

keeping InTouch

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<http://www.chipinbatavia.org/>



CURRENT NEEDS!

Bikes: Teen through adult sized, used. Drop off at All Spoked Up in Batavia.

Jewel Cuisinart stickers: to pool for cookware for transitioning families. Drop boxes are at all schools.

Holiday Adopt a Family: BPS101, United Way and Chip In are teaming up for Adopt a Family again this year. If you would like to adopt email info@bataviaunitedway.org to get on the list. You will be contacted as the project begins. Also watch the CHIP IN facebook page and website for information regarding holiday related projects.

Tutors: After school tutors are needed at Batavia Apartments Mon.- Thurs. 3:40-5:00. 16+ welcome, this qualifies as service hours too! Contact Sarah Perez at 630 -879-3117.

Gift Cards: We have homeless families commuting a great distance to keep kids in their schools, families with life threatening medical conditions that take them to Chicago for treatment plus other situations where GAS and GROCERY gift cards are extremely helpful. Email info@chipinbatavia.org to arrange for delivery or pick up of gift cards.

WE ARE ONE!

This was evident this summer when Batavia Football, Batavia Park District and CHIP IN teamed up for a summer “pilot” program to benefit young football fans living at Batavia Apartments. Transportation has historically been a problem for these residents and as a result, active kids stay home and just hear about the fun on the field. CHIP IN asked Athletic Director Dave Andrews if the smaller, white, district buses could be used to transport kids from Batavia Apartments to RMS for the Jr. Bulldog football camp this past summer. The answer was an immediate and enthusiastic yes! The Park District offered to conduct program enrollment on site during an end of school picnic at Batavia Apartments and worked with parents to get scholarship paperwork done in a simplified manner. The Park District Foundation offered an additional subsidy, and the collective effort of all, resulted in 14 boys on the daily bus to attend camp!

Coaching Staff drove the route each day and the kids came home hyped up with Coach Piron stories, proud of their new camp t shirts, in awe of the older boys and having learned some new skills. We ARE one!

BACK TO SCHOOL !

SUPPLIES, CONFIDENCE & PRIDE INTACT!

Over the summer, several groups started to collect school supplies for students in need in preparation for back to school. The Well Church provided fully-stocked backpacks for students at the Batavia Apartments. Meanwhile, VWR Scientific, Immanuel Lutheran Church and many individuals dropped off supplies at the district admin center. Also, the Batavia Marching Band chose CHIP IN Batavia as their adopting group to help this year. We had a fabulous evening with about 30 band members organizing all the supplies by category. Within 1 hour, these awesome young adults filled about 80 backpacks for students at every school in Batavia. Thank you to all who donated to this project! Some teachers claim it was the smoothest back to school in years!



ART IN YOUR EYE AND CASH IN THE COFFERS!



40+ enthusiastic volunteers took turns working the Penrose Craft Beer tent at this September festival. Despite interesting weather, these fantastic volunteers came out to work a shift, in teams of 5-8 at a time, from 11:30-5:30 on Saturday and Sunday. Baird & Warner staffed their own shift Friday night with proceeds going to CHIP IN as well.

With a donation of \$400 per shift plus tips, Batavia Main Street will present CHIP IN with a check for \$1400. Thank you to Penrose and Batavia Main Street for this opportunity. 100% of proceeds from this effort went directly to pay for all day kindergarten for one of our youngest homeless children. Her teacher says she is thriving! Well done!

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

--Henry Ford

A BIKE-A BED-NEW SOCKS: HOW TO BUILD SELF-ESTEEM!

We wanted to take the opportunity to share with you the direct results of your kindness.

The boy pictured to the right has received school snacks, medical supplies for a family member and is the recipient of this recycled bike which was donated, repaired, tuned and fitted for him. His bike is the result of a collaboration between CHIP IN and The Batavia Bicycle Commission, called Bikes For Batavia.

When presented with it, he said "THAT bike? That bike is the bike I dreamed about!" and then he pedaled off grinning ear to ear.



Meet Marlon, humble and hard working, he rides the bike he received from The Batavia Bicycle Commission, to and from his job on Kirk Road every day. He does not complain or ask for anything, however, the cancer patient down the hall reported to Resident Services that Marlon could use some help. He has been sleeping on the floor, has nothing in his apartment, is alone and without family. He had been helping this woman out here and there since she was diagnosed and she discovered this upon visiting his home.



Marlon is 24 years old so does not qualify for CHIP IN assistance. That did not stop some amazing volunteers from stepping up anyway to provide him with a sofa, new pillows, a bed, all the linens needed to go with it, an area rug for the tile floor, a kitchen table & chairs, a microwave, dishes and more. The dresser that was delivered contained a new hoodie, some T-shirts, as well as a 6 pack of socks.

Here is an excerpt from a thank you email from Sarah Perez, Resident Services:

"I just have to thank all of you again and again for all that you did for Marlon. After everyone left yesterday he said he was going to take a shower, put on his new socks and lay in his bed. He also wanted me to tell you he would like to help you with your other "charity stuff" like if you need help moving things or anything really." Marlon said to one of the Volunteer movers, "I just feel like my life is going to really be good now."

Well done Batavians. He was visibly touched by your kindness.

CHIP IN MEETS BATAVIA UNITED WAY



If you have read our list of "accomplishments" you will notice that Chip In has the ability to move quickly, address a need that doesn't quite fit the standard, call upon liaisons who know and love their schools, and consult district staff who can advise based on their knowledge of an individual child and their story. It has been a blessing to be able to provide in those situations that are unique and can't be addressed at other area not for profits.

Chip In was introduced to Batavia United Way last year when involved in the Adopt A Family program during the holidays. United Way matched families with sponsors while CHIP IN volunteers provided bonus gifts of fresh fruit and vegetables, miscellaneous household necessities by the bag and even home baked holiday cookies. It was a great collaboration.

In addition to adopt a family, Batavia United Way has a methodical, detailed, grant application & screening process...which ultimately designates donated funds **only** to organizations that benefit Batavians. When receiving grant funds, the recipient must also commit to results and other scrutiny. While CHIP IN's focus is on students, Batavia United Way focuses on all ages, including our Senior Citizen population.

CHIP IN and United Way complement each other and will do so going forward as Melinda Kintz takes on the part time Executive Director role at United Way. She will continue to work with Joanne Spitz, who had the first vision for Chip In and continues to lead this valuable project. On occasion, they may even team up on a project as both are 100% focused on Batavia.

CHIP IN MISSION

To ensure that BPS 101 students that are facing the obstacles of poverty and/or temporary housing have the support they need to be successful in school

INTRODUCING AMY NELSON !

We are thrilled to announce that the Batavia Schools has added additional supports through Title One funds to support our students and families. Amy Nelson will provide services as the Community Outreach Coordinator. She will work to assist Lisa Palese, our Student Services Director, with the coordination of services and programs for our students currently facing homelessness and financial difficulties. She also will be servicing our Title One schools, helping those schools with existent and new programs offered to help bring more success for our students in academic distress. Amy has lived in Batavia for 43 years, is a Batavia graduate, a former Batavia teacher, is married to a Batavia teacher and coach, and has 3 children in 3 of our Batavia schools. She is honored to be the new Community Outreach Coordinator and looks forward to partnering with Chip In to help our students and families in need.

CHIP IN ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE SUMMER.....

THE SHORT LIST!

- Assisted with cost of sending several kids to summer athletics and to a Wilderness Camp.
- Purchased 10 student chairs for Batavia Apartments learning center.
- Paid for an online class for student to graduate
- Clothing supplied to many students, back to school
- Collaboration set up with Batavia Food Pantry to provide snacks to schools
- Assisted with cost of sending 2 low income and 1 homeless student to all day kindergarten.
- Provided Quarry passes for a family spending the summer at Hessed House
- Provided a refurbished computer to a BHS student in need
- Paid for 3 weeks of staffing after school tutoring supervisor to fill gap between first day of school and United Way grant funds kicking in.
- Paid for gas gift cards & parking fees for family dealing with hospital stays
- Paid for 4 low income students to take karate advancement tests
- Provided Ensure & Pedialyte for cancer patient with elementary age children

These accomplishments and others were made possible by fundraisers, individual donors, Batavia Congregational Church, and DoughNation Bakery and more.

Show your support for **Batavia Woman's Club—Home Life & Education Department** in support of **CHIP IN Batavia!**

Stop into the Batavia Panera Bread 11/24/14 and 10-20% of qualifying sales as a result of your participation will be donated directly to CHIP IN

DATE: Monday, November 24, 2014

TIME: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm

LOCATION: Panera Bread~ Batavia 154 Wilson Street

FOR TAKE OUT CALL 630-761-1835

Remember to present this flyer when ordering. Donation only valid at date, time and location specified above.

