

# keeping InTouch

Spring 2014

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## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Bikes Needed  
Children's and Adult  
Sizes
- Food & Clothing to  
Batavia Interfaith Food  
Pantry and the Batavia  
Interfaith Clothes  
Closet located at 100  
Flinn Street in Batavia.
- Looking for  
storage/warehouse  
space for bikes &  
furniture
- Park District, Aldi or  
Kohl's gift cards

Message us on Facebook  
or contact us on our  
website if you can help  
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## THANK YOU CHIPIN VOLUNTEERS

As we wind down the school year and the first year of CHIP IN, we would like to thank all of the kind hearted volunteers who gave up their time and hard earned dollars to help our neighbors in need. We expected the community of Batavia would "step up" as they always do, however, there was no foreseeing the magnitude of the generosity, enthusiasm and support of all who literally chipped in. We especially appreciate the CHIP IN representatives assigned to each school who triage the issues and address them one by one from the heart. You are amazing!

While CHIP IN will take a short summer break, we are pleased to report that we have been able to address a few summer needs expressed by our Principals and Batavia Apartments. We have found that networking has resulted in some of our greatest successes, several of which will carry many kids through the summer. For example....

- With assistance and cooperation between the BHS Athletic Department and Batavia Park District, up to 28 low income children will have transportation and financial assistance allowing them to participate in Batavia's Jr. Bulldog football camp this summer- most for the first time!
  - Batavia Youth Baseball, Tri-City Soccer, Lori Holm/Steel Beam Theatre, Prairie Gymnastics and Wituk Martial Arts have all provided scholarships for their respective programs.
  - Dennis Piron will send football players & the state trophy to the Batavia Apartments Summer picnic to motivate and inspire.
  - 3 Children will spend time at the Batavia Quarry and in day care with their friends despite living at Hesed House this summer.
  - Molly Curley and friends from the Rosary High School Volleyball team will teach basics and run games at the Batavia Apartments summer picnic.
  - Bikes were provided for 1 BHS, 1 RMS, 6 HC Storm kids in addition to bikes for 2 adults in St. Charles.

Read on for more CHIP IN happenings!

Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child!

Joanne & Melinda

## ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club has generously given \$750 towards the repair of bicycles that will be donated, repaired, and given to students in need. We are working with the Batavia Bicycle Commission and All Spoked Up to get as many bicycles as we can. Members of the Bicycle Commission and Matt Knowles of All Spoked Up will help with the collection of bikes and their repair. We will also give each student a bike helmet and lock. Thank you so much to The Rotary Club...who has also adopted JBN and has been instrumental in getting CHIP IN off the ground.

If you have an adult or child's bike that you can donate, please contact CHIP IN. We will find a home for it! [www.chipinbatavia.org/](http://www.chipinbatavia.org/)



No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another.

Thank you.

~Author Unknown

## CHIP IN INVESTS IN TANG SOO DO WITH HELP FROM JESUS CAMPOS MACIAS

Jesus Campos Macias began training with his father in 1984 in West Chicago. His training ended when his Dad's job changed. After high school, Jesus began getting into trouble with the law and needed a new focus and a "way out of a bad lifestyle." He met Master Wituk, of Wituk Martial Arts in Batavia through the International Tang Soo Do Federation in 1999 and didn't look back. In January 2013, Jesus Macias was offered a position teaching martial arts at the Batavia Apartments. Jesus said he "could not refuse this offer since this is where I lived as a child with my parents." His finds great joy in helping others and his personal goal is to "help as many people as humanly possible, starting with the children at Batavia Apartments."

Jesus offers a class Tues. and Thursdays each week for an hour and has an enrollment of 20 students. In fact the class was so popular, he offered to add an extra day of classes, year round, if Batavia Apartments could find the appropriate space. A storage room was converted, painted by residents, and CHIP IN provided the \$400 needed to cover the floor with mats. CHIP IN contacted the Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Aurora in search of large mirrors for the walls (new mirrors at retail pricing would be approx. \$2,000). Randy Hamann, the General Manger, routed us to a gentleman that donated two 6 foot mirrors. Master Mark Wituk made arrangements for a truck to go to Naperville to pick up the donations and had them installed in this new fitness room. Thanks to the collective efforts of Wituk Martial Arts, ReStore and CHIP IN, there is room for up to 35 more children to learn this art which teaches discipline, respect and trust. Priceless!



Jesus is also offering private lessons on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. He has some of Master Wituk's students teaching as well.

## THE FOOD PANTRY AND THE CLOTHES CLOSET

CHIP IN is working hand in hand with both the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry and the Batavia Interfaith Clothes Closet located at 100 Flinn Street in Batavia. The Food Pantry works with each school to provide snacks for students in need. We let them know the amount of snacks needed, and they make sure a supply is available for pick up. Since so many children have nut allergies, Pantry staff sort snacks and those containing peanuts are used only by the high school. In addition, The Food Pantry has kindly offered to supply snacks at the elementary schools that are holding summer reading programs, and at the Batavia Apartments, where another reading program will be held. CHIP IN will work with The Food Pantry to help fund these projects.

The Clothes Closet allows financially challenged Batavia families to stop in and select clothing from their vast supply of donated inventory. Recently, a Batavia family was displaced by a fire and The Clothes Closet let us know right away that the family could come by any time to pick out whatever they needed.

Historically, the Food Pantry and Clothes Closet have joined forces to provide school supplies and backpacks to children of clients. They collect donations and also buy supplies from a number of sources. This year, CHIP IN will be supplementing their efforts!

In August The Clothes Closet will give out a bag of school supplies to each child from kindergarten through high school. Items are either donated or purchased using funds from the Treasury. Published school supply lists are used as a guide and much, but not all of the needed items are provided.

In addition, in September and February of each year, the Clothes Closet gives two pair of new underwear to each person in the family, and in October and March each person receives 2 pairs of new socks. This amounts to over 1600 items per month!

Please feel free to support any or all of the Batavia Food Pantry and Batavia Clothes Closet drives and projects. They are always grateful for your donation of these expensive items.

We are so very lucky to have these two wonderful organizations in our town.

## DOUGHNATION BAKERY

DoughNation Bakery is a decorated sugar cookie business recently started by Batavia resident Tanya Albers to benefit 3 local charities. All profits will be split among these great organizations: CHIPIN Batavia, Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, and Living Well Cancer Resource Center.

All cookie orders are customized to your needs and many designs are available. Most cookies are \$18/dozen. Great for graduation parties, showers, birthdays, special events or simply because they are so tasty.

Contact Tanya Albers and Doughnation bakery as follows:

Email: [doughnationbakery1@gmail.com](mailto:doughnationbakery1@gmail.com)  
Phone: 630.761.4903  
Facebook: DoughNation Bakery (find through Tanya Hoker Albers)  
Instagram: tanalb  
Website: [doughnationbakery.com](http://doughnationbakery.com) (coming very soon!)

## O' SOLE MIO GELATO DOUBLE SCOOPS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

On February 19th and 20th a dedicated CHIP IN volunteer crew delivered pre-ordered lunches to all Batavia Schools and the Rosalie Jones Administrative Center. This was a well orchestrated effort led by our school liaisons, retired teachers, friends of CHIP IN, late nights of effort by Mike Burke and of course Tori Chiappelli at O' Sole Mio. The support of the BPS101 staff was amazing and we hope having lunch delivered on a blustery February day was a treat. 20% of proceeds were donated and O' Sole Mio presented CHIP In with a check for \$500 as a result. Thank you to all who participated in this win-win-win for staff, CHIP IN and this start up Batavia business.



Yet another group of energetic CHIP IN volunteers led by Julie Price, Diane Anderson and Laurel Flinn, raised the O' Sole Mio bar that much higher with their Pasta Abbondanza event at the café on March 14th. This trio transformed the empty space next to O' Sole Mio into additional festive seating for a delicious pasta buffet with music, mini silent auction, raffle and lots of community spirit. Volunteer Dan Medernach ran the kitchen donned in his super hero cape with his son Trent at his side. It was a very successful and fun night with proceeds to benefit the many projects that CHIP IN has underway.

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## **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*

## PROM 2014

It started with a simple conversation about how limited finances could be an obstacle for financially challenged Juniors and Seniors to enjoy this rite of passage. CHIP IN thought it would be a good idea to pass on gently used prom dresses to any girls the BHS Counselors deemed in need. Zano's Salon & Spa took the idea and ran with it, spreading word of the project among their co-workers and Salon guests in Batavia and downtown Naperville. Friends of CHIP IN also searched their own closets for dresses often worn just one time. Over 125 beautiful gowns, short and long, were



collected in addition to jewelry and gift cards for shoes and essentials.

On April 26th, a private viewing and "try on" was hosted by Zano's at their beautiful studio on Randall Road in Batavia. The girls were glowing and mom's shed tears at seeing their lovely girls in princess like attire. Zano's also offered to do hair and nails for interested girls until all appointment slots were filled.

Not to discriminate, CHIP IN wanted to provide tuxedos for boys in need. Gina Patrick from Men's Warehouse stepped up and either donated or heavily discounted tuxes for the 3 young men who accepted the offer.

Due to the overwhelming response to the dress drive, CHIP IN was able to reach out to neighboring schools to share the good fortune. One young lady from Aurora is "couch hopping" until it is time for her to leave for the military in June. She was not going to Prom because she simply could not afford it. She left Zano's smiling and carrying a melon colored gown for prom and a short dress for graduation.

Thank you to Jennifer Hohmann, Melinda Tennis, Katherine Dobbs, Lenaye Brandel, Gina



"A very happy young lady chooses the perfect gown for her Senior Prom"

Bedow, and the many ladies of Zano's for their enthusiastic effort on this project. We look forward to doing this again next year and reaching more students.

## TAKE A DAY OFF FROM COOKING

One Day Only! Take a day off of cooking and pick up a summer salad or sandwich for your evening dinner. Pack a picnic for your backyard, a concert or for summer fun the next day and support CHIP IN while doing so!

Simply print and clip the coupon below and present it to Panera staff when you order.

It could be proceeds from YOUR order that helps purchase socks or boots for our youngest neighbor in need.

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

Stop into Panera Bread® Batavia on 6/30/14 and 10-20% of qualifying sales as a result of your participation will be donated directly to Batavia Woman's Club!

DATE: Monday, June 30, 2014  
TIME: 6am—9pm  
LOCATION: Panera Bread® Batavia 154 W. Wilson St.

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



