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Easter Baskets for All Ages

55 children ages 3 to 13 participated in an Easter Egg Hunt around the Brightmoor Campus on Saturday. Thank you to Troy First United Methodist Church and Redford Interfaith Relief for delightful, unexpected donations of Easter baskets for all the children.



The previous weekend it was the adults who had received baskets ... baskets filled

with toiletries in this case. Thanks to Pierce Elementary School in Birmingham for this generous gift of much-needed personal care items.



How Firm a Foundation



[OK, guys. This article is for the ladies only! 🤖] On March 14, we began what we hope will become an annual tradition: 50 of the women in our neighborhood were professionally fitted for a new bra paid for by a grant RBI received from Birmingham First's United Methodist Women. Two foundation garment experts from the Tina Marie Shop in

Southfield came to measure our friends at the Brightmoor Free Store. Modesty quickly fled as women showed off their new garments. Peals of laughter rose from the store as women discovered that they weren't the size they expected. The Tina Marie shop offered a discount on their products, so many women ordered additional items. For most, this was the first time they had been professionally fitted. One shopper commented, "I usually just take what's on sale at Meijer." Many women were happier - and more comfortable - as they left the Free Store that day.

University of Michigan Detroit Partnership Day

75 people came together in Brightmoor this past Saturday to clean up the neighborhood, board up 5 vacant houses, and have a wonderful time doing it. The many students from the University of Michigan Detroit Partnership group were joined by people from the Brightmoor Free Store and from the Foundation Khamidu Rassul Islamic Center on Schoolcraft Road. Thanks to all who helped, the neighborhood is safer and more attractive!



3 Join the RBI Staff



Rhonda Hughes recently became the Manager of the Open Door Free Store in Redford, replacing Ashé Nikolich who has retired after seeing the store off to a great start. Rhonda has been a regular volunteer at the Brightmoor Free Store for 2 years. She quickly bonded with the men and women who help make the Open Door Free Store such a success.

Karen Mobley joins the RBI team as the Bookkeeper. Karen has had a heart for Brightmoor for years, helping out with such events as Furniture Giveaway, Back to School Supplies, and One Stop Shop. With her extensive financial background, she is a welcome addition to Team RBI.






Our new Administrative Assistant is Maureen Miller, who is a member of Redford Aldersgate and has a strong background with non-profits (including the Harriet Tubman Center). Maureen also has a retail background, which will be a benefit to our two free stores.






Please join us in welcoming our new staff!

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