

The CENTER is Ready!



**Rebuilding communities,
Transforming Lives through
relationship with Christ**



**Providing holistic services to
youth and families**

THE CENTER of Englewood is owned and operated by Shepherd's HOPE, Ltd. and will house our food pantry and family feeding center as well as By the Hand Club for Kids, IMPACT Family Center, Pass-It-On Academy, God's End Time Church and Xperience Church.



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Ready for God's Light to Shine in 2019!!

We hope you have had a very Merry Christmas with your family and friends. Happy New Year from all of us at Shepherd's HOPE and all the other ministries being supported by your overwhelming generosity that has made the Center of Englewood a reality.

Challenging to say the least...

As a building, THE CENTER is now fully operational! We have electricity, water and heat in every part of the building. It wasn't easy, and it wasn't quick! We had to have power so that we could have lights to see in order to work on the water/plumbing. We had to have gas before we could fire up the boilers. Then we had to repair the hundreds of leaks in the thousands of feet of hot water heating pipes. If that wasn't enough, the thermostats are hydraulically controlled, and we had air leaks in that system that had to be traced one thermostat at a time. Just like the heating pipes, as one leak was repaired the next leak would show up... **To say that getting the heating system operational was a long,**

tedious process is a huge understatement of what actually took place!

but really it's just the LORD's basic training!

In fact, you may have noticed that every part of this journey has been difficult. I was praying to my LORD and SAVIOR one evening as we were going through the struggles with the power and water, and I asked HIM why HE was making this part of the journey so difficult. There was dead silence for a few minutes and then HE said, **“I’m preparing you and the team for the next part of the journey,** because if you think this is tough, wait till I start shining my light in that community like they have never seen in Chicagoland before. The devil and his minions will be out in force to make sure this light will not prevail. The only thing that can stop them will be the continuous, faithful obedience to MY will by your whole team (including the collaborative ministries). Your total obedience is the only way I will be able to turn this community right side up again after 6 decades of being ruled by the evil one. So, Brian, now you understand why the beginning of this journey has been so tough. *I am preparing you and your team for the battles that await you.”*

And our financial support team is needed in the battle!

I hope this helps to explain the importance of the role of our financial support team. Without your very generous support, Shepherd’s HOPE and our partners would not be in position for our LORD to use us to wage war against the devil and his minions. **I hope all of you will come to the Center of Englewood and join us in our ringside seats to watch this spiritual battle play out.** Because of you, our faithful supporters, the people in this community will be able to see the LORD in action every day through Shepherd’s HOPE and their collaborative ministries. Our prayer is that you will take the time to come down and meet the people of this community and listen to their life-changing stories. *Stories occurring because of your obedient generosity.*

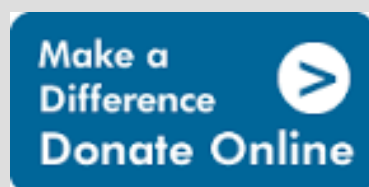
I love you all and I hope that I will see each and every one of you at the Center of Englewood soon! Thank you again. We will be sending you a list of servicing opportunities in the near future. Be safe and may GOD bless you and your family throughout the New Year!

Brian

We still need your help!

Any checks dated on or before December 31, 2018 can be used in the 2018 tax year, even if we don't receive them until early January.

Thank you again for your continued support!



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If you would like to visit and serve this community, we would love to have you! Just click image or call **773-756-3535 ext 0**

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Be strong & courageous, and do the work. Don't be afraid or discouraged for the Lord God, my God, is with you.

He will not fail you or forsake you. | Chronicles 28:20 NLT