

THIS  
*can change*  
EVERYTHING

*October 4-March 28*



• THE •  
**COMMUNITY**  
• @ AFC •  
CENTER •

Jesus...go...translation...  
as you go...make disciples

# VISION



Our hope is that the community center will be a hub of enriching experiences for all. We plan to do this through developing trusting and collaborative relationships, connecting with other community organizations, offering diverse programming, sharing our space with other non-profits, helping to organize community projects, and ensuring that this work centers around those in the community that we will serve.

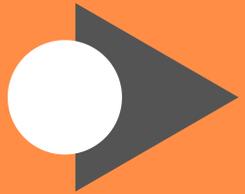
**TRESSENA JONES**

*Director, The Community Center @ AFC*

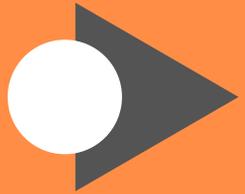
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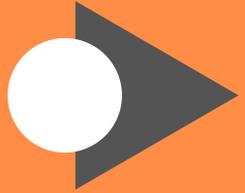
## THE NUMBERS



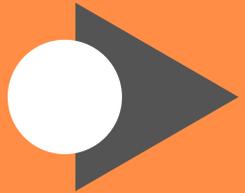
**\$28,340**  
*average household income*



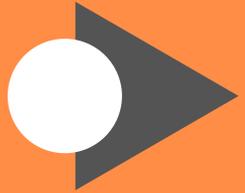
**72.7%**  
*individuals on public insurance coverage or have no coverage*



**2.5%**  
*graduate or professional degree*

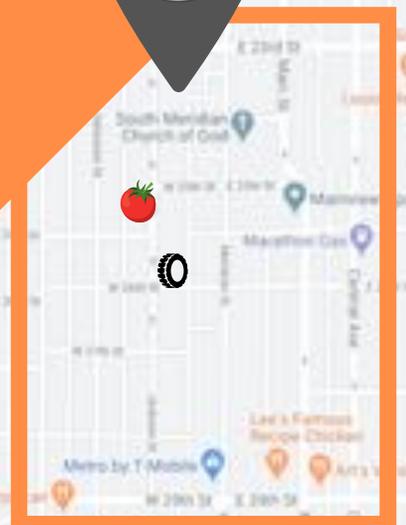


**55.7%**  
*homes are renter occupied*



**25.4%**  
*individuals with a disability*

OUR  
**GRID**



# COMMUNITY CENTER

# PILLARS

## *gathering*

**Vision:** To create a radically inclusive, just, and loving community mobilized to alleviate suffering and break the cycles of poverty and marginalization, all the while, encouraging growth of our relationships with each other.



## *education*

**Vision:** Partnering with community businesses and community leaders to help empower our neighborhood by offering a variety of transformational classes, learning opportunities, and life skills.



## *community*

**Vision:** Full restoration of our community through encouragement of one another, focusing on one vision, and living in peace with one another.



## *health*

**Vision:** Creating an environment that builds a healthy community through education and meeting the needs of our neighbors.



## *safety*

**Vision:** We aim at being informed as we implement the best practices for each area of service we provide. We strive to use our resources to ensure the safest encounters for both the people we serve and those who will serve.



# WHY NOW ?

**Why now? We are in the midst of a pandemic, unrest, and riots. What better time than now? What better time to show the world around us that we are committed more now than ever to bring God's redemption to the world? What better time to show the world that we are in love with Jesus and we are deeply committed to His work? We have the opportunity to show the generosity of God to the world. Giving is a call by God. We could double the giving in the church and it will not impact any of your pastor's salaries. I have led the church board into using a church salary program that uses the same scale and metrics for staff pay, raises, etc. So, it is what it is for us. If we double our tithing, we double our impact. We raise funds for our community center. We raise opportunity for us and our neighbors. We also raise awareness from a God who sees a truly faithful people.**

**Giving in the Kingdom is giving without strings attached. It is giving without taking credit, giving without the thought of personal gain, and giving without the spirit of control. There are some sad facts coming out of Barna research and Non-profit source research. Only 5% of the people in churches give on a regular basis. The remainder are irregular and lack commitment and consistency. It is given when it fits within their lifestyle. Christians nationwide are now per tax data giving 2.5% of their income to the church. Ouch! It was higher during the Great Depression than it is now! 37% of people who consider themselves to be Christians give to their church. An even sadder fact is those that make above \$75,000 do more one-time gifts than becoming a regular tither.**

**You may be saying to yourself, "Pastor, these are exactly the reasons we should not be stepping into this new arena." My response, "I believe in a God who can work and change the hearts of His people. I believe in a God that can change the**

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I believe in a God who can work and change the hearts of His people.

*Dr. Joseph Dagostino III*

I believe in a God that can change the priorities of a people.

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I believe in a God who can create a heart of generosity within willing people.

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priorities of a people. I believe in a God who can create a heart of generosity within willing people." Everything must come in line with God's Kingdom first. I believe AFC has done it in the past and is ready to do it again. I believe that God has ordained the days we are in as a church and we are ready to grab hold of the Spirit-filled reigns He has prepared for us. We are ready to roll with His goal in mind. The question is... are you ready to be a faithful tither? Then, are you ready to be a generous Christian to give above your tithe for the Community Center? This is the point-blank question that's out there, the one God is asking us.

God keeps giving me the same word. There. They are there but they are not there. Prepare them to be there. That is confusing. God is saying the people are there at AFC. The plan for AFC can be fulfilled with the people at AFC. The question to ask is are they truly there with the mission and vision I have given them?

God has a dream for us! Isn't it amazing that we get to be part of His dream? It's BIG! Yes! But it is BIG because we serve a BIG GOD...a God who wants us to be faithful so He can pour out His favor on you! Yes, you and AFC! The days of further favor on AFC are here. Let's run into it with open arms! He is for you! He is for us!

# THERE.

# do the MATH

6 month committment - October to March



wash your own car twice a month  
 $\$15 \times 2 = \$30$

X6

**\$180**



give up a cup of coffee each week  
 $\$5 \times 4 = \$20$

X6

**\$120**



brown bag instead of eating out  
 $\$5 \times 5 \times 4 = \$100$

X6

**\$600**



give up Netflix, Hulu, Prime Video  
 $\$12.99$

X6

**\$78**



donate part of your tax refund  
 $\$???$

?

**\$???**

## GET CREATIVE!

The possibilities are endless...maybe it's giving up a round of golf, making pizza at home instead of ordering out, or just decluttering and selling items at a rummage sale or on Facebook...you choose! Make it fun by doing it as a group project with family and/or friends! Big things happen when we all work together!!

# GIFT ESTIMATOR

6 month committment

weekly gift

total

\$10 = \$260

\$25 = \$650

\$50 = \$1300

\$75 = \$1950

\$100 = \$2600

\$250 = \$6500

October 4  
thru March 28

EVERY

GIFT

*makes a difference!*



SAVE  
THOSE COINS! ALL  
AGES CAN DO  
THIS...EVEN OUR  
YOUNGEST! WATCH  
FOR THE PIGGY  
BANKS COMING  
SOON!



# BONUS

*icing on the cake!*

*Many of our day to day activities can support the Community Center @ AFC. Check the boxes below and make sure you are doing these things! It may not seem like much, but when we all work together, BIG things start to happen! Ready...set...go!*

## GOT MILK?

Our local dairy, Prairie Farms, is helping support the Community Center. What do you need to do for them to share some MOOlah? It's simple...drink their milk! When you're done with a gallon or half gallon of Prairie Farms milk, save the cap! All of the caps that we turn in turn in to funds for the Community Center. Drop off the Prairie Farms milk jug caps in the milk box in the foyer or drop off at the church office.

## FEED THE FAMILY!

Link your current Kroger/Payless card and earn money for the Community Center.

- visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
- sign-in or create an account under **My Account**
- click on **MY ACCOUNT** and make sure your plus card is registered. If not, do it now
- on the left hand side choose **COMMUNITY REWARDS**, then click **ENROLL**
- on the right hand side choose **TYPE** or **ALL**
- now search for **THE COMMUNITY CENTER @ AFC**, click **ENROLL**
- you will see a message that says **YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ENROLLED**

## SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!

Link your current Amazon account and earn money for the Community Center.

- go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
- link your current Amazon account to Anderson First Church
- Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to AFC
- donations will fund ministries, including the Community Center
- same Amazon, same products, same prices, same service
- **You shop. Amazon gives.**



# PHASE 1

## what's the plan?



*Our number one concern is health and safety. The Community Center will have UVC lighting installed in all areas to sanitize the facility. This is a timed system that disinfects automatically. This is the best known way to disinfect. Also included will be automatic doors, lights, and restroom fixtures. This will minimize the spreading of unwanted germs and help keep everyone healthy and safe!*

### **FIRST IMPRESSIONS!**

A current facelift will be made to the front of our current building. Handicap accessibility will also be greatly improved.

### **GATHERING TOGETHER!**

This is a large open gathering space that will be used a multitude of ways! There will be enough space to offer classes that are both safe and functional. Also offered will be seating for families during the week who are using the playscape; computer stations for students of any age; COVID-19 safe coffee ministry through Land of a Thousand Hills; a Christian bookstore; and a state of the art worship area for youth and Spanish services. Restrooms equipped with showers will also be available.

### **SOUP'S ON!**

Phase 1 will include an industrial kitchen, as well as a teaching kitchen that will include 6 socially distanced teaching stations. The kitchen will include a walk-in freezer and walk-in cooler. These will be used for both food distribution and storage.

### **PLAYTIME!**

This will be a huge indoor playscape area that will be open to the public all year round. It will provide a fun, safe environment for children in the community. The playscape will also include three rock wall experiences that can also be used for team building, etc.

### **GREAT OUTDOORS!**

The east wall of the building will have enormous glass industrial garage doors that will be open to a large patio area. This will allow the community to see all the exciting things happening inside as well as letting us have the option to expand the gathering area. There will also be a netted in basketball court!!



# *new ways to* CONNECT



## OPERATION CHILL

Having a walk-in cooler and freezer will allow us to minister to people in creative new ways, such as offering a Fresh Produce Pantry. This will be the first of its kind in Madison County.

An industrial kitchen will allow us to prepare large meals to serve both the community and church family. 6 kitchen stations will be used for teaching and certification. The current kitchen doesn't allow for ventilation access.

## INDUSTRIAL SIZED



## TWO FOLD PLAY

The huge play area will be the only one of its kind in Anderson and Madison County. Not only will it provide a safe place to play year round but allow parents to participate in classes. Income will generate from private party rental.

AFC has always been a mission focused church and the coffee shop will support the "Land of a Thousand Hills" coffee ministry that helps support the country of Rwanda. Drink coffee. Do good.

## GLOBAL REACH



## CLIMBING HIGH

Inside the playspace, there will be rock climbing walls for kids, youth and adults. The adult wall will be available for business and organizations to use for team building activities and will be the first in Madison County.

The bookstore inside the Community Center will be the only Christian bookstore in the area. Not only will books be available, but Christian gifts and apparel as well. What a great place to pick up a gift and support a local ministry at the same time.

## IN DEMAND



## LOVE OF GAME

With the Spanish and Youth Ministry using the Community Center for worship services, the gym will be available for sports activities, such as Upward Sports, for children in the community.

The large gathering space will be transitioned into a safe learning environment for students of all ages. Social distanced areas, mobile tech, disinfectant equipment, safety, and advanced technology will all be key parts to this space.

## GET SMART



already happening at AFC and the Community Center...

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

This spring, AFC partnered with Community Hospital to create the Community Garden on Jackson St. Not only are fresh vegetables growing and being used, but new relationships are growing as well! What a blessing!

### THE TIRE PARK

The Tire Park was constructed this summer and has already made an impact within our neighborhood. Kids and families are enjoying the park and several AFC events have taken place there. It is added beauty to Jackson Street.

### PATHWAY TO HOPE

Pathway to Hope is a program that we partner with The Salvation Army. With Pathway to Hope, individuals are introduced to The Salvation Army and other services within the community. This network of support offers a sense of community, spiritual guidance, connections to job training, health services, childcare and education, housing options, and more.

### HOLIDAY WITHOUT HUNGER

Holiday without Hunger is a program in its third year at AFC. This program happens during the month of November and not only provides families in our community the ingredients to prepare a Thanksgiving meal for their families, but also the guidance to do so. Our Thanksgiving 101 class provides a demonstrative approach to preparing the meal and resources needed to do so such as a can opener, turkey pan, turkey bag, spices, and recipe book. The highlight of the distribution night is being given the opportunity to meet and pray with each family that comes.

### MADISON COUNTY WORK RELEASE & RE-ENTRY/AMP PROGRAM

The AFC Clothes Closet partners with the Work Release program to provide clothing to those leaving incarceration, with many only having the clothes on their back. What a blessing it is to serve and pray for these individuals as they navigate back into society and the workforce. Likewise, our partnership with AMP provides clothing for those completing training and entering the workforce. Never underestimate what clean clothes can do for someone without or in need of for an interview.

### EZRA'S ESSENTIALS

From Pastor Joe's sermon series "Reclaim" in 2019, this ministry was founded. We learned in Ezra 8:21-23 that the treasure was protected. Three important things for us to remember:

- GUARDIANSHIP-It belongs to God. Ezra gave it over to God and called everyone to trust. Ezra took a huge step of faith and recognized that people are a treasure of God and are valuable. We all are treasures to Him!
- RESPONSIBILITY- we carry the images of Christ is with us. We are bearers of the treasure with unlimited possibilities. Possession always brings responsibility. Ezra didn't rely on the king but instead the King of kings!
- WATCH-God is ahead of us, He goes before us. We must be unslumbering and vigilant. We must be willing to be sparked! We must let Him use us to reach others. Jesus ministered in communities...so must we!

AFC handed out essential items all through the beginning of Covid-19 to those in need and now the Lord has blessed us with a partnership with Dollar General to help and reach even more! Be sparked!

looking ahead...

- YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM WITH CITY OF ANDERSON
- WELLNESS PROGRAMS WITH COMMUNITY AND ASCENSION HOSPITALS
- MAJOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITE
- JOB TRAINING/CERTIFICATION/RESUME ASSISTANCE
- TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE
- INSTRUCTIONAL AND HOBBY CLASSES
- PARTNER OF INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
- SAFE INDOOR PLAY SPACE
- BOOKSTORE AND COFFEE SHOP
- FRESH PRODUCE PANTRY

*an exciting*

# FUTURE

# SMART Thinking

## how will the community center be different?

With all that we have been through this year it has made us rethink details of the community center building. We want it to be a safe place for all and offer many multi-use options for us both now and down the road. Here are just a few of the things we are trying to be smart about:

- ▶ UVC light disinfection\*
- ▶ air ventilation system
- ▶ automatic doors
- ▶ enhanced cleaning/disinfecting
- ▶ high efficiency bulbs
- ▶ state of the art WIFI & sound
- ▶ safe check-in system
- ▶ smart lighting
- ▶ virtual events

\*this is a timed lighting system that disinfects automatically and is the best known way to disinfect!





COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT



Madison County  
Juvenile Probation



# with PARTNERS

*working together to make a difference...*

The Community Center

# LEADERSHIP

*Team*



Tressena Jones  
*Director*



Dr. Joseph Dagostino III  
*Overseer*

## *Board of Directors*



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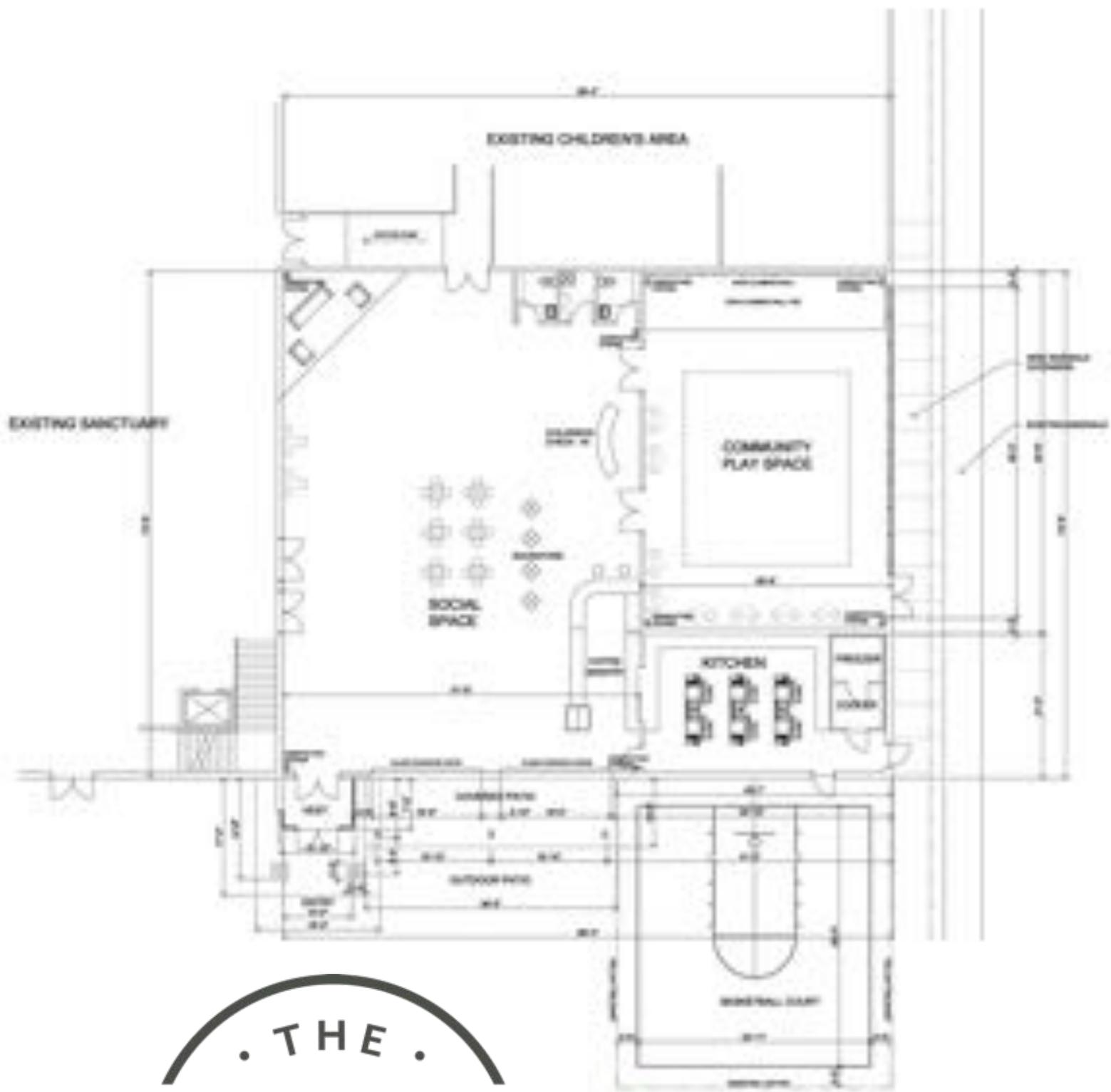
# WHY

does

*community matter* ?

- meeting needs
- coming together in unity
- selfless and other focused
- creating opportunities to gather
- build trust and relationships
- valuing opinions of others
- changing lives through service
- neighbors knowing each other
- providing social services
- bridging gaps in the community





# The PRICE TAG

Community Center cash on hand \$707,150



total funds raised	\$850,120
• includes Pendleton property	\$550,000
total funds needed	\$449,880

to date spent	\$142,970
• Go Play Systems	\$89,470
• BGW	\$13,500
• Sproles	\$40,000



## AFC, think about this...

**YOU** have raised \$300,120. Can you believe it? Let's double it! If we can do this during a pandemic, imagine what we can do through this capital campaign!!!

# THIS *can change* EVERYTHING

*my part in making the change...*

name of change maker: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

weekly amount: \_\_\_\_\_

monthly amount: \_\_\_\_\_

one time gift amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**6 month commitment ● October 4-March 28**

**also available are namesake designations for the 3 large areas:**

**these are available for \$25,000**

gathering space

playspace

kitchen



**in addition, if we have someone give \$25,000  
that donation will be matched by  
Community Hospital, Anderson**