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GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. It is currently meeting via Zoom and in person at Epworth UMC, 4455 Epworth Rd., Newburgh, IN

Greenriverkiwanis.org
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Link to join Green River Kiwanis meeting via ZOOM. This link is the same every week.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8010354616?pwd=NUK2QUtyZzJDRVNaZjICZjFJM09jdz09>

February 9, 2022

Today's speaker was Jeremy Evans, executive director of the Dream Center. He's been there for 8 years, and the original concept has



changed from just after-school and feeding programs to a focus on helping the Jacobsville neighborhood flourish. This neighborhood is bounded by Diamond Ave., the Lloyd Expressway, First Ave., and Garvin St. It is the single

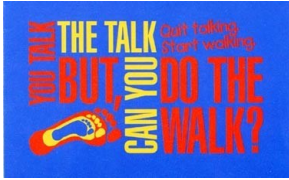
largest neighborhood in the city and has both lots of kids and lots of crime. The Dream Center began with just 6 staff and now has 25. Over its years in operation it has begun to see second generation Dream Center kids....kids that face the same challenges their parents did. The effort is now to break this cycle of generational poverty. The Dream Center staff visited and trained with staff of the Harlem Children's Zone, a now thriving part of New York. They have initially adopted four blocks near Delaware School and will do anything and everything to help the 43 families and 100 kids living there. The initial emphasis was to get to know these families and kids well, not to start any new programs. Development efforts focus on youth, family, and the neighborhood. The youth focus puts 4 Dream Center staff working half-time in the school itself and supporting after-school programs. Family focus involves wrap around care—crisis management along with transformational coaching so that families learn how to

manage their lives better. The neighborhood focus involves working with Community One on neighborhood revitalization and the Love Your Neighbor Project. The Dream Center wants to grow to help more of the neighborhood. Its location in the neighborhood is key—"the farther away you are from a problem, the simpler you think the solution is."



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The Riley Walk is coming up on February 26 (only 3 Saturdays away!), at 9:00 in Eastland Mall. The Indiana district of Kiwanis' relationship with Riley Hos-

pital began in 1919 when the district began to raise money to build the hospital, which opened in 1924. In 1992 the Southwind district began to hold a walkathon and raised \$1100. Last year, when the walk was held virtually, \$38,000 was raised, with \$21,000 of this coming from GRK. Over the past 29 years \$550,000 has been raised. This year's walk, COVID permitting, will be held in person...and it's time to sign up, solicit sponsors, and do your part in supporting the great work of Riley Hospital.

Jo Ann Laugel also talked about a Riley kid named Drew Barnes and told us a bit of his story, with a reminder—this walk, etc. is NOT about the money, it's about the KIDS.

The next dinner night out will be February 17, 6 pm, at the House of Como at 2700 S. Kentucky Ave. **Be warned: CASH ONLY!!**



Just a reminder that the Indiana Kiwanis district midyear conference in Indianapolis is coming up:

Date: March 19, 2022

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Place: Fishers Conference Center,
9775 N By Northeast Blvd, Fishers,
IN 46037

Cost: \$65.00

Hotel Registration

We have blocked rooms at
Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis
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9785 North by Northeast Blvd
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Booking link [HERE](#)

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Sig Labhart**:



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