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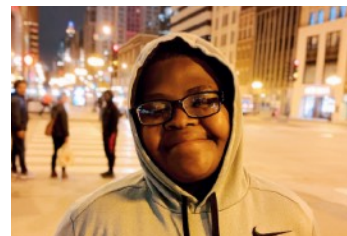
WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD IN NORTH LEXINGTON



Futsal Court Complete!

In 2015 our students noticed a need in our neighborhood: there wasn't a good place to play soccer. Soccer was something they loved to play and it was something that united them. They had an idea: to convert underutilized tennis courts in Castlewood Park into a futsal court, a modified version of soccer. Over the last three years our middle and high school students have labored towards this ambition. They have hammered nails, written grants (receiving \$6,800), fundraised and worked with community partners to make their idea a reality. They did a pilot court in 2016 that was well received and as of this fall we have a permanent court in our neighborhood. We are in awe of our students and their incredible accomplishment!

HEARD IN OUR HALLWAYS



Bienvenue, age 15, is a student leader at CG and one of the founders of the C-Wood Futsal Court. He has been involved in the project since 2015.

What does the court mean for our neighborhood? "It has brought enlightenment. This court has provided people who love this sport somewhere caring to play soccer."

What was the biggest challenge? "Raising money. We had to raise \$9,586 for the pilot and finished court."

What will you take away from this experience? "If you put your mind to something you can achieve it. I am taking away positivity, friendship and trust."



THRIVING
CHILDREN



STRONG
FAMILIES



FLOURISHING
NEIGHBORHOODS

Fundraising Breakfast 2018



On October 18th we held our 7th Annual Fundraising Breakfast at Centenary United Methodist Church. The morning was a celebration of our accomplishments in the past year and our dreams for the next. This year we celebrate record numbers in attendance and fundraising—praise God! Over 350 people attended the event and we raised over \$94,000! Keynote speakers Malipo Mapigano (student), Dor'cas Kaindu (graduate) and Olga Waight (parent, pictured above) led us with power that morning. We are grateful to the countless folks who made the morning possible and successful!

We are starting a business!



There are so many words that describe the last seven years at Common Good: beautiful, challenging, inspiring, fruitful. It's been everything, but dull. We know we have come a long way in fulfilling our mission and we also know that we have a ways yet to go. We don't know all the places God will lead, but we do know the next step: we are starting a business! The business will be a social enterprise with the purpose of employing and empowering young people in North Lexington. The heart of our model from the beginning has been leadership development—a job will allow us to further develop leaders and it will allow us to branch into new territory, economic development. Over the last 12 weeks one of our graduates, Jonathan Gomez, a current student, Malipo Mapigano, and our Executive Director, Laura Gallaher, have been developing the business idea. We aren't letting the cat out of the bag about what the business will be yet, but stay tuned! We can't wait to share all of the details with you in the new year.

What are you grateful for?



Jack, age 5.

"I am grateful for my little brothers. We like to play legos and build castles. I'm also thankful for my mentor, Mr. John. We play soccer and basketball and we are friends. We share legos too."



Pagues, age 8.

"I am grateful for making friends. It makes me happy. My friends and I like to play tag. I'm also thankful for my family. I like to go to restaurants and talk to them."

Growing Gratitude:

1. Pause
2. Appreciate
3. Respond with kindness

Will you join us by cultivating gratitude in your own heart this year?

TRAINING IN CHICAGO



In November 21 people from Common Good went to the Christian Community Development Conference in Chicago!

Folks from every level of leadership went: graduates, parents, current students, volunteers, board members and our staff. This was a formative time together as we learned about and wrestled with how to do our work in the most equitable way. A highlight of the trip was having our students join us—it was inspiring and energizing to watch them join in the important conversations of our work. We are grateful for the meaningful experiences we had and the ways shared leadership is growing.

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SEED MONEY RAISED!

This month we participated in an online giving campaign, Good Giving. Our goal was to raise seed money for the social enterprise we are starting. Thanks to you, our incredible donors, we exceeded our goal and raised over \$25,000! We were blown away by your generosity. The business team has the necessary resources to hit the ground running in 2019!

DONATING STOCKS

Increase your gift to Common Good (and your tax deduction) with one simple strategy: donate appreciated shares of stock or mutual funds. You can:

Option 1: Work with your current advisor to transfer the gift.

Option 2: Work with CG to facilitate the transfer.

These options allow you as a donor to give more and increase your impact.

Interested in learning more? Contact our Development Director, Karissa Porter, at (859) 338-3935 or karissa@commongoodlex.org.

OUR MISSION

Common Good exists to advance wholistic community development in North Lexington through leadership development, education, recreation and spiritual formation.

OUR VISION

For our community to live into its God-given potential evidenced by thriving children, strong families and flourishing neighborhoods. We desire that community members be reconciled to God and to each other.

Support Common Good

GIVING OPTIONS:

☐ I would like to sponsor a student for the After-School Program:

_____ Entire 2018-19 school year (\$500)

_____ Spring Semester (\$250)

_____ One Month (\$50)

☐ I would like to become a monthly supporter and give

\$_____ each month.

(recurring donations are possible through our online giving platform)

☐ I would like to give a one-time donation of \$_____.

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The social enterprise

Our neighborhood

Our 11 college
students

Praising God for the
completion of the
Futsal Court

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