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community centers

find out about our new
**POLYTECH
CENTER**

**SUMMER
RECAP**

Capital Campaign Update

November 12th marks the official dedication for the Polytechnic Community Center!

Although completion has been moved back since our last newsletter, November 12th marks the official dedication for the Polytechnic Community Center! We are excited and filled with anticipation for the unveiling of this new building, and look forward to the opportunity it will give United Community Centers to better serve the children and families of the community.

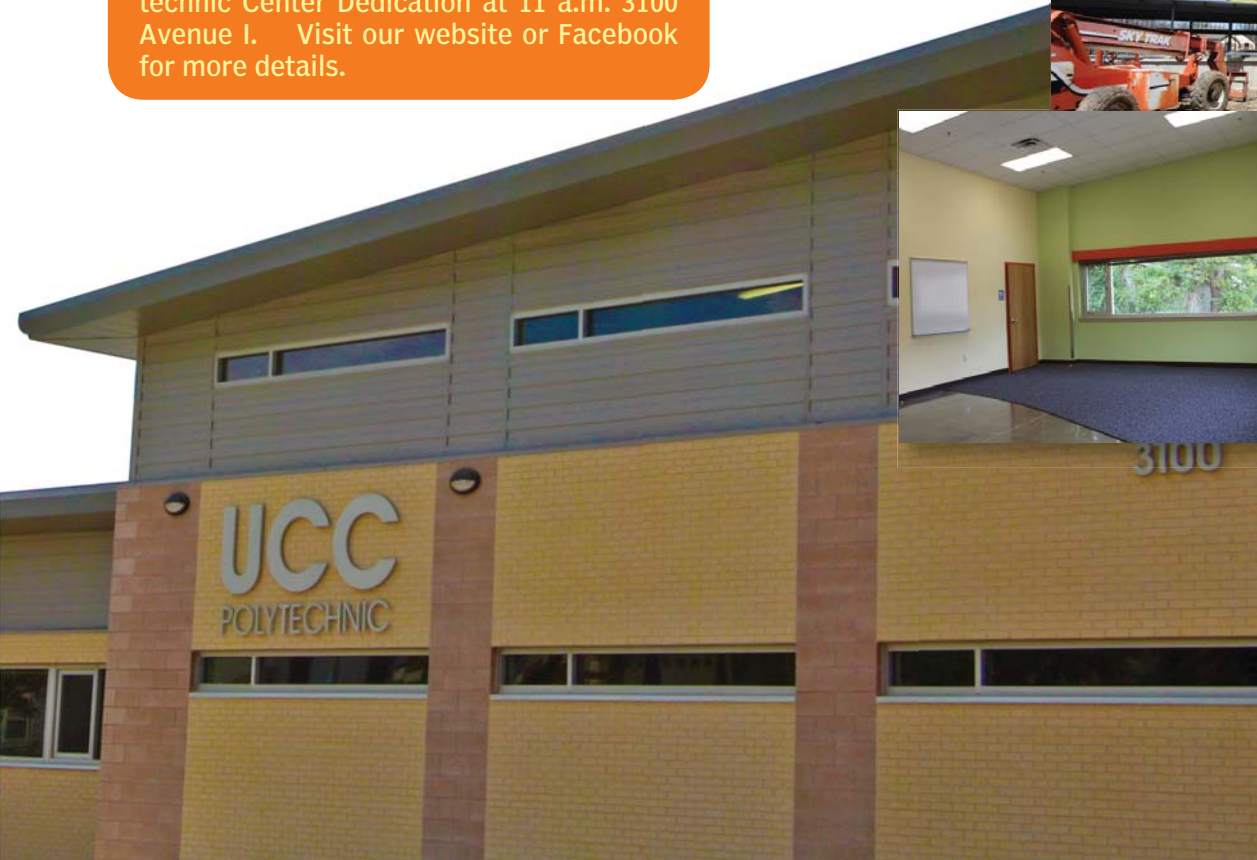
While this will be a great milestone in our campaign, we are still hard at work to meet our \$6.5 million goal,

which will allow us to renovate and create new centers for Bethlehem and Wesley. Starting in 2006 staff, funders and volunteers have been toiling away laying the groundwork for a better and brighter future for both UCC and the neighborhoods that we proudly serve. We cannot wait until we can move the childcare, ACT III, food pantry and clothing rooms over to the new building, and we are positive that it will be both a great improvement and blessing for those involved in our programs.

As always, we would like to thank our charitable funders that have helped make this vision into a reality. It is with their great generosity that we are able to keep evolving our work to make a difference. If you would like more information about the Capital Campaign project or wish to donate, please contact Celia Esparza at cesparza@unitedcommunitycenters.org or call at 817-927-5556, x III.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, November 12, 2010 for the new Polytechnic Center Dedication at 11 a.m. 3100 Avenue I. Visit our website or Facebook for more details.





Empowering individuals, strengthening families, enriching communities

As do many of our clients, Elena came into Polytechnic Center's Step by Step Program one day to receive emergency food and clothing. However, this was Elena's first day and upon serving her, without even planning to speak to us about it, she began to tell us the tragic circumstances she was experiencing. A few months prior to her coming to the Polytechnic Center her son died in a tragic accident. At that moment her husband who is in his late 70's came in with three children ages five (5), seven (7), and nine (9) years. Commenting on her grandchildren, she began her story telling the Polytechnic Center Director and staff. A few months after her son died, a young woman with three (3) children came to Elena's door saying that her son was their father. Elena was quite surprised since her son had not revealed this to anyone. The young woman needed help because she had not heard from her boyfriend in a while. She also informed the family that she was dying of lupus and had no kin. The young woman stated she had only six (6) months to live; however, within a few weeks of her visit with the grandmother, her disease progressed. She died about four (4) weeks after arriving in Fort Worth, leaving three (3) children to the grandparents.

The couple was so distressed because, despite their old age and ailing health, they were starting to raise children over again. The older couple was not planning to start a family again and did not know how to enroll the children in school, obtain their immunizations records, and all the requirements needed by the schools. With the help of UCC staff and a volunteer, we were able to obtain school supplies and the information the grandparents needed to enroll the grandchildren in school. Presently, this newly formed family is doing well with the children in school. The grandparents have been in touch with us and have told us the the children are thriving in their new home. They are currently working with an MHMR caseworker to receive benefits for the children. The Polytechnic Staff stands ready to help them in the future.





We continue to need **your** support

In order for us to keep on giving back to the greater Fort Worth community, we are asking for your support.

Your donation to United Community Centers will help to provide both after school care for children and youth, along with food and clothing to those most in need in our community.

Without your much needed assistance, we could be forced to cut back on the hours and services we provide. UCC prides itself as an agency that will not turn the underprivileged away, and with your generosity to our annual appeal you can help us continue our mission to serve and empower those most in need – children, youth, families, and seniors. You can help make a difference.

To donate today,

visit us at unitedcommunitycenters.org

or mail your donation to:

UCC Annual Appeal

1200 E. Maddox | Fort Worth, 76104



“Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations”

George Bernard Shaw



Reserve your ticket for one sweet fundraiser

United Community Centers cordially invites you to join us for a deliciously unique tasting of appetizers, chocolate delicacies, desserts, and drinks from local community vendors at Wild About Chocolate - One Sweet Fundraiser! Thursday, November 4, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Lobby of Chesapeake Energy Company, 100 Energy Way, FW, 76102. Tickets \$50 per person.

Golfers Circle Monday, March 28, 2011 for the 7th Annual Louise & Frank Carvey Golf Tournament at Mira Vista Golf Club. Not on our Golfer's List? Just email Susie at sreyes@unitedcommunitycenters.org to get on THE list!

8th Annual Summer Benefit Thank you to all those that attended the 8th Annual Summer Benefit at the Jubilee Theatre. Special thanks to our sponsors, Sam Scott Miller, Wells Fargo Advisors, Aureus Partners-Gerald Esparza, Diane Griffin, Keene & Associates, Multatech, and Quiktrip.

Volunteer You can volunteer at Bethlehem, Polytechnic, or Wesley! Check out our Volunteer Page at www.unitedcommunitycenters.org for up to date volunteer opportunities! Check us out on Facebook also.





SUMMER!

Day Camp Wrap-Up

Thank you to **Arborlawn United Methodist Church** for hosting Styles & Smiles 2010. Special thanks to **Holley Williams, Christina Myers, Jim & Marilyn Helvery, Arborlawn's United Methodist Women**, the great **Neiman Marcus volunteers**, the **Beth-El Sisterhood**, and so many, many others that made the event so spectacular. Thank you **Adelante, Bart DeMuynk** and **Ismael Patrozzi** for all you do for ACT III, especially for

the opportunity that ACT III had to go Six Flags as a summer ending event! Thank you **First Tee of Fort Worth!** Thank you **Rangers Foundation!** Thanks to **Alliance UMC** for backpacks! Thanks to the **Fort Worth Zoo!** Thank you to **First United Methodist Church Fort Worth** for Glen Lake Camperships. Thanks to everyone that makes the summer special for our kids!





Other ways you can Support UCC

Thanksgiving Baskets Drive

Option 1: Donate \$25 (the cost of one Thanksgiving Basket) or more by mailing donations to
United Community Centers Administration,
1200 E. Maddox, FW, 76104.

Option 2: Gather the following items and deliver them to United Community Centers Administration:

- 1 can of cranberry sauce,
- 1 box of tea bags
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of yams
- 2 cans of fruit
- 1 can of pie filling
- 1 box of pie crust mix
- 2 six-ounce packages of stuffing mix.

Option 3: Donate WalMart Cards in amounts of \$10 each and send to United Community Centers Administration.

Christmas is Magic!

Help give kids the experience the magic of Christmas. Contact Sherry Dunn to adopt a family or classroom for Christmas. She can be reached at 817-927-5556, x113 or email at sdunn@unitedcommunitycenters.org to discuss your help with our Christmas Angels efforts.

UCC Wish List

Items on our wish list include gifts for senior citizens such as gloves, scarves, lotions, toiletries, blankets, house shoes, handkerchiefs, sweaters, and gift cards.