



Redford Brightmoor Initiative
Making Connections • Building Communities • Transforming Lives

A Ministry of Aldersgate United Methodist Church
10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org
U.S. Postage
PAID
Southfield, MI
Permit #729



Redford Brightmoor Initiative
Making Connections • Building Communities • Transforming Lives

A Ministry of Aldersgate United Methodist Church

The Redford Brightmoor Initiative 2018 Annual Report and 2019 Spring Newsletter

www.RedfordBrightmoorInitiative.org

10000 Beech Daly Rd, Redford, MI 48239

CALL OUT for School Uniforms!

Now that summer is upon us,
please consider donating your
kids school uniforms which
may be too small next year.
We are accepting all sizes and
colors.

Get involved at RBI by:

GIVING

Donate personal care items, gently used clothes, or small appliances for the Free Store, or make a financial donation to support the work of RBI.

VOLUNTEERING

Make and serve Saturday lunch for the Free Store, work in our community garden or orchard, clean up the neighborhood, assist in our computer lab, or help rehabilitate homes.

SHARING

www.RedfordBrightmoorInitiative.org
Facebook: Redford Brightmoor Initiative
Office@RedfordBrightmoorInitiative.org



We are excited to share with you about Amanda, one of shoppers at the Free Store at the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI).

Amanda has lived the Brightmoor neighborhood since 1989. She had many challenges as a young person including drug use, teenage pregnancy, divorce, and more. Thankfully she had the strength and courage to make better choices and put herself on a healthier path. She worked at a local hardware store for 13 years while she pieced her life and family back together.

**Through the help of RBI,
Amanda is now enrolled in
a Peer Support Specialist
Program at Wayne Count
Community College!**

About a year ago, Amanda found her way into RBI. She started coming to RBI on Saturdays. She is grateful for the items she has received from the Free Store, including clothing, personal care items, and more. She also cherishes the sermons that are shared on Saturday mornings and the feeling of community and togetherness that they create.

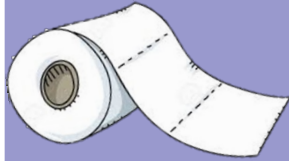
In addition to the needed items Amanda received through the Free Store and the community Amanda found through Saturday morning worship, she began to utilize two new services offered during 2018 at RBI – our social work intern and computer lab. With the help of our social work intern and computer lab volunteer, she is now enrolled in a Peer Support Specialist program at Wayne County Community College! This program requires its participants to have had life experience similar to the people that the program is intended to support. This program is also a first step towards a Social Work degree which is Amanda's larger goal. Our social work intern recommended this program to Amanda after hearing her story and learning that she wanted to study Social Work. Our computer lab volunteer assisted her with the online application as well as the financial aid application. Amanda wants to be a mentor to young girls who are struggling as she once did. She wants to give back to her community and have a positive impact on those around her. We are so happy for Amanda and grateful that we were able to help her achieve this first big step in reaching her goals! Good Luck Amanda!

Mission Statement:

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

2018 Numbers That Tell Our Story

2,100 Sandwiches served
3,000 Hot Lunches Served



In 2018 we gave away more than **260 Miles of Toilet Paper.** That's enough paper to mark the yard lines on 698 football fields

7,427
Volunteer Hours
Worked



237

Households impacted by Holiday One Stop Shop

2,036

People benefitted from the Brightmoor Free Store



36

Students participated in our Back to School Readiness Program



14

Mission Teams with 204 total people



2019 is Off to a Good Start

Welcome Kim! Kimberlyn Davis is our new Brightmoor Free Store manager. Kim and her husband are members of Redford Aldersgate UMC. She brings much enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the store and our programs. We are excited to have her join RBI!



Kim Davis our new Brightmoor Free Store Manager



2019 Busted Bra Shopper at our Brightmoor Campus

Busted Bra Shop visits RBI – In March, the Busted Bra Shop (2 locations in Detroit) came to RBI for a second time. They sized 21 women for new bras and each woman received a new bra as well!! It was such a fun day at RBI! Thank you to the Busted Bra Shop for accommodating us and making our Underwear Program a great success!

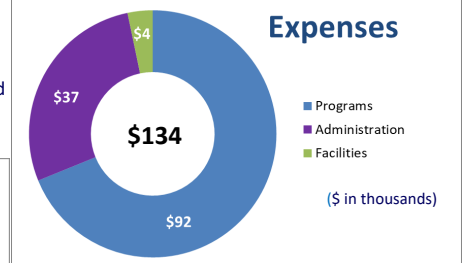
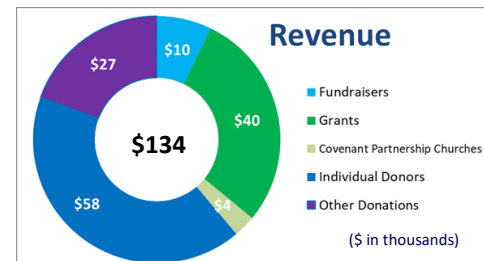
Easter Festivities – Thank you to members of Birmingham First UMC and Troy First UMC for the amazing Easter baskets that they donated to RBI. The kids of Brightmoor were thrilled to get a basket full of coloring books and crayons, toy eggs, candy, games, and more! We are very grateful for your ongoing support!



Easter Basket give away from Troy UMC and Birmingham First Unfinished Christian Women

Brightmoor Kitchen Renovation coming soon! Our kitchen at the Brightmoor Church is going to be renovated this summer and we cannot be more excited! With the support of generous donors and partner churches, we are able to make much needed improvements to the kitchen space.

The majority of our revenue comes from the generosity of our individual donors, including our "Brick Builders," who commit to make gifts of at least \$1,000 annually for three years. We appreciate all of the support that our donors and Covenant Partnership Churches have provided.



The majority of RBI's budget supports the various community programs. However RBI could not provide this level of service without the thousands of dollars' worth of food, clothing, toiletries, and other needed donations.