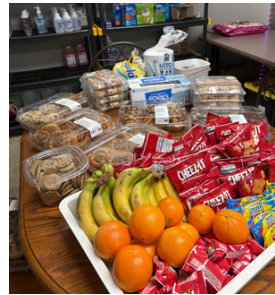
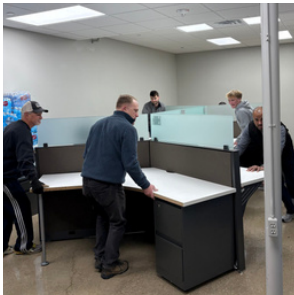


THE DREAM



Over 60 Volunteers Showed Up for MLK Day of Service!

On Monday, January 20th, **over 60 volunteers** honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy through service, supporting our mission of "Helping Us Help Others."

Working in two-hour shifts, they set up a classroom for DMPS students, organized and cleaned, **served over 100 community members in the food pantry**, and took inventory. These efforts were essential to our community impact.

A huge thank-you to United Way and all who joined us—volunteers from Neighborhood Finance Corporation, Belin McCormick, Corteva Agriscience, Des Moines Police, Broadlawns Medical Center, local businesses, churches, and Urban Dreams board members!

SCAN TO WATCH NEWS SEGMENT



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sweetheart Dance

Saturday, February 22nd, 2025

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Urban Dreams Community Center

1615 2nd Ave. Des Moines, IA 50314

SCAN TO RSVP



Helen Miller's Book Launch

"I DON'T SWIM"

A memoir

Friday, February 28th, 2025

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Urban Dreams Community Center

1615 2nd Ave. Des Moines, IA 50314

SCAN TO RSVP



IMPROVE YOUR GOLF GAME WITH JON

Looking to refine your swing, sharpen your short game, or build your skills?

Book a golf lesson with Jon Augspurger in Urban Dreams' **state-of-the-art golf simulator**!

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced golfer, Jon provides personalized coaching to help you elevate your game.

RATES:

\$45/hour per person

High school students: \$25/hour per person

Each session includes a **one-hour lesson**, with a portion of the fee supporting Urban Dreams in maintaining the Golf Simulator.

LOCATION:

Urban Dreams Golf Simulator

1615 2nd Ave. Des Moines, IA 50314

SCHEDULE YOUR LESSON:

Text or call Jon at 515-707-6989



“We had a wonderful experience with Urban Dreams’ golf simulator. There are numerous practice modes and skill challenges, practicing shot shaping, and short-game challenges that will help improve Saleah’s skills.”

— Ale, Community Member

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DMPS TEACHER!

We’re excited to welcome **Alexis Noring** as the newest teacher in the DMPS Deferred Expulsion Program at Urban Dreams!

Alexis will be focusing on **English**, helping students strengthen their literacy skills and build confidence in their academic abilities.

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.

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Favorite Event: Rendezvous on Riverview

Favorite Food: Snow cones or hotdogs.

Extracurriculars: Psychology classes

College Plans: I want to go to Iowa State University to be an ultrasound tech or traveling nurse.

Best Part of the Experience: Helping the community.



JANUARY FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS



20,737

TOTAL POUNDS OF FOOD



2,012

TOTAL PANTRY VISITS



3

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Updated Food Pantry Hours

Monday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 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 DREAMS COMMUNITY CENTER

Rent the Urban Dreams Community Center!

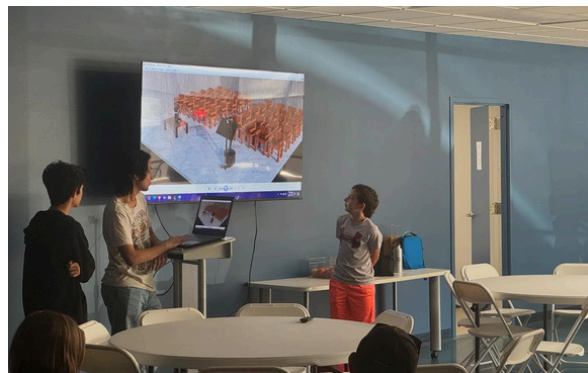
Our community center has been buzzing with activity over the past few months, serving as a hub for connection and celebration. It's home to the Riverbend Neighborhood Association's monthly meetings, weekly AA gatherings, and a variety of other events. The space is perfect for hosting baby showers, holiday parties, corporate events, and more.

Amenities include:

- Capacity for 275 people standing
- Up to 15 round tables seating 8 people at each table
- Three mounted TVs and one mobile TV
- High-speed WiFi
- Convenient kitchenette
- Toucan video conference system



To reserve the space, please scan the QR code or follow the link provided above this newsletter. To use the community center, a minimum donation of \$10 an hour is suggested. Your generous support helps maintain and improve the facility.



Employee of the Month!

This month's Employee of the Month has been awarded to Minnie Zolicoffer!

She consistently demonstrates dedication and kindness in her role at Urban Dreams. As a vital member of our food pantry team, Minnie ensures that community members receive the support they need, always offering a warm smile and a helping hand.

This month, she has gone above and beyond, stepping up to keep everything running smoothly during this busy season. We're grateful for Minnie's hard work and compassion. Thank you, Minnie!



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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