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RBI Newsletter

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Compute the Possibilities!

Recently, one of our clients came to RBI to create a resume and then applied for a job at Dollar General online. The following week, he started searching for a house to purchase from the Detroit Land Bank for rehab. These opportunities are just now becoming available to our clients through our brand new computer lab program!



When RBI developed a strategic plan in 2017, we recognized that education and employment were a high priority for our clients. We found having access to a computer and training in computer skills were crucial to fulfilling those needs. Now, thanks to Beaumont Health, we are able to provide 10 laptop computers for our clients to use. What's more is that we provide resources to help clients use these computers. Each laptop is equipped with a full Microsoft Office Suite as well as an annual license for MyPerfectResume.com to assist in creating polished resumes.

Volunteers assist in the lab and provide one-on-one mentoring appropriate for each individual. Many of our users are completely new to computers so the mentoring might mean basic instruction on how to hold a mouse or how to start a web browser. Others just need assistance with creating a resume or help with tricky Word formatting. Our volunteers come from both the neighborhood and from several suburban churches.

With the launching of the computer lab, we were inspired to think about ways we can grow the program. We plan to expand the hours of the lab to include several days after school while also serving healthy snacks and providing tutors to help students with their homework. In September, students from the University of Michigan Detroit Partnership Project will begin volunteering in the lab on Saturday and after school.

We expect to see the usage of the lab on Saturday to grow as we advertise it further in the Brightmoor neighborhood and as info spreads by word of mouth. This program emphasizes education and employment and provides more possibilities for our clients. If you are interested in volunteering with the computer lab, please contact Pam Griffin, our Program Director, at pgriffin@RedfordBrightmoorInitiative.org

Mission Statement

Redford Brightmoor Initiative builds community and supports youth and adults to prepare for meaningful employment and service.



Students using the Computer Lab
March 2018

Redford Brightmoor Initiative is a 501(c)3 organization.

Thanks to Macy's

This March, Macy's of Novi offered their customers a chance to make good sense of their purchases by voluntarily rounding up their purchase to the nearest dollar. The proceeds of this effort were donated to RBI. As a result, Macy's raised \$4,898.08 in customer donations along with another \$2,340 in employee and corporate matching through the Macy's Matching Gift Program. That's a total of \$7,238.08!!! We want to thank Macy's for their support of RBI and our mission to help build community in the Redford and Brightmoor neighborhoods.



Back to School

Redford Brightmoor Initiative is collecting back-to-school supplies. Can you help?

At the start of each school year, we let students pick out exactly the supplies they want (rather than presenting them with filled backpacks). Any extra supplies we receive are saved so parents can pick up additional things during the school year. Items can be dropped off at our Brightmoor Campus. Our hours for donations are Tuesday thru Saturday from 8:30am - 11:30am or call (313) 326-4947 to schedule a drop-off time

Here's what we are collecting...

Pencils	Pens	Paper
Notebooks	Glue sticks	Scissors
Tape	Colored markers	Colored pencils
Pencil bags/boxes	Highlighters	Erasers
Rulers	Pencil sharpeners	Backpacks
Folders	Hand Sanitizer	



Questions? Contact Pam Griffin at pgriffin@RedfordBrightmoorInitiative.org

CALL OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS!

RBI relies on volunteers to help us fulfill our mission of building community in the Redford and Brightmoor Communities.

Currently we are looking for Volunteers to help with:

- Groups to make and serve Community Meals on Saturdays while our shoppers are at the free store (from a hot meal to bag lunches)
- Individuals with some computer skills to Volunteer in our Computer Lab
- Individuals or groups to help with landscaping and help keeping the church looking nice! (Mow the lawn. Plant some flowers.)

If you or your organization wants to help, please contact Pam Griffin at pgriffin@RedfordBrightmoorInitiative.org



Lunch Team from
Birmingham First UMC
March 2018

SAVE THE DATE for our ANNUAL BRUNCH

Sunday, September 30th

Reception at 12:30 PM

Brunch at 1:00 PM

Program at 1:30 PM

Heathers Club of Bloomfield Hills

