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Community Night

Community nights at the center provide an excellent opportunity for residents of Hartville to develop friendships and strengthen connections. On Saturday, June 24th, we hosted our first community night of the year. Families joined us for a night of fun, amazing food from Mi Casa, games, prizes, and dancing. A talented dancing instructor was on hand, teaching a variety of Latin American dance styles such as salsa, bachata, and merengue. In an unexpected turn of events, one of the migrant families taught the dancing instructor cumbia, a popular dance in Mexico. This event highlighted the Hartville Migrant Community's upbeat personalities and appreciation.

Get Involved

Because of the generosity of sponsors and donors, we are able to organize these events and programming which strengthen our community. If you're interested in donating or getting involved, please visit our <u>website</u>.

Help Needed

Every year, the Hartville Migrant Ministry provides school supply bags to all of the children ready to return to school in the fall. Each bag contains the items required for that student's grade level. If you'd like to donate, please click <u>here</u>.

"FOR THE **GOOD** OF OUR **NEIGHBORS**" - CORINTHIANS 10:24

INSIDE SPORTS

Every Sunday, the center runs an adult pickup soccer game with a mix of migrant and non-migrant players of various skill levels, with no obligation or expectation other than to have fun. Families gather to watch the game and cheer on their favorite athletes. Despite the fact that the teams were formed on the spot, each participant seemed to immediately adapt to their new teammates and support one another in their shared love of soccer.

The <u>Sister of Charity Foundation</u> made it possible for the facility to provide brand new soccer equipment, including balls, goals, a line marker, and pinnies. They also sponsor the food for the occasion, which is supplied by the <u>Immigrant Worker Project</u> in Canton.

Children ages 2 to 18 from the Hartville neighborhood come every Thursday at 6 PM to participate in an array of co-ed sports and physical activities such as volleyball, basketball, soccer, and baseball. Volunteers and staff are in charge of facilitating and monitoring these events, and any children who live in the Hartville community are welcome to participate in the Youth Sports program. The primary objectives of the program are to have fun while learning and building social skills.



THE **HEARTS** OF **HARTVILLE**: – JULIANA KENIG

Juliana Kenig, an Argentinean native, is fulfilling her dream, while serving as our Medical Clinic Intern. She began studying English at the age of eight. She realized then that exploring a diverse world was her ultimate desire.

Despite the fact that her surroundings were very inviting, she struggled to adjust to the pace of English native speakers, her new setting, and a different culture upon her arrival. This, however, did not deter Juli, but rather inspired her; her passion and drive to achieve her goals exceeded all of the obstacles. Juli's experience improved when she started taking part in interests that were meaningful to her. She was inspired to continue her adventure after achieving her goals of living overseas and studying at an American university.

When questioned, "Why Hartville Migrant Ministry?" Juli passionately expressed how she felt connected to the Hispanic migrant community as a result of her own immigration journey. She understands how it feels to be in a foreign country where your first language is not widely spoken. She is dedicated to providing support as she continues to pursue her degree with the aim to make a difference in people's lives. Juli is proud to serve in such diverse community where a sense of belonging is valued.





CONNECT WITH US:

 This month's Supporter Spotlight focuses on <u>Love Our Community</u>! Through its thrift store, community meals, and transitional housing program, LOC helps the Hartville community. LOC comes out to our Youth Sports program every Thursday evening to deliver pre-packaged meals and hang around with our kids. We are extremely grateful for what LOC does for our community!