

# Redford Brightmoor Initiative

## Mid-Year Report 2023



*Let's recap what RBI has been up to since the start of the year. Here we go...*

### FREE STORES

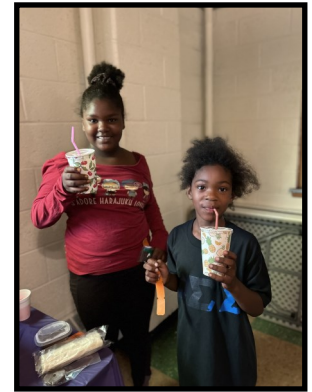
Our Free Stores are busier than ever! We have new shoppers every week and haven't missed a Saturday (even with numerous power outages). Our Free Stores offer clothing, household items, linens, books and toys, personal care items, and much more!

### COMMUNITY MEALS

We continue to serve a healthy breakfast on Saturday mornings at our Brightmoor location. Breakfast sandwiches, yogurt parfaits, fresh fruit, and coffee are often on the menu. We set up a Smoothie Bar on several occasions which has been a big hit!

### FOOD4U

We continue to serve the community with our monthly Food4U program. Hundreds of bags filled with non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies are distributed at our Redford location on a monthly basis.



### MOBILE DENTAL CARE

The dental team from Covenant Community Care visited RBI twice in 2023. They performed cleanings, check-ups, x-rays and extractions for nearly 100 people.

### LAUNDRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Our Wash Wednesday program continues to be one of our most popular programs. We help cover the cost of laundry services on two Wednesday evenings each month at a local laundromat.

### YOUTH PROGRAMMING

We have hosted a TikTok Dance event, Toy Giveaway, Family Fun Day, a football clinic and more! We love to have events for the kiddos at our Brightmoor location.



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## BACKPACKS!

Recently, we distributed 150 backpacks filled with school supplies to kids in Detroit and Redford.



## FURNITURE PROGRAM

We have resumed our twice per month furniture program. We pick up furniture from the donors' homes and deliver the items directly to our client's homes.



## CAR CARE 2.0

Our new and improved car care program helps our clients have safer and more reliable transportation. With our new 'garage' and apprenticeship program, we are able to perform more extensive repairs including engine, suspension and driveline services, as well as minor body work.



## PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY

We had a blast during our prom dress event which offered a variety of dresses to our teens who were headed to prom in the spring. All colors, shapes, and sizes were available as well as jewelry, purses and shoes!

## JOIN US!

There are many ways to support our programming:

1. Financial donations are always welcome!
2. Our Free Stores accept donations of gently used items (clothing, household items, linens and towels, kitchen items, toys, and more) as well as toiletries, diapers and cleaning supplies. We also accept food items for our pantries.
3. Interested in volunteering with us? We are always looking for volunteers to assist in our Free Stores, prepare or serve a meal, and help with our Car Care program.

