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MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE AS WE ARE “MOVING FORWARD”



BOXING PROGRAM

- ⇒ Over 100 kids registered
- ⇒ We've had many Golden Glove winners, over 50 State Junior Olympic Championships, 26 National Championships, 1 international championship and 1 who trained for Olympics

We are ***Moving Forward*** with our partners who provide incredible services to hundreds of children and teenagers. This includes the Innovative Learning Center and Youth Services Network. We are grateful to be the host of the new 815Alive program that provides all day remote learning to teenagers.



PROGRAM FOR KIDS

- ⇒ 500 kids involved in the year round programs
- ⇒ They do recreational, educational and agricultural programs
- ⇒ The garden produced about 50 pounds of veggies last summer
- ⇒ Kids improved their reading scores during the summer program
- ⇒ We've hosted the Regional High School, Jackson Charter School and Easter Seals School

We are ***Moving Forward*** with our new boxing location at 727 First Avenue. As we forward into the newly location, we were saddened by the death of Jimmy Goodman, Sr. who started the Patriots Boxing Club in 2003. We dedicated that new space in his memory.



We are ***Moving Forward*** with gratitude for our volunteers who serve as basketball and boxing coaches and program volunteers.

DREAMS FOR KIDS

- ⇒ Previous Patriots include attorneys, CPA and other professionals
- ⇒ Previous Patriots include a middle school coach, 4 high school coaches, 2 college coaches, 2 school superintendents, and a principal
- ⇒ Rockford local and NBA Toronto Raptors basketball player Fred VanVleet played in the Patriots Basketball program as a kid.

We are ***Moving Forward*** as our programs are funded by grants and gifts from the community.



We are ***Moving Forward*** despite the financial challenges of the past three years. We have not been able to pay our monthly needed \$14,000 minimum mortgage payments. Our lender has been very patient with us but we need to come up with a new plan to move forward in 2021.

PATRIOTS FACTS

- ⇒ We host Youth Services Network
- ⇒ We host Innovative Learning Center with 300 high school youth
- ⇒ We sponsor boxing, basketball, golfing, afterschool & summer camp
- ⇒ Patriots kids have traveled 200,000 kid miles; including going to 7 states and a trip to Russia
- ⇒ We have over 39,000 square feet in the Patriots Gateway Center

We are asking you to help us move forward with the complete debt retirement of our original mortgage in 2021. We are planning on raising \$300,000 by May and we have a \$100,000 gift from Zion Lutheran Church already. Thank you for your consideration as we “move forward” in 2021 at Patriots!



Peace,
Rev. Dr. Michael E. Thomas
Interim Executive Director