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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Bikes:

Children's, any size, in ride-able condition, bike locks, baskets, bells, training wheels
Bring to All Spoked Up,
3 Webster St. Batavia IL

Help with legal services

Mentoring 1-on-1 with students for next school year

Tutor help at Batavia Apartments for next school year

Personal Care Items: see article

Aldi Gift Cards: Drop off at RJAC, 335 W. Wilson St., marked CHIP IN on envelope

Gas Cards: Drop off at RJAC, 335 W. Wilson St., marked CHIP IN on envelope

Monetary donations to CHIP IN Checks made to BFEE, 335 W. Wilson St. please write CHIP IN in the memo of check

Monetary donations for Enrichment Kindergarten to Batavia United Way - see article

Check our facebook page for current needs
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CHIP IN FINISHES OUR 2ND YEAR HELPING BPS101 FAMILIES

We are grateful and honored to be in a community like Batavia that helps their friends, neighbors, and community members whenever they know of their need. We want to thank our school liaisons, CHIP IN liaisons and groups that have adopted a school. Thank you to: Amy Moore, Laura Bernabei, Cindy Morgan, Anne Rudd, Sue Bauer, Rich Munson, Nan Phillips, Kiwanis, Woman's Club, Rotary Club, Main Street Board of Directors, and 2 wonderful neighborhoods- one is Anna's Helping Hands, that adopted HCS and LWS. Your support, time and energy to CHIP IN are greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Food Pantry and the Clothes Closet for providing snacks to our schools and helping families with clothing. A huge thank you to Amy Nelson and Lisa Palese for working with us and being a great team to work with!

Very exciting news: We received a donation of \$2,500 from the Sara and John Sommers Family Fund. We are receiving \$1,500 from GMW PTO!!! And, Batavia Mother's Club is granting us \$3,000! We will be using these funds for a few projects: Funding summer school for students to take math and reading; setting up a scholarship for students to get bussing and tuition for ECC (preschool) at AGS and for scholarships for preschool at Congregational Church; and hiring paraprofessionals at HCS for after school tutoring for next school year. THANK YOU!! Gratefully, Melinda Kintz and Joanne Spitz

PROM DRESS DRIVE ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR OVER 100 GIRLS

The 2nd prom dress drive was a success! Zano Salon kindly offered their shop as the drop off point. Congregational Church offered to have the actual shopping events at their church, and we transferred over 300 dresses there over a month period. We opened our shop for 5 different days, and invited girls from all over the Fox Valley. We gave out dresses for 8th grade graduation, high school graduation, prom, and Mooseheart graduation and fall dance. Thank you to everyone who donated dresses, shoes, jewelry and financial donations. The remaining dresses were divided up...the short dresses went to the Clothes Closet, where they are going fast! The more outdated long dresses went to The Salvation Army Thrift Store, and funds are used for their wonderful services. Over 140 dresses are being stored in a private home for us by a very good friend. Thank you so very much Batavia...as always, you step up and help change lives. Thank you to Zano, especially Melinda Tennis, Congregational Church (Laura Bernabai, Bobbie Kane, Marsha Seymour and Pastor Yvette), and to AGS for the use of your clothing racks. Dresses were given to girls in the following towns. We helped girls in/from: Batavia, Naperville, West Aurora, St. Charles East, St. Charles North, Kaneland, Geneva, Oswego, Larkin High School, Metea, Aurora Central, Romeoville High School, Earlville and Mooseheart. We even had a kind person drive prom dresses from Geneva to Romeoville!



Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.
--Henry Ford

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VAN FOR THE BATAVIA APARTMENTS PURCHASED WITH COMMUNITY DONATIONS!!!

The Batavia Apartments told a roomful of community members and churches in January that a van would make a world of difference to their residents, most who do not have cars. Their vision was to enhance the lives of the 720 residents because:

- The closest Bus Stop to Batavia Apartments is **1.8** mile away.
- The closest grocery store is **3.09** miles away.
- The closest pharmacy is **1.43** miles away.
- The Batavia Public Library is **1.66** miles away.
- The food pantry is **1.51** miles away.
- Cadence Hospital **6.38** miles away

If our community could get funds together to buy a van, Assisi Homes-Batavia Apartments would take care of everything else---driver, insurance and all maintenance costs. This meeting was in January. On Wednesday, April 29th, the van was purchased at Gerald Nissan. Gerald Nissan kindly did all the research to find a 12 passenger van, secured it for us, and worked with the Apartments to get the lettering done. Residents can now be driven to many places, including the library, bus stops, Two Rivers Head Start Agency, school events, doctor appointments, grocery store, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, DHS/SNAP office, Food Pantry/Clothes Closet, Goodwill, Batavia Park District, Wituk Martial Arts, Kane County Cougars, Waubensee Community College, the DMV, DuPage Children's Museum, Batavia Quarry, VNA, TriCity Family Services, Lenscrafters, summer camp outings, and much more.



THANK YOU DEEN COLLINS and GERALD NISSAN!!!!

Thank you to the following donors (individual donors are not listed):

<u>VAN DONATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence	\$ 5,000
Christ Community Church	\$ 5,000
Walter and Karla Goldschmidt Foundation	\$ 5,000
BPS101 Staff (individual donations from staff)	\$ 2,680
CHIP IN Batavia	\$ 2,000
Congregational Church	\$ 2,000
First Baptist Church of Geneva	\$ 2,025
Individual Donations from community members	\$ 1,750
Fox Valley Christian Church	\$ 1,025
The Well	\$ 1,000
Men's Bible study at Congregational Church	\$ 100
TOTAL	\$ 27,580.00

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

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SUCCESS BY 6- BATAVIA UNITED WAY PROJECT

United Way is pleased to announce the launch of the Success By 6 Kindergarten Enrichment Scholarship Program, based on a need identified and piloted by Chip In Batavia in 2014.

The program is designed to subsidize the cost of Kindergarten Enrichment for low income and homeless kindergarteners who would benefit from an all-day learning experience.

There are 106 children in Batavia who are eligible to begin kindergarten in Fall 2015 and who qualify as low income or homeless. Success By 6 is targeting children who have not had the opportunity to attend pre-school and receive the related educational and social benefits of a classroom setting. It is our goal to have the child "caught up" to those who are further along so that by 1st Grade the playing field is evened out, any gaps closed and the foundation will be set for better learning in the years ahead. This will help the scholarship child and ultimately everyone in the classroom who desires and needs the teachers' attention.

The number of children that can be helped will be determined by funds raised. Success By 6 will be funded by grants, individuals, local business and ministries. For more information or if you would like to make a donation, please contact melinda@bataviaunitedway.org.



KICK SCOOTER PARADE – THE RAIN DID NOT STOP US FROM HAVING A GREAT TIME!

Randy Simonian and his team put together a wonderful morning for an attempt to break a Guinness World Record...we needed 500 people to go 2 miles on the bike trail to break the record. Due to the rain, we had a lower turnout than expected, but we did have a very fun time. 190 brave students and adults came out and had a blast, and 6 lucky riders got a scooter from Sky High Scooters. Donations for the event are going to Batavia United Way and CHIP IN Batavia. Thank you to Randy, RED27 Designs, Batavia United Way and all the volunteers.

Special thanks to the Sponsors of this event including: The Giving Tree, Austin's Violin Shop, Artists View, Kernel's Gourmet Popcorn, RED 27 Designs, Buttrey Wulff Mammaing Insurance, Music Matters, Schmanke Media, Kirby Built, Private Bank and The Shodeen Corporation.



MAKING KIDS HAPPY, 1 BIKE AT A TIME!! AND THAT MAKES OVER 100 HAPPY KIDS (AND ADULTS!)

Bikes for Batavia, a Batavia Bicycle Commission project, gave out over 38 bikes on May 1st to students and parents from AGS, JBN and HCS! It was a wonderful day at All Spoked Up. All Spoked Up takes/stores used bikes, repairs them, makes them like new, and gives them to kids and adults in need of a bike. Thank you All Spoked Up...Scott and Bryan and Jake....it was a fabulous morning and you made a LOT of kids very, very, very happy...and adults too!!! Rotary Club and CHIP IN Batavia have donated funds to help this project. All Spoked Up---you are THE BEST!!!! They are at 3 Webster St., Batavia (on the River on the East side, just south of Wilson). To date, over 100 bikes have been given away! They are in need of ride-able bikes for children...any size. If they are not in ride-able condition, they cannot take them. They do spend a lot of time to make them as "brand new" as possible for the kids. They will take training wheels, bike locks, baskets, bells, etc. Thank you for all the donations. Right now, they do have enough adult bikes, but if you have an adult bike in good condition, they would love to take it!



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PERSONAL CARE ITEMS ARE STILL BEING COLLECTED BY CHURCHES

Immanuel Lutheran Church (879-7163), Batavia United Methodist Church (879-7060) and Congregational Church (879-1999) are all collecting personal care items for the Batavia Apartments. Please drop items off during office hours at any church. These items cannot be bought with food stamps. Please call the church to make sure they are open. Items include:

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

OTHER PROJECTS WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED:

- Coordinated a donation of a van from a Batavia family, for a family in great need with the help of Congregational Church
- Paid for prom ticket for 1 student
- Gas cards for a family who lost their home
- Busing for ECC student at BA for remainder of year
- Clothes for LWS students
- Football cleats for 2 RMS students
- Snacks at all the schools- Thanks to the Food Pantry
- Target card for BHS student
- Received \$,2500 from a foundation to use for after school paraprofessional at HCS
- Working to fund summer school for at least 10 students to take math and reading
- Working with Batavia Park District to help fund Jr. Bulldog Football Camp
- Gave out 4 laptops to students-all donated and repaired by staff member's husband
- Prepaid phone minutes and gas card for homeless family
- Bought Ensure for mom with cancer
- Paid for testing for Karate for 4 students
- Donated dresser from Furniture Dollies for a student in need
- Donated beds for 4 families, and all bedding from ReHome Center, moving from homelessness into apartments!
- ReHome delivered 7 beds, bedding, and bed frames to families moving out of homelessness
- Fundraising dinners- Tickets donated to families in need for Fay's BBQ for Boy Scout's and Spaghetti Dinner for Kiwanis
- Pal Joey's is donating 2 gift certificates/month to families in need
- Donated 25 ear buds to RMS (Batavia Woman's Club)
- Donated gift cards to family in need (Batavia Woman's Club)
- Paid \$465 for a car repair for family in need; Park and Sons did the repairs at a reduced cost to CHIP IN (Woman's Club and CHIP IN)
- Gas and Target gift cards for family who lost their home

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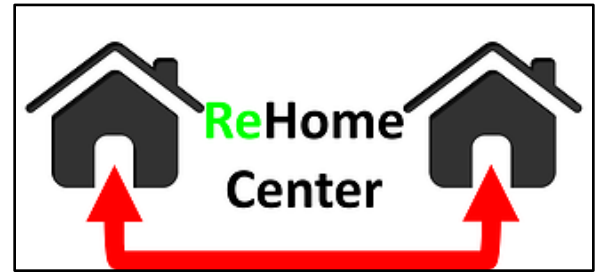
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Re Home Center Is An Acronym For- Round-Up Excess Items To Help Others Maximize Their Experience Of Life.

321 Hamilton Street, Geneva, IL 60134 ~ Tel: 322-222-9209 ~ help@rehomecenter.org

ReHome offers people the opportunity to donate household items and furnishings to people that truly need them. They only work with health care agencies and community agencies, like CHIP IN, who can identify people and families in need of help. Anything that a person might need to set up a new apartment, including furniture, kitchen equipment and appliances, lamps, tables, beds and bedding, towels, cleaning supplies and equipment, etc.



CHIP IN Batavia is working with ReHome and support of ReHome is support of CHIP IN Batavia! When we have a family in need, ReHome delivers the needed items. All beds and bedding are free. CHIP IN pays for any other items needed...the cost is very low; they can give a family everything they need for a new apartment for \$100 charge, from Kitchen to Bedroom, and bathroom items, to cleaning supplies and light bulbs!

Please call **331-222-9209** to schedule a pick-up or find a drop-off area. They are not equipped to clean dirty upholstery or repair broken furniture or household items, so please only donate items that are usable. THANK YOU

Future Goals for CHIP IN and BPS101

We want to build a resource list of community members who have expertise or the time to help families, in a more personal, 1-on-1 way. Some local churches have reached out, asking how we can all work together to help families in crisis situations. The following help would be a tremendous resource for families. If you can help with any of these, please contact us at chipinbatavia@gmail.com or Amy Nelson, Community Outreach Manager at Amy.nelson@bps101.net

- Legal services
- Mentoring Help or Tutoring: 1-on-1 help with individual students or parents (will begin again in August 2015)
- Car donations
- Aid to find low-cost housing when families are able to move from homelessness

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HC Storm Gets A New Library

(Anne Rudd is the CHIP IN Liaison for HC Storm, and she works with a neighborhood group, Anna's Helping Hands, to take care of needs of students at HC Storm. This is not a CHIP IN project, but something so special, we want to share.)

H.C. Storm has a new library, a Little Free Library that is. When Anne Rudd learned that the fourth grade class at HCS wanted a Little Free Library in their planned outdoor education area, she thought it was a perfect opportunity to honor Anna Danielson, a former HCS student who passed away in the fall of 2013. With Anne's imagination and the help of friend and gifted carpenter Harold Hallin of St. Charles, they were able to build and paint a magical library that is a wonderful addition to the outdoor education area. As a finishing touch two plaques were added, one adorning the front reminding kids in the words of Dr. Suess to "Be Awesome, Be a Book Nut!". The one on the back incorporates the silhouette of a young girl reading a book under a tree and reminds us that Anna's love for books was only surpassed by her love for others. The motto of the Little Free Library which will be stamped in every book is Borrow, Read, Return, Repeat and it will no doubt kindle a love of books for a new generation of readers.

The tables in the outside classroom were donated by Norix, a company that started in Batavia and is now in West Chicago. Thank you Julie Premer and Norix Group, Inc. Norix wanted to donate furniture to CHIP IN, and worked with the school district to find where it could best be used.

