has procured and distributed 3.8 million lbs. of food; 139,500 lbs. in the last 6 months alone! This nutritious food has been made available to the public, free of charge, through over 30 community partners which include food pantries and soup kitchens, as well as through mobile food events all throughout LaPorte County. Working closely with Foodbank of Northern Indiana and our generous funders, we strive to alleviate food insecurity in the county, one meal at a time.



## Upcoming Food Distribution Dates

**Wednesday, October 2**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

**LaPorte County**

**Fairgrounds**

**2581 St. Rd. 2, LaPorte, IN  
46350**

**Wednesday, October 23**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

**Marquette Mall**

**226 US Hwy 20,**

**Michigan City, IN  
46360**

**Wednesday, December 4**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

**LaPorte County**

**Fairgrounds**

**2581 St. Rd. 2, LaPorte, IN  
46350**

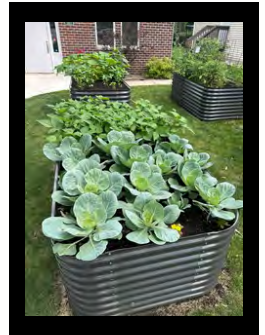
**Wednesday, December 18**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

**Marquette Mall**

**226 US Hwy 20,**

**Michigan City, IN  
46360**





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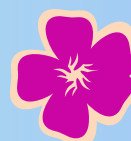
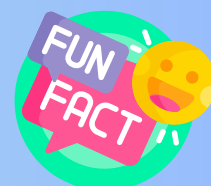


**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

Grace Learning Center offers 25 professional and personal developmental skills classes throughout the week that are free of charge to the community

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

There were 1677 visits to Keys to Hope in July by participants, SCSEP, Ivy Tech Nursing Students & Community Partners



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

We have a hair stylist who donates her time once a month to come in and give clients haircuts out of the goodness of her heart!



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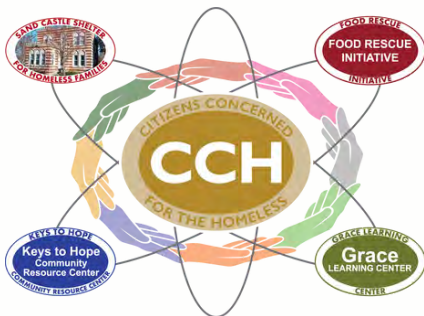
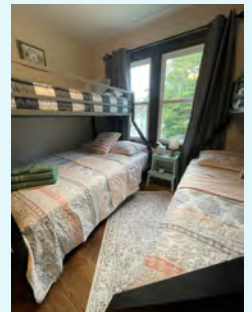
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