

CDC Receives SC Building Blocks Grant

“Childcare stabilization grants were appropriated to states in the American Rescue Plan Act to help stabilize the child care sector” negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. “Funds must be used to support the key operating expenses of childcare providers to help ensure access to child care for families. In SC these stabilization grants are called ‘SC Building Blocks’”. This information comes from the scchildcare.org website.

Our CDC Director Becca Williams applied for one of these grants in January. As a result, the Saint Mark CDC was awarded a grant in the sum of \$220,750. 25% of the grant (\$55,000) must be spent on personnel/staffing. The remainder will be utilized to complete the modernization and repair of the interior and exterior of the CDC, including upgrading administrative software, implementation of the Fountas and Pinnell literacy program, updating curriculum and furnishings, and addressing playground drainage issues and additional new playground equipment. The CDC Steering Committee will continue working with Trustees on building and grounds issues and will engage with Family Ministry, Evangelism, and the Service and Missions teams for additional improvement opportunities. All of the funds must be utilized by September 30, 2023, and quarterly reporting of fund usage is required by DSS.

Thanks to Becca’s diligence in securing this grant which will provide much needed benefits to our Center, Staff, and families!

Contact Becky Hazelwood at rhazelwood8455@att.net with questions.



Alms

EASTER SUNDAY,
APRIL 17, 2022

ALMS ON EASTER SUNDAY

The alms offering collected during Holy Communion on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 will be designated to support Saint Mark's **Senior Pastor's Discretionary Fund**. This fund allows the Senior Pastor to help persons in our church and community who look to the church to help make a difference in their lives, particularly in times of crisis. Thank you for giving generously!

SAINT MARK DISCIPLES HELP HABITAT BUILD ROBERT'S HOUSE

On Saturday April 2nd, Habitat began building Robert Price's new home. The word went out to the Saint Mark family that help was needed, and ten disciples and friends arrived on site at eight in the morning! By the time we left the site at 11:30, the floor joists and subfloor were complete! The Habitat crew leader was very pleased with the work that the Saint Mark crew did. Thank you to all participants. Robert's house is now a reality! ~ *Alicia Spivey*

See photos below by Jane Harlin & Alicia Spivey







PASTOR SHAWNA & CHRIS' WEDDING SHOWER

Enjoy these photos of Pastor Shawna and her fiancé Chris VandeLune at their bridal shower at Saint Mark this past Sunday, April 3rd.

The atrium was transformed into “Shawna’s Ice Cream Shop” for an ice cream social, sponsored by the women of Saint Mark! Lots of folks dropped in to enjoy the ice cream, homemade cookies, a chance to meet the guy who “scooped” up Shawna, and some special time to “sprinkle” them with love! A fun time was had by all!

~ *Becky Hazelwood*

photos by Debbie Barton and Kristine Montgomery



















