

ALLIED NEWS

JFF Christmas

Once again, the Joining Forces for Families office partnered with area businesses and churches to provide toys, clothing, and other gifts to children living in the Allied Drive Community. All in all, around 310 children were sponsored by businesses and churches this year.

Children received items such as Legos, dolls, radio control cars, baby toys, clothes, and a variety of many other items. A HUGE thank you to our sponsors, Boardman and Clark Law Firm, Promega, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and St. Maria Goretti Church.

This program could not happen without their partnership and continued support. Also thank you to Amanda Vue, the JFF student intern, for organizing the program this year. It was a tremendous success



(Pictured are Promega staff, as well as Boardman and Clark Law Firm staff with their respective donations).

Neighborhood Dinner

Friday, February 28 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Boys and Girls Club

Free Community Dinner



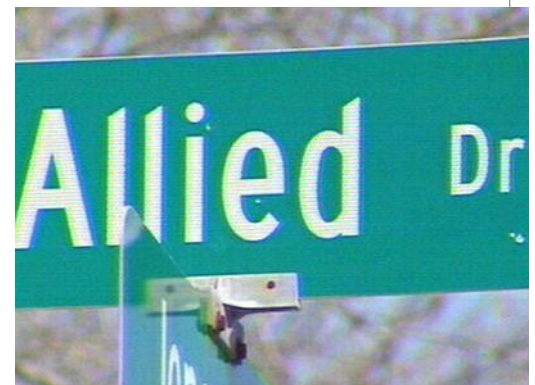
What is Allied Partners?

Allied Partners is the group of congregations that support the Allied Neighborhood. There are about 10 active churches, as well as including the neighborhood social worker (Joining Forces for Families) and staff person from the Allied Wellness Center which helps with health information, education and financial assistance. Member churches contributed a total of \$23,035.86 in 2019.

Projects that Allied Partners regularly support include an Eviction Prevention fund which last year helped 49 families or individuals avoid eviction or utility shut offs. A total of \$11,773 was given by the neighborhood social worker in 2019 to help with housing issues. Allied Partners awards scholarships of \$500/semester to any resident of the neighborhood who is pursuing post high school education or training. In 2019 \$2000 was awarded from the Scholarship Fund. The Special Projects Fund gave money to the Brotherhood, a group of teenaged boys (\$1,100), \$895 to the Neighborhood Association for its monthly community meals and several congregations prepared and hosted the meals themselves, \$650 for the Neighborhood Association Block Party, \$475 for several neighborhood events such as the Wellness Center Halloween Party, and Easter Celebrations and the Walky Talky program.

Churches also each purchased a month's worth of bus passes and gas vouchers to be distributed at the Wellness Center for people needing transportation to work, medical appointments or other necessary trips. In June and August member churches made lunches for kids to fill the two week gap between the end of public school lunches and the meals provided as part of summer programming at the Boys and Girls Club. And, churches also support the Wellness Center's Essential Pantry.

Thanks, Allied Partners!



Neighborhood Night Out



Join us for this free community event!

Sunday, March 8 from 3:30pm-5:30pm

At Westminster Presbyterian Church

4100 Nakoma Rd., Madison (enter on Yuma St. side)

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Ice Cream Sundaes



Jimmy Denver: Dynamic Illusionist

March Allied News

Send articles to Cindy Bacon Hammer at cabaconhammer@gmail.com by February 28!