

LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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Joshua's Place is a community outreach ministry that has been serving low income families in Warren County since 2008. We take a comprehensive approach to the battle against poverty by relationally engaging the individuals and community we support. Our Free Store provides grocery and regular support to 60 families in the South Lebanon/Warren County area with bi-monthly meetings and routine support events. The Kings PowerPack program now serves 225 children in the Kings School District by providing weekend food during the school year. Additionally, we help individuals living in addictive cycles find freedom through Celebrate Recovery, a 12 step recovery program that meets weekly in at The South Lebanon Community Center.

In our work, we find that many low income families struggle with solvable education gaps due to lack of access to technology and the internet. Joshua's Place has recently increased its facility size by renovating and moving into the South Lebanon Community Center. In phase two of our renovation we have designated one area to be converted to a Learning and Technology Center. As its name suggests, this space will have two purposes:

Learning

Joshua's Place is committed to reacting to the immediate needs of low income families. However, we also want to engage in preventative steps to work against generational poverty. Adult learning, literacy and basic financial training have the ability to change the future of many families in our area. We want to create a learning environment that is inviting, comfortable, technologically current and accessible. Equipping the South Lebanon Community Center with a modern learning environment is an investment in the future of this community.

Technology

Today's business, government and education systems make reasonable presumptions about individuals' access to computers and the internet. Often, the unemployed are required to file job applications online for local businesses. Interacting with government agencies online eliminates the need for additional transportation and lost time from work. Parents of school age children can be at a disadvantage when they don't have access to email or online grade reports. Students require access to the internet for research, online textbooks and many daily homework assignments. Libraries are a great resource for these needs but there is no library in the South Lebanon area. We plan to have 6 computers available after school and at other designated times in the Center. These computers will be networked, online and have access to printers.

The proliferation of technology has changed the face of American education and the American workplace. Indeed, the ability to effectively use a computer has become as fundamental to a person's academic and occupational success as reading, writing and arithmetic (U.S. Department of Education)

Project Summary and Cost

To accomplish these goals we will renovate and equip a 600 square foot classroom in the South Lebanon Community Center. Six modern computers, along with data processing software such as Word and Excel will be installed with access to the Internet and a color printer. To facilitate teaching in this environment, a projector and smart board will be installed as well.

Given that the Community Center is over 60 years old, facility upgrades such as HVAC, electrical capacity, carpeting and painting are required. Finally, the Learning and Technology Center will be equipped with desks, chairs and workstations.

The total cost to complete this project is \$31,000.

How you can help?

As an individual or business owner in Warren County, we are asking you to make an investment in the future of our community. Given the world we live in, imagine your life without having access to a computer or the Internet. Imagine the quality of your kids education without this same access.

We realize that you have many opportunities to express your generosity, however, we believe a Learning and Technology Center in South Lebanon is long overdue. Please consider making a generous donation and help Joshua's Place level the playing field.

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