



A CENTRAL HUB OF HOPE, CREATIVITY, HEALING, AND ACCEPTANCE EMPOWERING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP THEIR PASSIONS, GIFTS, AND POTENTIAL IN A SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

Quakertown Community Center

Monthly Newsletter

Exciting things have been happening this summer!



Not only was the Quakertown Community Center open on Mondays and Wednesdays all summer, we had a few special events over the summer as well.

One of the cool events we had was our "Grill and Chill" at the Memorial Park Pavilions the 3rd Friday of each month from 5-8pm. Big Guys Hotdogs donated their time and yummy dogs in June and had plenty of toppings for the kids to choose from. We had games for the kids to play and made sure there were plenty of chips and drinks to fill their bellies.

In July the weather was so hot that we changed it up a bit. Instead of "Grilling and Chilling" we just "Chilled Out". It was one of those 100-degree days so we had a ton of chilling options. Ice cream, popsicles, Rita's Water Ice (donated by Rita's). Again, plenty of outdoor games, but this month we also brought out the water guns and the volunteers definitely got "cooled off" after the kids bombarded them with water!

In the month of August, Salem Church blessed us by donating hot dogs, chips and soda for all of the kids. Here is the great news about these three "Chill Events" we had this summer, we averaged 15 + kids at each of these events! How cool is it that they hung out on a Friday night with us?



In July we had our first Movie Night at the Center. Thanks to a generous donation of almost 200 movies provided by our Non-Profit partner, Between Friends Outreach, and its' founder Tara Stoop, we were able to show the movie Evan Almighty to 15

kids who showed up on a Wednesday night at 7PM to hang out. They also enjoyed homemade pizza! Sertoma, a wonderful organization, graciously provided ingredients and volunteers to make up 10 pizza pies. We had freshly popped popcorn, soda and candy to finish off a great night. Again, how cool is it that 15 teenagers came out to hang with us on a Wednesday evening, instead of hanging at the park in the dark!

Fundraising events that we had over the summer.

In July, Bromm's Lullaby Farm held a fundraiser for the Community Center. They generously donated the proceeds from the sale of some beautiful tropical plants, as well as some select annuals and perennials. We were gifted \$478!



THANK THANK YOU!



In August we were contacted by the Quakertown Fire Department Chief, Doug Wilhelm. It was so exciting to hear that they had an opening on Thursday night of the Fire Department Carnival to volunteer at the Dunk Tank and raise money for the Community Center! Now imagine this. 3 balls for \$1.00! Three hours staffing the tank with some amazing volunteers, then came the rain and we lost almost 45 minutes of premium dunking time. Ok, are you ready for it?

We raised \$198.00 that evening! The most money raised in one evening by an organization since the Carnival and the Dunk Tank have been part Quakertown! Thank you for all of your support!

What's happening in September?

Please consider this your personal invite to our 2nd Annual Leadership Forum that we are hosting on Tuesday, September 17th at McCoolle's Arts and Events Center from 4-6pm. We will have Board Members, Volunteers and Community Leaders present to share with you the vision and the commitment we have to the young men and women in our community. We will have light fare to eat and an opportunity to not only learn about the Community Center, but also network with local business owners and community leaders. This event promises to introduce you to people you may not have yet had the privilege to meet.

How Can You Help?

Our hopes are that you are getting excited about the progress the Quakertown Community Center is making! We know that we had a slow start out of the gate, but we are truly not only excited about where we are right now but also how committed our Board Members, Volunteers and Community Leaders are in ensuring we provide a central hub of hope, creativity, healing and acceptance that empowers our youth and young adults to identify and develop their passions, gifts and potential in a safe and welcoming environment.

We need your support in so many ways:

- **Volunteers** – Our goal is to someday be open Monday -Friday after school. We can't do that with the limited number of volunteers we currently have. Can you spare 3 hours a week, one day a week? If the answer is no – how about for our Special Events on nights and weekends?
- **Financial Donations** – It takes money to take these kids on Special Event Trips like Fishing Trips and Bowling Nights. Sometimes the snacks that some of these kids are eating at 3 pm is the first time that day they have had something to eat. Can you commit to making even a small monthly donation to assist giving these kids a snack when they arrive?
- **Prayers** – Please pray for our organization. We truly want to make a difference in the lives of the young men and women that are coming through our doors.

We want to thank all of you for your continued support. If you would like to learn more about ways you can help, please contact Shelby Miller at ShelbyMillerQCC@gmail.com or call/text 215-892-2178