

2024 A Year to Remember Newsletter

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Here's what happened in year and what's to come!

Welcome to our community year-end newsletter!

2024 has come and gone in a flash. It has truly been a pleasure serving the community through various programs and services. From our Spring Fair to our Holiday of Hope it has been great working with the community, sponsors, and our partners.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our staff and volunteers who have continued to support us during these challenging times. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep our programs running smoothly and effectively.

We had a wonderful year and are thrilled to share with you the past activities and the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our center relies on the kindness and support of our community. If you are able to donate your time or resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for this past year and your continued support!

Enjoy our year end newsletter!

Motivated Team

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Past Events

We held workshops, events, classes, and fairs in 2024 to provide resources to families in West Philadelphia. Resources such as, Habitate to Humanity for free home repairs to learning about wills and estate planning. We plan to continue providing workshops throughout the year that will benefit youth and families.

In our recent activities, we have successfully launched new clubs to provide education, learning experiences, and team building to children in our area. These programs include: Upcycling Arts Therapy, Fearless and Motivated, Photography, Reading Boot Camp and others that is aimed at improving self-esteem while

promoting a love for learning..

Upcoming Event: For our next event, Motivated will be supporting Abiding Truth Ministries with their annual "It's All in the House". This event is designed to allow the community residents to come into the church and shop freely for the items they need for their homes. Items such as cookware, housewares, clothing, shoes, and more will be available. This event will be held on Saturday, January 18th from 11-1 pm. You can find out more by visiting our website at www.motivatedcrc.org.



Annual Back to School Fair

Happening each August, this event was truly a blessing this year to all community members. Families were able to receive much needed school supplies and received resources and items from various community organizations and businesses. Councilwoman Jamie Gauthier stopped by to show her support.



Holiday of Hope

Held at Christy Recreation Center in December and partnered with Philly Lift, our Annual Holiday of Hope is the culmination of the year's event at the center. it is an event that the entire staff looks forward to. Helping our community has always been a priority, but getting to put smiles on the faces of children is the absolute best feeling. Families in need receives coats, toys, and food for their children, coats.

Center Highlights



Crafting Classes

This year's crafting classes were amazing. Participants learned how to make Thanksgiving centerpieces and holiday wreaths. The workshops will continue throughout the new year! You will find information about these and other upcoming workshops on our website.

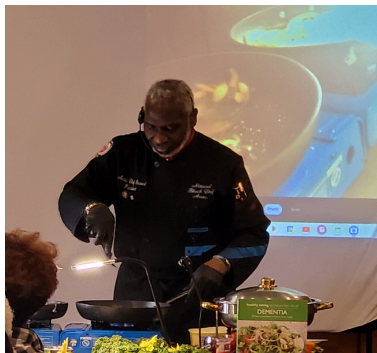


Workshops

Throughout the year, the center hosted resource workshops like Habitat to Humanity and Wills and Estate Planning. These workshops were held to assist families in obtaining free home repairs, health and wellness, and how to prepare for the unexpected.



Thanks to one of our learners, Tristen and his family for helping support the Holiday of Hope with a donations of toys.



Senior Cooking Class

Seniors both enjoyed the cooking and instruction of Chef Bernard Talley. He is an amazing chef and dedicated his time to share his wonderful talent and love for cooking. The classes were scheduled Tuesday evening at 5 pm and will resume in the coming new year.



Bingo

Who doesn't like bingo! Participants had a wonderful time this year in our community bingo games which took place twice a month on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

A Few Notes To Remember

- The food pantry will be open each Saturday from 10 am to 12 pm.
 - The Center re-opens Monday, January 6th at 8:00 am.
 - Remember we are made up of mostly volunteers so if you would like to volunteer at our pantry on Saturdays, or help with incoming donations on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings, please contact our office at 215-921-6263.
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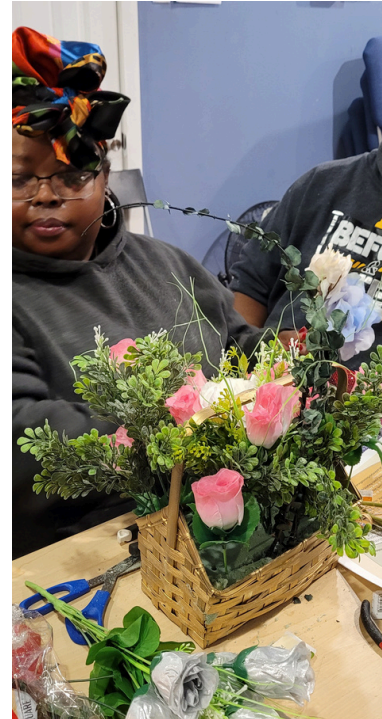
Cyber Schooling

Our learners in Commonwealth Charter Academy have done well this year so far and we look forward to finishing the school year well. If you have a homeschooler in cyber school and would like them to be a part of the center's instructional support program, contact our office.



Volunteer Health Study

This year, the center hosted for the University of Penn, their volunteer health study. Participants were able to get their blood pressure checked, glucose checked, height-weight, and in return for their help received \$50 and lunch.



Floral Arrangement Class



Spring Health Fair

This past year, Motivated hosted the Annual Spring Health Fair at Sherwood Park. The park was filled with vendors in the health field sharing free resources and distributing giveaways. Chef Bernard was on hand displaying and conducting cooking demonstrations and our Representative Rick Krajewski opened with inspiring words of encouragement.



Thanksgiving Giveaway

Held at Christy Recreation Center, the Thanksgiving Giveaway was the biggest and well attended event Motivated has held so far this year. Motivated was able to serve more than 500 families with turkeys, stuffing, corn, and much more during the Thanksgiving holiday. What a blessing it was!





Center-wide Clubs

Motivated instituted several clubs this year designed to strengthen youth, build self-esteem, social interaction, and encourage growth.

Several clubs include:

- Fearless and Motivated (FAM)
- Photography
- Reading Boot Camp
- Upcycling Arts Therapy
- Aquaponics

The youth truly enjoyed these clubs and we will continue to promote them throughout the new year.



Thank you for reading and have a great New Year!

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