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“Housing is the building block of neighborhoods, especially neglected urban neighborhoods. Leveraging the capacity of the Church to impact housing sends a powerful witness about the lordship of Jesus,” says Brian Upton, Executive Director, Building Hope in the City (BHITC).

In the spring newsletter, BHITC expanded upon its housing and community development initiative, which is part of a 10-year vision, and provided an update on a housing project for veterans, located on Trowbridge Avenue in Cleveland’s Clark-Fulton neighborhood. The veterans’ home, now complete, was dedicated this summer and the men moved in this fall. Look at the transformation!

Shown on the cover is the ribbon cutting ceremony, which took place during the dedication event late June. In the photo, left to right, are Greg Wadel, BHITC’s Board Chair, Brian Upton, BHITC’s Executive Director, Bill Dillingham, President, Community Service Alliance (CSA) – a partner organization, Todd Broski, Veteran connected to CSA and Gus Frangos, President, Cuyahoga County Land Bank – another partner organization.

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What’s next now that the Trowbridge house is complete? Underway is a project to renovate a house on Storer Avenue so that a missionary couple from BHITC partner, City Church in Ohio City, can move in as part of future joint outreach efforts. BHITC also hopes to bless refugee and immigrant families from The Hope Center through future houses. Long-term plans call for the transformation of 60 homes in BHITC’s targeted neighborhoods of Clark-Fulton and Stockyards over the next 10 years and the relocation of its administrative offices to the neighborhood in the short-term.

“We want these homes – homes BHITC renovates and manages for tenants with ongoing support – to be in as tight a geography as possible to maximize impact and blessing in one neighborhood,” said Upton. “But, housing is really only one portion of the plan. While housing is at the foundation of our strategy, for the Gospel to become more fully tangible, BHITC will expand upon its housing strategy through community development, partnership with the local public school system – such as through a new partnership at Halle School of Inquiry in Stockyards – a Cleveland Metropolitan School District elementary school, resident engagement and leadership training.”

“Restoring foreclosed properties lifts the spirits and hopes of an entire community. These properties invite crime, neglect and a loss of dignity,” says Upton. “We hope to reverse those trends home by home, street by street, over time.”

Learn more about BHITC’s housing and community development initiative on its website at www.buildinghopeinthecity.org/cleveland/housingandcommunitydev/.
The Dividends from the Lord’s Work

Volunteers and donors at Bethel Lutheran and Fellowship Bible Churches transform dreams into realities

By Ed Watkins, BHITC Volunteer

Doing the Lord’s work generates many beneficiaries. As mentioned in the previous story, BHITC recently dedicated its fifth housing renovation project on Trowbridge Avenue with eight previously homeless veterans already moved in. Yet, as God always would have it, the blessings produce a return to the givers, as well as the recipients.

For members at Bethel Lutheran Church located in Bath and Fellowship Bible Church located in Chagrin Falls, who helped turn the dreams of the Trowbridge project’s tenants into realities, the spiritual dividends are high.

“It’s been an amazing journey for us,” said Kris Burkett, chairman of Bethel Lutheran’s Outreach Committee. “Serving as a team on this house brought families and individuals together in this work with a shared purpose.” The high level of involvement in the project by Bethel members speaks for itself. According to Burkett, an average of 50 - 60 people attend the church’s one Sunday service, yet 10 to 15 of them regularly show up to work on BHITC’s renovation projects and other outreach activities. Clearly, the members have a heart for serving! “The numbers are overwhelming,” Burkett says.

God knew exactly what the project needed, and He provided exactly the right people for the job! Burkett, with a degree in construction management, and his crew were the first in line to help in a variety of ways, including the landscaping at the Trowbridge property. Not only did they agree to do the work, they offered to fund it along with members of Fellowship Bible Church, who contributed additional volunteers and funding for the work.

The two churches served together to install the paver patio, plant landscaping and construct and fill several large raised garden beds with vegetables ready to be enjoyed! Fellowship Bible then also purchased the patio and porch furniture, making the house 100 percent ready to be an oasis for the veterans.

To volunteer with BHITC on a future housing project, email Corrie Purdum, Manager of Ministry Engagement at corrie@buildinghopeinthecity.org.
Here’s a photo gallery of the work being done and finished landscaping, complete with raised garden beds and patio.

Restoring the City

FALL GALA 2019

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019
3:30 PM

The InterContinental Hotel
9801 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44106

Complimentary self-park available at attached garage located on the Southeast corner of Carnegie Ave. & E100th St.

Ticket price: $125 per person
(Must purchase tickets by October 31)

Purchase event tickets or raffle tickets online at www.buildinghopeinthecity.org.
Global Conversation Classes
A SERIES OF TRAININGS SPECIFIC TO BHITC’S REFUGEE MINISTRY

JANUARY 22
Preparing Students for Citizenship
This class covers how to work one-on-one with students to prepare them for their citizenship interview, which includes helping them with their 100 civic questions, the reading and writing portion and also practicing an interview based on their unique application. It is also a necessary class for someone interested in becoming a teacher’s aid in one of BHITC’s citizenship classes.

FEBRUARY 26
Cross-Cultural Communication
In this class, students will identify and discuss barriers that might prevent people from effectively engaging in communication across cultures and review methods for applying effective cross-cultural communication methods.

MARCH 25
Refugee 201
A class designed for those who have mentored a refugee family for several months or longer and are looking to help the family take the next steps forward in life.

6:00 – 7:30 pm
The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants
15135 Triskett Road, Cleveland

Register and learn more at
https://buildinghopeinthecity.org/cleveland/volunteer-training/

Mentoring One Refugee Family Leads to the Welcoming of Many More Refugee Families to Cleveland

Cross-cultural friendship causes ripple effect of gratitude and blessing

By Barb Galbincea, BHITC Volunteer

A pairing meant to help Sarpaz Qader’s family resettle in America has flowered into a friendship that spans generations.

Volunteer at The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants, Karen Vaughn became the Kurdish family’s mentor about five years ago, helping them navigate the challenges of building a new life in a country where they didn’t speak the language or understand the culture. Over time, that relationship has deepened. Karen describes Sarpaz, his wife Niseeba Yaseen, 13-year-old Meraz Mirhaj and 14-year-old Derbaz Mirhaj as her “second family.” Karen’s own adult children have become part of that extended clan, as is her granddaughter, Athena, a friend of Meraz’s.

They gather for holidays — from Ramadan to Christmas — sharing meals and learning about each other’s Muslim and Christian beliefs. In a recent interview, Karen and Sarpaz laughed with his family over shared memories of outings like the time Derbaz accidentally toppled his birthday cake during a party at Karen’s house. Or their picnic in the park that was “crashed” by an affable Chinese family. Sarpaz calls up a photo on his phone of the celebratory dinner after
he was able to buy a cozy ranch house in Brook Park about a year ago. Karen finds pictures of Meraz and Athena, their arms looped around each other's shoulders.

Sarpaz and his family came to America in 2013, years after he suffered devastating injuries as a driver for American military forces in Iraq. Meraz was just a baby when a bomb exploded under the Humvee her dad was in. Doctors saved his leg, but the injuries he was left with still affect his health. With his life at risk in Iraq for helping the Americans, Sarpaz and the family were relocated first to Erie, Pa., and then to Greater Cleveland. He and Niseeba had to leave behind their parents, siblings and friends, but gained mentors in Karen and fellow volunteer, Alan Richard.

Karen, a retired nurse, said she entered the relationship with the idea that she would help family members learn English. But she soon discovered that the newcomers had more urgent needs such as learning how to pay bills, open a checking account or schedule medical appointments for Derbaz, who has cerebral palsy.

“I would put myself in their shoes,” said Karen. “What if somebody planted me in Iraq? How could I function?” She added that it’s important for mentors to respect a family’s culture and priorities, acting as guides rather than dictating their decisions. “Just be there. See what they need.”

Sarpaz said he thinks having a mentor is a big plus for any refugee family. “Karen helps me a lot,” he said, adding that The Hope Center itself has been another important resource for his family. In addition to Kurdish, he now speaks English and has learned Arabic for his job at a market and deli in Cleveland. He also has worked in security, as an Uber driver and for Amazon.

“Sarpaz has the biggest heart ever,” said Karen. She said she and Niseeba, known for her cooking skills, regularly welcome others to their home and help new families adjust to life in America.

“I’ve been more blessed than they realize (by becoming the family’s mentor),” said Karen. “Their world has been expanded, but so has mine and my whole family’s.”

Interested in becoming a volunteer mentor and new friend to a refugee family from the Hope Center? You can begin the process by attending two required trainings: Building Hope 101 (for new volunteers) and Refugee/Hope Center 101 (for people new to cross-cultural ministry). Both are required to be paired with a family. Learn more by contacting Corrie Purdum at 216-281-4673 or corrie@buildinghopeinthecity.org

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The result is a newsletter publication that looks far nicer than BHITC could afford otherwise. To learn more about this organization, go to www.remay.com.
First-Ever Rally CLE Held in September!

On Saturday, September 21, BHITC kicked off its first-ever Rally CLE event, a new initiative and key element to its community development efforts in Cleveland’s Clark-Fulton and Stockyards (CFSY) neighborhoods. The event, which will become a recurring effort, is centered on supporting the ideas residents in these neighborhoods have for improving their own community. Whether it’s a garden, mural, or a community toolshed, BHITC wants to help leverage the leadership that already exists in these neighborhoods through Rally CLE.

For the inaugural event, seven resident-led projects took place. Countless meetings with resident leaders, site coordinators, churches and new neighborhood partners led up to one beautiful day, which began with a time of worship and devotional and ended with block parties at each of the project sites.

It was a great start to both a new event, but also building resident relationships in CFSY and exposure of BHITC in these neighborhoods! “Residents really came alive in leadership and ownership ways,” said BHITC’s Anthony Giambroni, who organized much of the day. “We saw 100-150 residents at the block parties and probably 20 additional residents join in throughout the day who had not pre-registered.”

Here are some pictures from the day!

THANK YOU to the sponsor churches who provided funds for the resident-led projects.

Parkside Church
Cuyahoga Valley Church
City Church
The Hope Exchange / Journey Church
Lakewood Congregational Church
With the generosity of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Ohio (RMHC-NEO) and NEO Church, the nursery at The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants got a makeover this summer! RMHC-NEO provided a grant of over $5,000 for BHITC to purchase much-needed items for the nursery such as a new changing table, age-appropriate books, reading rugs and much more. Emily Hale, a regular volunteer at The Hope Center’s nursery, heard about the need for a team of people to put the new purchases together, and gathered a group from her church, NEO Church.

A team from the church and a few other regular volunteers at The Hope Center spent a day removing old furniture and toys, assembling new ones and deep cleaning the entire space. The Hope Center’s nursery is critical to many parents, especially single mothers, who would otherwise not be able to attend any English or Citizenship classes due to the need to care for their children. This refreshed nursery provides a safe, welcoming space for refugee and immigrant children to play and grow while parents attend classes, truly fulfilling RMHC-NEO’s mission of keeping families close.

Thank you again to RMHC-NEO and NEO Church for making this possible! The next time you are at The Hope Center, be sure to peek inside the nursery to check out the updates!
Meet New Members of the BHITC Team

Welcome, Vatreisha Nyemba, Lauren Peticca, Corrie Purdum and Reena Trushel!

By Jacey Kepich, BHITC Volunteer

By God’s grace and the support of so many faithful friends, BHITC’s staff – and ministry impact – continues to grow year after year! The organization welcomed several new staff members over the last few months to prepare for the next chapter of growth and program needs. Meet the newest members of the team!

Vatreisha Nyemba
Director of Leadership & Community Engagement

A Cleveland-area native, Vatreisha Nyemba brings a powerhouse of experience to BHITC from the public, private and non-profit sectors as the organization’s first-ever Director of Leadership & Community Engagement. She holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration and business management (Kentucky State University), a master’s degree in public administration and nonprofit management (Cleveland State University) and is currently completing a doctorate in Transformational Leadership (Bakke Graduate University).

Prior to joining BHITC, Vatreisha served as Manager of Compliance and Program Development for the Cuyahoga Land Bank, where she managed federal, state and local grant funding for housing renovations. In this role, she assisted stabilization efforts for marginalized populations in the Cleveland area. She also served as a capacity builder for numerous faith-based and social service organizations including Habitat for Humanity, the City Mission, Women of Hope, Women’s Wellness and the Jordan Community Resource Center. Her efforts were formally recognized in a Resolution of Appreciation issued by the City of Cleveland in June 2019.

She remembers in 2010 when, “I was being stirred about how my faith could impact lives in the city,” said Vatreisha. After nearly a decade at the Land Bank, she now joins BHITC.

While at the Land Bank, Vatreisha connected with additional community partners, including BHITC. She lives in Beachwood with her husband, Nyasha, and two daughters. They attend Church on the North Coast – Valley View.

Lauren Peticca
Manager of Educational Enrichment & Youth Programming

Jumping right into the new school year is Lauren Peticca, BHITC’s new Manager of Educational Enrichment & Youth Programming, who oversees the tutoring programs at Halle School of Inquiry – brand new for this school year – and The Hope Center.
Lauren is a Cleveland native and attended Baldwin Wallace University, where she studied History and Adolescent Youth Adult Education. For the past six years, she taught and mentored at-risk youth in a variety of school settings, most recently in Berea City Schools.

“I am so excited to be able to come alongside all of the wonderful work that God is doing through Building Hope in the City,” says Lauren. “I pray that God will use me to be a blessing to children and their families and create an environment where the students feel loved and supported.”

She is married to her high school sweetheart, Ryan, who has taken many of the photos in this newsletter for BHITC! They live in North Olmsted and serve on the leadership team at Crossroads Church in Brook Park.

Reena Trushel
Child Care Coordinator,
The Hope Center

As Child Care Coordinator at The Hope Center, Reena Trushel’s day-to-day duties include developing and managing the childcare program, which

Corrie Purdum
Executive Assistant for HopeWorks, Social Enterprise & BHITC’s Manager of Ministry & Engagement

As one of the newer faces at BHITC, Corrie Purdum helps keep things running behind the scenes, an apt metaphor for her twenty years’ prior experience in the theater industry, with most of those years at Great Lakes Theater. She traded life on the tour circuit for the dual role of Executive Assistant for HopeWorks, Social Enterprise and as BHITC’s Manager of Ministry & Engagement.

In both roles, Corrie uses her administrative gifts to coordinate logistical details and serve as the first point of contact for new volunteers, making crucial connections and helping individuals find their best fit.

For Corrie, BHITC seemed like a great fit as she learned about the communities they served. Starting out as a volunteer at The Hope Center, she joined the staff full-time in May 2019. She is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace University with a bachelor’s degree in Theater, and currently serves as an adjunct professor at her alma mater. Away from work, you might find her at one of the two looms in her home, where she hones her skills as an avid fiber artist. Corrie lives in North Olmsted and attends Crossroads Church.
includes recruiting and coordinating the volunteers who help the program thrive.

For Reena, the best part of the job is being around the children and getting to know the families BHITC serves. In her words, “I love that we can provide a safe and warm environment for the children, giving their parents peace of mind that their children are being well cared for and loved while they are taking the classes they need for the betterment of themselves and their families.”

Joining the team at BHITC was a natural, though unanticipated, transition for her after she and her husband moved from Chicago in September 2015. She had ten years’ experience as a special education teacher, but continuing her work in the Cleveland area would have required additional certification. She began working instead for the United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), where she taught English to refugees. She lives in Lakewood with her husband, Brian, and a young daughter. They attend NEO Church.

Be sure to welcome them to the BHITC family the next time you see them!

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COMMON PAGES

WALKING THE TALK: Reflections on ‘Restoring At-Risk Communities’
Doing it Right and Doing it Together

By Jacey Kepich, BHITC Volunteer

In Jeremiah 29:7, God commands the prophet to “Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

Earlier this year, I wondered, “what would happen if I took these words to heart?”

Coming to Cleveland, you see, was not in my plans. During a 2015 road trip, I was laughing at the city’s misfortunes. A river that caught on fire? Depressed neighborhoods, dreary weather and a sluggish economy? Yikes!

But a funny thing happened after my trip across I-90. As I began to seek new professional opportunities, all doors I knocked on stayed closed, except one. Cleveland.

Clearly, God has a sense of humor.
By His grace, however, I’ve begun to see where He’s restoring the very corridors I once mocked. Enter, *Restoring At-Risk Communities* (RARC). Written in 1995, it’s just as relevant today.

RARC is not simply a plan or program to solve a problem. Community restoration, as its editor argues, is a Christian’s “call and responsibility within the drama of God’s reign.”

In 1989, John Perkins founded the Christian Community Development Association, a ministry to overlooked and forgotten communities. Readers will see its mission lived out by fellow believers who responded to God’s call, giving up comfort, privilege and security for the priorities of relocation, redistribution and reconciliation. Their stories are interwoven as Perkins describes the foundations, strategy and ministry aspects of community restoration.

As the sub-title indicates, restoration is done right when it is done together. No single church, non-profit or individual can accomplish the job alone, nor should it be attempted by outsiders who come in to “fix things.” This is why BHITC conducts listening walks, where the focus is on learning about the assets and needs of a neighborhood from its neighbors.

In June 2019, I participated in my first walk, where we went door-to-door in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood. I’ll confess, I was skeptical. Would people really open up to strangers on their doorstep?

Surprisingly, my partner and I spent half an hour at our first three houses. One little girl even translated for her Spanish-speaking aunt. Needs were plentiful, but so were ideas. We gave out fliers for Rally CLE, a September event that will award small grants ($2,000) to community projects proposals.

Truthfully, as Perkins would remind us, community restoration requires more than money. Building trust and relationships take time. Our attention, he suggests, should not be on the crisis or success of the moment, but the reality of a living, sovereign God and His long-term purposes. Times may change, but God’s word remains the same. If we desire to see His shalom touch in every area of urban life, we must count the cost and get connected.

Like Jeremiah, let us seek and pray for the welfare of our city.

Check out a full list of BHITC’s recommended resources at www.buildinghopeinthecity.org.
Common Threads 2.0 is Open for Business!

What seems like just a moment ago, BHITC dreamed of launching social enterprise businesses for long-term growth and sustainability as an organization. In actuality, the organization’s first-ever social enterprise and thrift store, Common Threads, opened in June of 2016, with its expanded store space and new layout opening just a few months ago in June of 2019!

The goal for this new space is simple – become a furniture destination for shoppers across the greater Cleveland area. With 1,625 additional square feet of store space, Common Threads 2.0, as it’s referred to internally, is now set up to be just that!

The new space opened with a big sale during the store’s anniversary weekend, thanks to many prayers, many hands and feet and many generous supporters! From the employee, volunteer and customer interviews in April/May, to the in-depth review of key sales data, to two planning sessions with a local architect from AoDK, Inc., to a crew of nearly 40 people putting their hands to the plow over five hours in one evening, Common Threads 2.0 is now a reality! The story of the store continues to be God’s grace and great people!
Introducing the Common Threads donation pick-up truck - coming to a home near you!

Recently, Common Threads purchased a new-to-us and BLESSING-of-a-price box truck to help with donation pick-ups for the store.

A HUGE thank you to RCO Engineering, Inc. and its owner, Dennis Krucker and Mary McHugh, BHITC supporter, for making the connection and making this all possible.

The truck will soon be wrapped with the store’s logo and branding, but for now, you can schedule a large pick-up - think furniture! - by calling the store to coordinate at 440-641-1311. More pictures of the “after” version of the truck still to come!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Make a date with urban ministry!

November 10
Restoring the City Gala
3:30 pm, InterContinental Hotel, 9801 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland

November 20
Building Hope 101
5:30 pm, The Hope Center

Refugee 101
6:30 – 8:30 pm, The Hope Center

Global Conversation Classes
A series of trainings specific to BHITC’s refugee ministry. Topics include Immigration 101, Cross-Cultural Communication, Refugee 201, ESL Tips & Tricks and others, as needed. Refugee 201 is designed for those who have mentored a refugee family for several months or longer and are looking to help the family take the next steps forward in life.

January 22
Preparing Students for Citizenship
6:00 -7:30 pm, The Hope Center

February 26
Cross-Cultural Communication
6:00 -7:30 pm, The Hope Center

March 25
Refugee 201
6:00 -7:30 pm, The Hope Center

More dates for 2020 coming soon!

Visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org for more information

For more information or to register for any of the above, contact Lesa Hess at 216.281.4673 or lesa@buildinghopeinthecity.org or visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org.
From Humble Beginnings, God Planted the Seeds of BHITC 20+ Years Ago

While many faces have changed, the roots of BHITC have always been the same. Humility, dignity, grace and restoration – for people, family, neighborhood, city and world. Phyliss Boggs knows this to be true more than most connected to the BHITC family. Before the organization was officially established, she was invited by a co-worker in the late 1990’s to what was then called “Food for Thought,” a time every Tuesday over lunch where people from downtown – office people and the homeless from the streets – gathered for both tangible and spiritual food.

This gathering was meant to reach the people of downtown who didn’t have a home church. This was an effort to bring “the Church” to them. Led by BHITC’s previous executive director, every Tuesday, a crowd of 15-20 people would gather at a downtown eatery to share a meal and consider the relevance of being a disciple of Jesus. Somehow, BHITC’s founding church, Trinity Lutheran Church on West 30th Street in Ohio City, scraped together enough money to provide meals for those who were unable to pay every week.

“I don’t think I ever missed a Tuesday,” says Phyliss Boggs, who worked at Ernst & Young downtown for nearly 40 years. Eventually, the group grew too large to meet in the original venue and its now 30+ people moved to a meeting room at the downtown Hampton Inn and eventually to the Clevelander Club at the top of the Huntington Building. Seems very appropriate that God would lead this diverse group to the “Clevelander Club” with its objective to meet the city’s people however and wherever they were.

By the early 2000’s, Phyliss found herself at a Building Hope 101 course taught by the organization’s current executive director, Brian Upton. “Food for Thought” had begun to dissolve by then, but God was moving in new ways to spring up an organization with leaders passionate about seeing the city and its people living out all God intended.

Volunteers, including Phyliss, began to lead “Kids’ Church” on Saturday mornings off of West 89th Street, where kids came for physical food and left also with spiritual food, just as the downtown crowd had done. Soon, Phyliss also found herself on the planning committee for this budding organization’s first-ever fundraiser.

Over the years, Phyliss has faithfully served many volunteer roles for BHITC, stating, “Whatever Brian asks me to do, I try to do.” So, what is it that has kept her saying “yes” all the years to the message of restoring the city and its people to God? “This organization (BHITC) is the most meaningful thing I know of in the city of Cleveland. It’s so, so humble. It deals with every person and their needs. It is for everyone except itself,” says Phyliss.

For Phyliss, spiritual growth was a byproduct of serving with BHITC. She explains how she used whatever talents she had to fulfill her desire to give back and serve the Lord and His people. Phyliss, a gifted administrative assistant for decades, served on many committees and boards throughout seasons of growth at BHITC, where she logged meeting minutes, organized donations and executed event logistics.

“I have loved BHITC from day one, and I always will,” she adds. Her advice to anyone considering getting involved with the organization is simple. “There are so many things you can do within the organization. Just say ‘yes!’ Just do it.”

To learn more about serving with BHITC, visit www.buildinghopeinthecity.org.
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– II Corinthians 9:11

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