

THE DREAM



Celebrating Dwight Jackson: Wishing Him a Well-Deserved Retirement!

Congratulations, **Dwight Jackson**, on your well-deserved retirement!

We had an amazing celebration at the Wellmark Urban Dreams Community Center, filled with laughter, heartfelt memories, and good company.

The delicious food was provided by **Malo** and **Chellie's Sugar Shack Bakery**!

Dwight's contributions to our community have been invaluable, and he will be greatly missed!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in honoring Dwight's achievements and wishing him all the best in this exciting new chapter! Here's to new adventures!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Roast & Toast Honoring Phil Hall

Thursday, November 7th, 2024

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Urban Dreams Community Center
1615 2nd Ave. Des Moines, IA 50314

Thanksgiving Bag Giveaway

Tuesday, November 26th, 2024

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, or the 1st 200 people

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Volunteer!



Donate!

9TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAR CHECK-UP

Another Successful Community Car Check-Up!

On Saturday, October 19th, we hosted our 9th Annual Community Car Check-Up! We serviced nearly **300 cars**, providing **free** windshield wipers, light checks, fluid top-offs, and tire checks. Beyond the car checkups, we also offered **free** vaccinations, car seat replacements, carbon monoxide detectors, and voter registration assistance. In total, we administered **59 vaccinations**, distributed **13 car seats**, provided **100 carbon monoxide detectors**, and helped **25 individuals register to vote**. Thank you to the over 60 dedicated volunteers and organizations whose support made this event a resounding success!



Scan to watch a news segment on the event!

SEPTEMBER FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS



22,801

TOTAL POUNDS OF FOOD



2,158

TOTAL PANTRY VISITS



3

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Updated Food Pantry Hours

Monday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Our Partners

Atlantic Bottling Co.	Kum & Go
Casey's	Kwik Star
Centro	Malo
Costco	Pizza Hut
Dollar General	Price Chopper
Food Bank of Iowa	Sam's Club
Garbazo	Whole Foods
Gilroy's	World Market
Hiland Bakery	

URBAN DREAM BOARD MEMBERS

Congratulations, Rona and Erin, on their new positions on the Urban Dreams Board! Rona Berinobis will serve as our **Chair**, and Erin Knupp will take on the role of **Secretary**. Thank you to Ahmed Ageyman for his service as our chair for the past two years.



Rona Berinobis
Vice President, Athene



Erin Knupp
Director of Business Development,
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Meet the Students in Our Youth Employment Program!

The Urban Dreams Youth Employment Program supports **25 young people aged 14 to 19** from Des Moines Public Schools by providing practical work experience, community service opportunities, and essential soft skills development. We believe that investing in youth employment empowers individuals and strengthens communities.

Marcos

Favorite Event: Summer City Hoops at Evelyn K Davis & Riverview.

Favorite Food: Chilidog

Extracurriculars: E-Sports

College Plans: DMACC - Business Administration Entrepreneurship

Best Part of the Experience: The summer jobs, working with friends, and getting a good work out in.



Jamari

Favorite Event: Riverview

Favorite Food: Hot dogs

Extracurriculars: Football (#20), basketball, & track.

College Plans: Play a sport for a division one college.

Best Part of the Experience: Working with friends, positive environment and energy, and meeting new people.



Employee of the Month!

This month's employee of the month has been awarded to Monda!

Monda, our exceptional food pantry coordinator, is a true asset to our team. She is always willing to go the extra mile and tirelessly supports our community, ensuring that those in need receive the assistance they deserve. Her commitment and hard work inspire us all.



MISSION STATEMENT

Urban Dreams advocates for **all members of the community**, breaking down barriers to success and collaborating with key stakeholders to overcome obstacles and uplift **underserved** and **underrepresented** people.

VISION STATEMENT

Our Urban Dream is to create **equal opportunity and access** for people to pursue their Dreams.

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