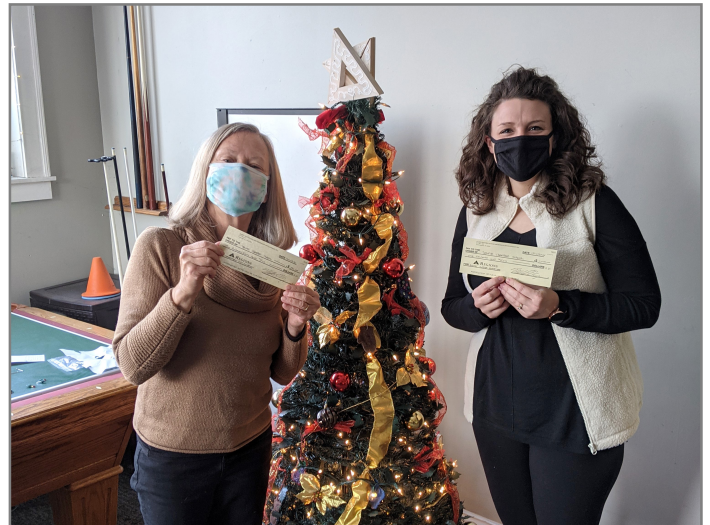


Donations to Local Schools Bring Food & Toys to Students

This year has been difficult for many in our community. COVID-19 has caused many to be furloughed or lose their jobs, students have spent much of the year in eLearning, and families are struggling to make ends meet. Through a partnership with local neighborhood associations, community partners, and local businesses, the Southeast Community Council was able to raise \$2,000 to support families at our two neighborhood schools, James A. Garfield School 31 and SENSE Charter School. These funds will be split between the schools and used for their holiday assistance programs in addition to stocking their pantries for the winter. Bates-Hendricks is thankful for the kind hearts of our neighbors and partners who supported this effort and helped our families have a brighter holiday season!



Adrienne Kuchik & Jamie Hixon from School 31 purchasing gifts for students with some of the donated funds



Bates-Hendricks Vice President Laura Giffel delivers holiday assistance & Street Fest checks to SENSE Charter School

Letter from the President

Neighborhood President's Priorities Series (Part 4): Community Growth through an "Individuals-First" Focus

As the world moves into the new 2021 calendar year, it seems most appropriate to expand upon this next Bates-Hendricks neighborhood priority with all of you: building a supportive neighborhood community through a focus on the individual. This effort in particular has been much more difficult to pursue than in previous years due to the recent, health-related lack of in-person interactions with fellow neighbors, especially for those who are newer to the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood. Let's take a moment to examine the importance of how we, as individuals, can support each other as well as the growth of Bates-Hendricks in general.



BHNHA President, Matt Nunley

- Just say "Hi" or "Hello" to fellow neighbors and visitors
- Reach out to your Bates-Hendricks Block host for introductions to nearby neighbors
- Coordinate a neighborhood yard sale in support of one another
- Start a progressive dinner or other tradition on your block
- Share ideas for creating (or expanding) community spaces with neighborhood association leaders, your elected officials, other community leaders, etc.
- Find other neighbors who share the same interests, passions and/or strengths with you, then think how your group may be able to create a positive benefit for the greater Bates-Hendricks community

While I am confident that 2021 will provide ample opportunities for all of us neighbors and our community partners to interact in person, the neighborhood association will also be rolling out alternative options for neighbors to participate in community events on their computers, phones, and other electronic devices. No matter what method of social interaction you may prefer using at this moment in time, we plan to have several more methods of interacting with and meeting your neighbors (even while wearing your pajamas in the comfort of your own home). I look forward to seeing everyone again during this new year!

SENSE Receives Generous Bounty of Blankets



Jake Medlong, Director of KIDS Inc., in front of the wall of blankets and comforters contributed to support the SENSE Charter School blanket drive

With the winter chill upon us and the prospect of utility disconnects looming for some of our families, SENSE Charter School reached out to some of our community partners with a request for new blankets that could be distributed to families through our weekly food distributions. The goal was to amass at least 50 blankets. At last count, over 400 new blankets and comforters had been received. The school's good partner and neighbor, KIDS Inc. alone contributed over 300 blankets; largely donated through their network and affiliations with various local churches and community partners. The additional blankets were donated by individuals including David Steeles' family and Peggy Hribernik, who donated many beautiful hand-

stitched quilts. "People wanted to know how to help out. They knew there was an even greater need this year, but did not know how best to give assistance." said Jake Medlong, Director of KIDS Inc. "Then knowing the need, people were happy to help out. They knew that a blanket would make a difference."

Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association strives to improve the quality of life of those living in the neighborhood through efforts to assure safety, to maintain or improve the living environment, and to enhance the spirit of cooperation and neighborliness among all residents. We meet monthly on the first Monday of the month at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect at 6:30pm. Annual dues are \$10 for households and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Matt Nunley, PO Box 342, Indianapolis, IN 46206. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at bateshendricks.org.



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Upcoming

- Jan 4** Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ, 402 Prospect Street. The Association meets on the first Monday of every month except holidays (then it's the second Monday). Stay involved with the neighborhood and visit with your neighbors!
- Jan 11** Quality of Life / Economic Development Meeting, 6:30pm. This committee works to improve the East Street corridor, among other objectives. Contact QualityOfLife@bateshendricks.org for online meeting details or other information.
- Jan 14,28** Republic Recycling Pickup. More info at www.republicservices.com/residents/all-in-one-recycling.
- Jan 19** Heavy Trash Pickup. More info at www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/TrashHome.aspx.
- Jan 20** Events Committee Meeting, 6:30pm. This committee works to plan neighborhood events, including Street Fest, the Chili Cook-off, holiday dinners, and more. Contact Events@bateshendricks.org for meeting details or other information.
- Jan 25** ROW – Pleasant Run Meeting, 6:30pm. This committee focuses on improving the waterway that runs through our neighborhood. For meeting details or other info, contact ROW@bateshendricks.org.
- Jan 26** Land Use Committee Meeting, 6:30pm. This committee considers zoning, development, and property issues in Bates-Hendricks with the goal of ensuring peaceful co-existence among residents and businesses. Contact LandUse@bateshendricks.org for online meeting details or other information.