



URBAN IMPACT

FROM THE CEO

"In my 12 years at LLF, I've seen some incredible Kingdom ventures come into existence, all with the hope of seeing Lexington become a City for God. Opening the Woodhill Community Center on May 10th could be listed as the largest of the projects we've undertaken. I hope this newsletter encourages you as you read about the ministry that is occurring there. I also hope you are able to read between the lines a bit and see that our overarching strategy of engaging people of faith and good will, building capacity in others, and developing joint initiatives is impacting lives all across the city!"

Eric Geary
CEO

our mission

Through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit we **CONNECT** leaders, **UNIFY** the body, and **MOBILIZE** people to **TRANSFORM** Lexington into a city for God.

Urban Impact's First Summer at the Woodhill Community Center

The Urban Impact team was excited to hold our very first summer camp in the Woodhill Community Center. Separate sessions were held for elementary and middle school students, while some of our high school friends assisted in rotations. The six weeks consisted of academics, sports, art, cooking and gardening activities. We are thankful for the Breckinridge Elementary School teachers who helped plan and implement the academic aspect of camp, as well as other faithful volunteers who cooked, helped create art projects, held a pinewood derby, assisted with soccer drills, and much more.



Elementary students learned about different countries and cultures, while celebrating the World Cup. Middle school students participated in a service project, providing care kits to our homeless friends in Lexington. Thanks to our partnership with On the Move Art Studio, art classes were provided each Tuesday afternoon. Throughout the six weeks, the Urban Impact team was able to provide a camp experience for some of our Academy kids, who we

work with during the school year, as well as connect with a host of new students from the neighborhood that are new to our programs.



Group shot of our kids and volunteers at camp

Amachi's Summer Fun

Our Amachi Mentoring initiative has had a full and fun summer! We began our summer by sending 17 Amachi mentees to enjoy a week of camp with our partner Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass. Our young people had the opportunity to hike, care for and ride horses, practice archery, go canoeing, build friendships, and enjoy time on the zipline! Our mentees enjoyed building relationships and experiencing outdoor adventures. We are so thankful to the staff at LAC for this annual opportunity for our kids to explore, experience, have adventures, and be loved!



After the excitement of camp came to an end, we began our second annual series of Amachi Mondays events! These are mentor, mentee, and family events held every Monday evening in July. We took in a Legends game, played an epic game of kickball, enjoyed a pizza party (and some dodgeball!) hosted by Thrivent Financial, and will cap off our month with an ice cream social! All of our events provided the opportunity for all of our mentors, mentees, families and staff to get to know each other and to have lots of summer FUN! We are so thankful for our partners who helped make this happen: Lexington Legends, Urban Impact, Thrivent Financial, and Centerpoint Church.



Snapshots from our kickball event and camp.

WOODHILL COMMUNITY CENTER

We're In!

The Woodhill Community Center is officially open! We celebrated our grand opening in May and the center has been in full-swing ever since. We had six weeks of summer camp, weekly open gym sessions, Fresh Stop Market, free yoga classes, and more! We are excited and anticipating a busy fall at the center as we continue our regular programming as well as new opportunities for the community too! Stay up-to-date with the happenings at the center by checking out our newly designed website, www.lexlf.org.



Pictures from our Grand Opening

A Wonderful “FAMILY FOREVER” Father’s Day Event!

Neither heat nor humidity would prevent fathers, children, and families from across the city from gathering to celebrate the 14th Annual Father’s Day Family Celebration. LLF staff, community partners, and sponsors all worked together to organize a day of information, recreation, fellowship, and entertainment on a balmy June Saturday. Hundreds attended the events of the day which included a men’s prayer breakfast,

a neighborhood march, and family activities in Douglass Park. The day featured resources for family well-being from over 20 agencies and organizations. We are thankful to this year’s lead sponsors: Fayette County Public School and PNC Bank. In addition, a host of other supporters and volunteers were instrumental in making the event a success. We appreciate every one of you!



Neighborhood march to Douglas Park



Enjoying a sweet treat at the Father’s Day Celebration



Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways to get involved volunteering with LLF and our initiatives. For more information about volunteer opportunities visit our website at www.lexlf.org or email volunteer@lexlf.org.

Give

LLF is blessed to partner with folks that give not only of their time and talents, but also of their treasure. Your gift matters!

YOUR GIFT CAN BE MATCHED!
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lexlf.org/match
FOR MORE DETAILS.

Upcoming Events

LLF Annual Awards Banquet

Thursday, October 25th 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Lexington, 401 W. High St.

Join us for our Annual Banquet honoring volunteers and partners! Sponsorships and tables are available. Please contact our office for more information or email sdavenport@lexlf.org.

