

# keeping InTouch

Winter 2015

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## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Personal Care Items  
*Drop off Immanuel Lutheran Church or Batavia United Methodist Church*
- Donate Prom Gowns  
*Drop off at Zanos Salon*
- Donate Furniture  
*Will pick up furniture*
- Tutors Needed  
*Batavia Apartments*
- Grant Writers Needed  
*for the Batavia Apartments*

Details of the above are on the back page of the newsletter

Message us on Facebook or contact us on our website if you can help [www.chipinbatavia.org/](http://www.chipinbatavia.org/)

## PANERA FUNDRAISER - BATAVIA LOCATION ONLY

Show your support for BATAVIA WOMAN'S CLUB and CHIP IN Batavia- Stop into Panera Bread® Batavia on 02/23/2015 and as a result of your participation 10-20% of qualifying sales will be donated directly to CHIP IN Batavia. Please bring this voucher with you, and pass them on to your friends.

DATE: Monday, February 23 TIME: 6am—9pm

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DATE: Monday, February 23  
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.  
*Schedule your next fundraiser online! Visit [www.panera-chicago.com](http://www.panera-chicago.com)*

## H.C. STORM BOXES

H.C. Storm School has many children who depend on breakfast and lunch program when school is in session. The CHIP IN group at Storm thought it would be beneficial if food boxes were provided to these families as a substitute for sought after boxes. The group donations of Aldi gift cards to purchase food for the WOW, did we receive donations! We were not only able to increase the amount of food in each box but also the number of families we were able to help. The CHIP IN group at H.C. Storm, Anna's Helping Hands, gathered to assemble the food boxes and bags for the families in need. The school counselors distributed the boxes to the families we were able to help. Thank you to Batavia United Methodist Church for their generous donations for this program.



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## HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

A Community Breakfast was hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church on January 10th with many local churches and service groups in attendance to discuss issues at The Batavia Apartments. Top needs include Education (GED, reading programs), Transportation, Employment, Child Care and access to cleaning and personal care items. As a result of this discussion, CHIP IN will have an ongoing list of these personal care items and a plan to deliver them to the BA. Food Stamps DO NOT COVER these items...diapers, tampons...NOT COVERED.

Many Community Breakfast attendees expressed an interest in working to find tutors for both students AND adults. Help is needed Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5 in the Resource Room on campus. Also a priority, getting a 15-passenger van for BA, which would change their lives and allow them to get to the grocery store, jobs, school activities, church, and more. Please contact [info@chipinbatavia.org](mailto:info@chipinbatavia.org) if you want to help with any of this. We will post these needs/info on facebook and on our website- [www.chipinbatavia.org](http://www.chipinbatavia.org).

## 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*

## ADOPT A FAMILY

A Successful Month at the North Pole!

Christmas is well behind us at this point but your generosity and kindness live on.

Batavia United Way organized the 10th annual Adopt A Family holiday program in a grander style than ever before. It was a full team effort with Batavia Container providing 150 boxes to hold gifts from Sponsors, as well as stockings, organized by Nan Phillips, from Batavia Woman's Club filled with age/gender appropriate treats, toys and toiletries. Once again CHIP IN supplied bags of fresh produce for all families. Special thanks to Anne Watson (and her crew) for organizing this and delivering the bags to all schools. 72 families (294 individuals) received an Adopt A Family Christmas this year.

The Adopt A Bags of laundry detergent and necessities provided to all 72 Adopt A Families and the surplus was distributed among families who were not adopted, but identified as those that could use this supplement of supplies. Every single bag went to a good home! Thank you!

There truly were more groups, businesses and individuals involved in this project than we could name in this space. Gift cards were still coming in on the last days of school before break and we quickly matched these up with wish lists, labeled them, and dropped them off at schools before the bell rang. While we could not accommodate every Wish List request, one family had a month's rent paid, another received new tires for their car, at least 50 received new coats, a few families received cell phones and minutes, steel toed work boots for the job, bus passes for a homeless family to get to work .....we are humbled by some of the very basics that became Christmas wishes. And, a true Christmas miracle.....those \$25 dollar gas gift cards bought twice the gas they did last year!

Thank you to all who committed their hearts to this project including such a caring group of BPS staff to help us, help the families most in need. Well done CHIP IN and Batavia United Way volunteers!



## SHOP WITH A COP



On December 23rd, the Batavia Police Department sponsored the first annual "Shop With a Cop" program held at Walmart in Batavia. 10 lucky students from HCS got to spend a fun filled evening eating pizza and shopping at Walmart. Each child was given a budget of \$100 to purchase gifts for their families and themselves, and paired with an officer to go Christmas shopping. The police officers assisted

the children in calculating their total, locating their items and paying for their items at check out. The funds for this event came from a \$2000 grant donated by Wal-Mart. Various law enforcement agencies throughout Kane County donated their time to help make this event a success. A special thank you to officers Chris Pothoff and Emil Jensen for organizing this event. CHIP IN was on hand to offer free gift wrapping and hand out holiday gift bags.



## JEWEL STICKER PROGRAM- ROUND 2- A SUCCESS!

Jewel had a sticker program to collect Cuisinart pots and pans. We had collection drop off at all the schools. Thanks to everyone that donated, CHIP IN has 47 pieces to give to families transitioning into a permanent home. Thank you!

- 8 – 2 quart pour saucepans with covers
- 8 – 3 quart pour saucepans with covers
- 7 – 6 quart stockpots with covers
- 6 – 13.5" lasagna/roasting pans
- 5 – 12" everyday pans with dome covers
- 6 – 8" skillet
- 7 – 12" skillet



## WITUK MARTIAL ARTS CONTINUES STREAK OF SUPPORT



Wituk Martial Arts offers students in need classes at their studio with the help of a United Way grant. In addition, they have a studio at the Batavia Apartments, where classes are taught. CHIP IN helps cover the costs for students to test to get to the next level or to join the Tung Su Do Federation. And, CHIP IN also paid for the mats and found mirrors for the room. We are very grateful to Master Wituk and Jesus Macias for their time and work with these great kids. It is a great accomplishment for these students to stick with this discipline, test for a belt promotion and feel proud of their work.



## BATAVIA MARCHING BAND- THEY CAN MARCH & RAISE FUNDS

The Batavia Marching Band selected CHIP IN Batavia as their charity this year. They ran two fundraisers at local restaurants, Pot Bellys and Chipotle. Chipotle's December event was an outstanding success...Chipotle donated 50% of their proceeds to CHIP IN, totally over \$881! THANK YOU Batavia Marching Band!

## HAPPY RETIREMENT- YOU WILL BE MISSED

In November, The Scholarship Store closed its doors permanently. They were extremely generous with an invitation to CHIP IN to come and shop in their store for anything we wanted!!! After asking too many times, if it is really ok to take this or that, we just loaded up our arms and 2 cars with educational toys, puzzles, books, pencils, erasers and much, much more! We then divided it all up and made deliveries to the elementary schools. They gave us over \$5,000 in retail value of items. THANK YOU to THE SCHOLARSHIP STORE. We are sorry to see you close!

## BATAVIA HIGH SCHOOL HELPERS!

A trombone was donated to a student who really, really wanted one. We asked Chris Owen, the BHS band director for a student we could ask to teach him lessons. Within minutes of getting the email, Ben Hejna responded "YES!" and here is a picture of their first lesson. Thank you Ben...an outstanding senior.



## DONATIONS OF KINDNESS

During the Fall-Winter months, we have received many generous donations from individuals, families, businesses and churches. You have made our fundraising job very, very easy! Thank you to all of you. We can list a few here, but does not come close to naming all the generous donations of checks, gift cards, and time.

Churches: The Well, Immanuel Lutheran, Batavia United Methodist Church, Congregational Church of Batavia, Fox Valley Christian Church, Bethany Lutheran Church, Holy Cross Church, Calvary Episcopal Church and the Batavia Ministerial Association/Father Rasicci.

Businesses: VWR International, Kohls, and Batavia Container

## BATAVIA FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET

The Pantry supplies snacks to all of our schools on a regular basis. CHIP IN picks them up and delivers them to schools. We work closely with The Clothes Closet as well. We direct all families in need to go there as their first stop for needed clothing. We encourage everyone to donate gently used clothing and household items to the Clothes Closet. Batavia residents and anyone with a letter from CHIP IN can get free food and free clothes from these agencies.

Clothes Closet -Hours for Clothing Drop Offs - Seasonal new and gently used clothes only and small household/kitchen items, bedding & towels

Monday 9:00am to 11:30am

Tuesday 9:00am to 11:30am

Friday 9:00am to noon

Food Pantry - Donations may be dropped off:

Monday & Tuesday 9:00am to 11:00am

Friday Morning 9:00am to noon

## BATAVIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-

### FUNWAY OUTING WITH BATAVIA APARTMENT STUDENTS

On Monday, Dec. 29th, and thanks to a generous discount from Funway, BUM Church organized a great outing for teens. BUM Church used their own bus to transport students from Batavia Apartments (9) and their own vehicles to take some of their youth group kids (12). They bowled 2 games and had a great time (after the bumpers went up)! They were glad to have their own snacks because many of the kids had not had breakfast and were not sure about lunch. Pastor Josh came along too and they are all looking forward to their next get together, possibly in February. Thank you Batavia United Methodist Church!

## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS NEEDED

These items can NOT be bought with Food Stamps, and are in great need. Donations- please drop off at: Immanuel Lutheran Church or Batavia United Methodist Church and they will be delivered to the Batavia Apartments on a regular basis. If there is excess, we will get it to other families in need in Batavia.

- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Female Personal Care Items
- Deodorant
- Diapers- all sizes
- Baby Wipes
- Diaper Ointment
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Cleaning Supplies
- Garbage Bags

## PROM GOWNS, GLITZ AND GLAMOUR

Our prom dress drive starts on FEBRUARY 23rd through April 4th. Gently used (or new) dresses...short or long are requested. Drop off your dresses at Zano Salon and Spa in Batavia (2016 W. Wilson St, near Jewel). We will help get some young ladies to their prom and their 8th grade dinner dance. And, with the generosity we saw last year, we were able to help some young ladies in surrounding school districts, and hope to do that again this year. We are also collecting gift cards for jewelry and shoes---suggestions for this: Payless, DSW, Charming Charlie. You can drop any gift cards off at Zano or Rosalie Jones Administration Office, 335 W. Wilson St. Attn: Chip In

## HAVE ANY FURNITURE YOU WANT TO GET RID OF?

ReHomeCenter.org will pick up your items! ReHome supplies them to low income families recommended by service agencies. Please call 331-222-9209 to schedule a pick-up. They are not equipped to clean or repair furniture or household items. Items needed include beds, bedding, dressers, night stands, small desks, chairs, couches. CHIP IN will direct families in need to ReHomeCenter.org.

## TUTORS NEEDED AT THE BATAVIA APARTMENTS

3:30-5:00PM, Monday-Thursday in their Resource Room, to help students and adults. A paid teacher is there at all times to assist. Interested? Please email Sarah Perez, Resident Service Coordinator at [sperez@fm-inc.org](mailto:sperez@fm-inc.org) or 630-879-3117

## GRANT WRITER FOR BATAVIA APARTMENT PROJECTS

Can you write grants? Sarah Perez could use your help at the Batavia Apartments. Email her at [sperez@fm-inc.org](mailto:sperez@fm-inc.org) or call 630-879-3117