

THE NEIGHBORHOOD C.A.R.E CENTER NEW LETTER SPRING HAS SPRUNG



Before the winter left us, we wanted to get another event in, so we scheduled a blood drive. The day was rainy and cold but that didn't stop folks that wanted to come out and bless people with their life-giving blood. It was great to see Pastor Farrell there supporting our efforts.



Love was in the air in February at the C.A.R.E Center - Happy Valentine's day. The kids had a sweet tooth and we were prepared for it with plenty of snacks for the kids. Our kids had a great time sharing with one another.



Birthday parties are always fun at the Learning Zone. We had birthday acknowledgments for two students Jacob & Camila. They were thrilled and it was a great time to fuss over some cool kids. It is so important to take advantage of these opportunities and we try to do that. Psalm 127: 3 Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.



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“Road Trip with the kids”

The Lord blessed us with Maria one of our teachers at the Learning Zone; she was able to score tickets to a Davidson College game. Maria works with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Some of our student have big brothers and sisters assigned to them that also attend Davidson College. Big Brothers & Big Sisters provided dinner for our students on campus, we all ate and played games before the basketball game. The game was exciting; Davidson lost in the last (5) minutes by one point. Our kids had an opportunity to yell and scream and not get in trouble.



The C.A.R.E. Center's ability



to provide community referrals was especially beneficial to one of our families. Through a trusting relationship with one of our Learning Zone teachers a need was expressed. We were able to call on Beds for Kids for assistance and they came running to serve. They treated the family with kindness and compassionate hearts. Beds for Kids provided three beds and furniture to go with it. What a blessing for us to have witnessed such a beautiful expression of Love. Matthews 25:40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"

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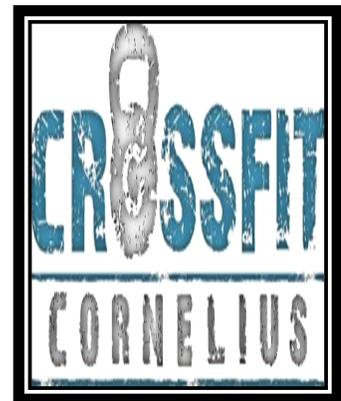
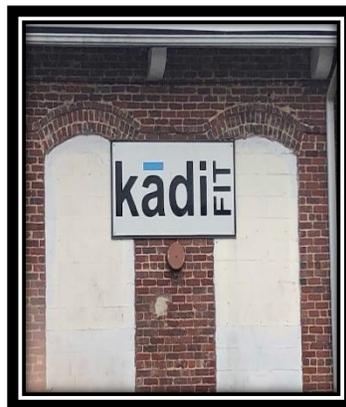
Community Educational Event at the C.A.R.E. Center



Lauren from Pine Lake Preparatory presented an information session on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and basic infant care. She discussed topics such as formula and breastfeeding, where to find inexpensive baby supplies and places that provide childcare at a reduced cost. This meeting was geared toward women that live in our community.

“Community Involvement is Happening”

In the effort to harvest nonperishable food supplies for our Manna for Life Event. We are calling on our community members and they are pumped to help. Champion Sports Performance has agreed to place a bin to harvest supplies. Crossfit is also joining us with our efforts. Kadi Fit is stretching their members to give. Since Lowe’s Home Improvement is in the business of supplying good’s I figured it would be a no brainer.



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“We have Manna from Heaven”

Our Manna for Life food distribution outreach is being blessed. We have new group harvesting Manna; Temple Kol Tikvah in Davidson. They are providing food for every Manna for Life event. Long time supporters Mike & Scott from The Fresh Market continue to support the effort as well as Bread of Life a local ministry of Lake Norman Baptist. Pastor David for First Baptist Cornelius donated a trunk full of food as well. Praise our Lord.



“Gear up Bike Shop Heads to the Races”



We were blessed to attend the BMX Nationals in Rock Hill SC. Everyone had an awesome time. Our youth had the opportunity see amateur and professional riders. Joe & Terri were there to explain about the competitors and how they qualify. Joe has competed in BMX and Motocross. The youth came back to the center ready to race. We are scheduling another trip.



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The Grace Covenant Youth are Taking Over
Hi Ho, Hi Ho it's off to work we go. Time to plant the garden. The youth were right on time to plant the organic garden at the C.A.R.E. Center. TJ and the gang provided instruction and the youth provided the muscle. The raised beds were built, the mulch was moved, the picnic tables were painted, and an awesome job was done power washing. Great job by our future leaders.



Publix.

Publix took their minds off grocery and put their hands-on landscaping tools. A 120 foot trench was dug for a water pipe, shrubs were trimmed, mulch was spread, and our lawn was cut. Publix did a great job and paid for all the materials; they are also willing to help with donations for our Learning Zone.



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“The Spring Break Art Camp is in Session”



We were blessed to have Joanna & Grace pour their love into the neighborhood Kids; and boy they do an awesome job. The days were packed with fun; painting and drawing and it all was put together to create an art show for their parents. We were blessed to have Cornelius Officer Patrick stop by and explain some real important life skills in a fun way. The kids were able to sit in the police car and speak through the PA system and of course the sirens were blaring. We all learned a lot and the kids gained an understanding that police are here to protect and serve.

