"For the Good of Our Neighbors" - Corinthians 10:24

# HARTVILLE MIGRANT MINISTRY

**Celebrating** Hispanic Heritage Month

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# NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month is observed nationally from September 15 to October 15. This celebration recognizes Hispanic/Latino Americans' achievements and culture while also highlighting the community's vital role in building and strengthening our democracy. We commemorate their history, legacy, and accomplishments from the past and present throughout this month-long celebration. We've advanced as a nation in a variety of ways thanks to decades of exceptional Hispanic/Latino artists, writers, musicians, leaders, and more. To learn more visit, <u>click here</u>.





Sonia Sotomayor Through determination and discipline, Sonia earned degrees from Princeton University and Yale Law School. In 2009, she broke boundaries by becoming the first Latina to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States.

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**Cesar Chavez** As a civil rights activist, Cesar, fought to improve working and living conditions of farm workers in the United States. He co founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later merged with other unions to form United Farm Workers of America.

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# SUMMER PROGRAMMING REVIEW

In addition to our medical clinic, the Hartville Migrant center offers a plethora of programs to the Migrant community during the summer months. Below is a short summary for each program. We'd like to thank the endless volunteers and donors who made these programs possible!



Adult Soccer League

Every Sunday from 6 to 8 PM workers came to play futbol while their family and friends cheered them on. The Migrant Center provided food and snacks each week for the crowd to enjoy while watching the match.



Adult English Classes Every Sunday at 1 PM a wonderful volunteer comes out to the center to teach adult English classes. Participants have enjoyed a practical curriculum that has helped grow their vocabulary immensely.



**Spirituality Services** The Migrant center offered a myriad of spiritual services, including three Vacation Bible School programs for the kids, Bible studies for adults, sacramental prep classes, and weekly mass at Graber chapel.



#### **Community Nights**

On the last Saturday of each month, the Migrant Center hosted community building events. Members of the Migrant community along with guests from the larger Hartville Community came together for evenings of fun, ranging from team competitions to games to raffles and dancing. And of course, lots of food and treats!





# The Hearts of Hartville Reed Miller

Reed is proud to be a part of such rewarding work. During the 2023 growing season, he worked as a nursing volunteer at the center's clinic. Reed considers caring for others to be his life's work. "Migrant families are an important part of the Hartville community." "The Migrant Center values them and integrates them into the community," he states proudly. He believes his time at the Migrant Center has further encouraged his desire to serve others.

# SUMMER PROGRAMMING REVIEW

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### Middle School Program

For seven weeks all of our middle schoolers came to the center for afternoon programming. Two amazing interns facilitated this program which focused on innovation, connection and confidence. Some highlights from the program were visiting Handel's to make ice cream, and Beatty's Sports to create their own sweatshirts.

#### **Youth Active**

Every Thursday evening kids from the Migrant Community would come hang out at the sports field and play different games, sports and activities. Healthy snack options were always provided and the kids learned about healthy eating, and lifestyle choices.

#### **Youth Create**

Every Monday, staff members from the Stark County Library Lake Branch would come out to the center to offer free programming to our youth. Activities included science experiments, project based learning, and reading competitions.





This month's community shout out goes to the <u>Canton Regional Area</u> <u>Health Education Center</u>. CRAHEC provides annual grant funding to HMM, covering the cost of medical supplies for our clinic as well as stipends for our Spanish interpreters. Also, CRAHEC supports HMC by encouraging local medical students to use our clinic as a site for field and volunteer hours.

Finally, last week CRAHEC brought a group of 12 undergraduate students to learn about the Migrant farmworker structure and all that HMM does to support this population. Thank you, CRAHEC!