

keeping InTouch

Winter 2014

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



CHIP IN FUNDRAISER AT O'SOLE MIO



February 20th

11 am - 9pm

20% of all sales will go to

CHIP IN

(27 N. River Street in Batavia)
<http://www.osolemiogelato.com/>

- Includes gelato, soups, salads, sandwiches, pans of lasagna and more!
- Dine in or pick up carryout.

Please share this information on your Facebook page or rally some neighbors to join you there!

In order for CHIP IN to receive 20%, you must bring in this article printed or show it on your cell phone if you have the capability.

For questions and more information, please contact mkintz@comcast.net.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

...A message from Lisa Palese, Director of Student Services/Homeless Liaison

The holiday season was truly a time of giving for CHIP IN! Thanks to the generosity of our community, children across Batavia who expected little to nothing this holiday season had boots, coats, gloves, hats and even a few special toys to open this year! I had the privilege of delivering some of the holiday gifts. One mom said, "I feel like I'm dreaming. I had already prepared the kids that this was going to be a Christmas without gifts, but thanks to these generous people, this was the most wonderful Christmas we've had in years. Next year I will be the one volunteering to help another family!" Another young boy shared, "I get boots too? This is the best day ever!"



In addition to holiday giving, our team has been able to support our students and their families in wonderful ways. After getting a young BHS student and her mom moved from homelessness to an apartment, we were able to assist the student with clothing for her band concert, winter gear, clothing and a pantry full of snacks and basic toiletries. Five Batavia students who never imagined having a computer in their home were set up with donated laptop computers to assist them with their studies. A BHS student living at a local motel was given gas cards to get to and from school while transportation was getting set up. These are just a few of the incredible examples of generosity.

What's next? Our next step is to develop a systematic way to reach out to support more students that may not even realize help is available. We will be working closely with our counselors and social workers to set up a more effective way of requesting assistance from our community members. Be on the look-out for ways to help!

CHIP IN CURRENT NEEDS LIST

To coordinate your donation, please email info@chipinbatavia.org

- Printer cartridges for HP Office Jet 6000 920XL 3 color and black
- Lap top computers
- Computer technician to ready donations for recipients
- Tutoring: Four locations to choose from:
 - Batavia Apartments: 3:30-5:00 Monday - Thursday in the Resource Center Contact Sarah Perez at 630-879-3117
 - BHS: Focus on English (writing papers) and Math Contact joanne.smith@bps101.net
 - HWS: Tutoring help during the school day Contact lew.girmscheid@bps101.net
 - JBN: Tutoring help during the school day Contact nicole.prentiss@bps101.net
- O' Sole Mio fundraiser - February 20th
 - 10:00 am – 1:00 pm 2 kitchen helpers
 - 1 person to deliver lunch orders to Batavia schools
 - 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm 2 kitchen helpers
 - If you would like to donate or help out, please contact mkintz@comcast.net

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

CHIP IN WEBSITE

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

The new Google form listing CURRENT NEEDS can be accessed anytime, without requesting access, by going to our website. Simply go to the "How can I help Page", and click on current needs. Check often as we are constantly updating!

WHERE ARE DONATIONS TO CHIP IN GOING?

CHIP IN is diligently researching many ways to most effectively use the generous donations received and to meet our mission goals. At this point we have the luxury of being able to make decisions on a case by case basis and not be tied to a rigid protocol. We have

- Made repairs to 2 cars to get 2 families transportation and moving again
- Delivered 5 laptops into the hands of RMS & BHS students who needed them for homework
- Paid for a correspondence course that will enable a BHS student to graduate
- Paid to update and repair 4 computers at Batavia Apartments
- We were able to get a family's life possessions out of storage and back to them after a year.
- Provide needed backpacks and school supplies to students in need and on a continual basis
- Provided Aldi gift cards to a family displaced by collapsed roof
- Provide snacks at every school (free & reduced lunch is not enough)
- Warm clothing: Boots, coats, gloves, pants, sweaters, undergarments ...and much more!

We have several large projects we are evaluating. Each person we help is carefully screened and assessed by Lisa Palese, a counselor, principal or teacher.

BATAVIA APARTMENTS

Batavia Apartments is a 290 unit family housing development for income eligible families and seniors. 258 of the apartments are subsidized through HUD Section 8 and there are 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units. There is a 4 year waiting list for the larger units and this property is especially popular because of the nurturing and encouraging environment by the management, Franciscan Ministries. In some cases, apartments are passed down through generations.

Sarah Perez is the Batavia Apartments new Resident Service Coordinator, aka Social Worker. Sarah's position is made possible through grants and she is on site to coordinate area support services and to promote programs that empower and educate in order to help residents maintain an independent lifestyle.

The Batavia Apartment campus also has a Resident Resource Room with a computer lab and space for tutoring, art classes and other educational and personal enrichment classes.

At this time, there is a strong need for volunteer tutors. Tutoring takes place Monday – Thursday from 3:30-5:00 in the Resident Resource Center and it is a supervised environment. Anyone interested in tutoring is asked to call Sarah Perez at 630-879-3117. BHS students are welcome and encouraged to be tutors and role models!

If you have a special talent/craft you would like to share in a "class" format with the kids or adults at Batavia Apartments, Sarah would also be interested in talking with you. She keeps an activities calendar for residents and is always interested in adding to what is currently offered – sports, arts, computers, sewing etc. – she would love to hear from you.

CHIP IN is committed to supporting Batavia Apartments where possible. Unfortunately, when some of our Batavia families have lost housing, they often double up with other families at Batavia Apartments until they get their feet on the ground. In a sense, when we assist the income eligible residents of Batavia Apartments we are often helping our target population as well.



RACHEL RAY DINNERWARE

Thank you to all who pooled Jewel Rachel Ray stickers to help CHIP IN Batavia build an inventory of dinnerware for families who will move to more permanent housing this year.

We delivered 4 place settings of red dishes in addition to dressers, a couch, a kitchen table etc to a single Mom in Batavia Apartments who had been literally living with no furniture for 9 months. This delivery, right before Christmas, left Mom speechless. We are especially grateful to our kind BPS Buildings & Grounds delivery crew for making this happen.



DASH WITH DAD 5K VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

A big part of CHIP IN is simply networking for the betterment of all!

We are grateful to United Way of Batavia for teaming up with Rotolo Middle School to organize such an amazing Holiday Adopt A Family program.

Their efforts, along with The Batavia Women's Club and assistance from our community, provided holiday gifts and supplies to more than 65 children and their parents. This included 1 bag of perishable foods, 1 bag of fresh fruit and bread, 1 bag of supplies (laundry detergent, shampoo etc) and a stocking for every child 18 and under.

We would like to help United Way of Batavia help us by participating in, or volunteering at their annual fundraiser.

Dash with Dad 5k

Batavia River Walk

Date: June 7, 2014

Race Start: 9:00 a.m.



For more information please contact Jody Haltenhof /Batavia United Way

Jody@BataviaUnitedWay.org

Facebook page : Dash with Dad 5K Batavia

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

We would like to thank these local service organizations for adopting Batavia schools in support of CHIP IN!

We thank you and appreciate you.

- Batavia Woman's Club: Rotolo Middle School
- The Rotary Club: JB Nelson
- The Kiwanis Club of Batavia: Hoover-Wood School
- Batavia Main Street Board of Directors: Alice Gustafson School

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