

A Message from Kimberli



Looking back, May and June not only gave us beautiful flowers in new spaces, but beautiful ways to share our mission.

We continue to settle into this bright, new-to-us home, giving thanks daily for the opportunities we've been given. And we continue to look for new ways to spread the understanding of all that we offer families facing end-of-life transitions.

As a not-for-profit organization, fundraising is a constant reality for us, and later in this issue, you'll be among the first to learn about a new and very fun fundraiser coming later this summer!

While the business side of our ministry is important, know that we hold the care of our guests and their families in our hearts and our prayers every day. We are so grateful for each person who has walked this journey with us.

Meet Our Board: President Brad DuBois



For well over ten years, Brad DuBois has been a behind-the-scenes supporter of and volunteer for The Gathering Together. His commitment to the mission, the people, and its future is as strong today, if not stronger, than when he first became involved in 2013.

When asked what stands out to him from this timeframe, Brad mentions two key points. "Even though The Gathering Together has existed since the early 2000s, I'm still shocked by the number of Plainfield residents who don't know anything about us."

He added, "I wish more people understood that we don't receive any monies from government agencies. In fact, we have no guaranteed source of income. Keeping the doors open requires grants, fundraising, and the generosity of donors. This is a love-based organization."

"We view this ministry as taking care of our community," Brad stated. "The Gathering Together is not just a place to go to die. It's a place to let go, and with the help of Kimberli and our amazing staff, as well as our volunteers, caregivers and health-care partners, and through the generosity of our community, end-of-life at The Gathering Together can be a truly beautiful experience."

Would serving on the board be of interest to you? Let's talk!

Important Dates



Refresh your supply of our best-selling homemade jams, quilted items and more! Wednesday **evenings through September, 4 PM - 7 PM**, Plainfield Farmer's Market, on the lawn of the Plainfield Friends Church

Purse Bingo, Plainfield Eagles Lodge, **August 23: doors open at 11 AM, Bingo at 2 PM**

Quaker Day Festival, **September 19, 8 AM-4 PM**, on the lawn of the Plainfield Friends Church.

Center Grove High School Craft Fair, **November 7**

The Gathering Together Holiday Open House, **November 14**

Holiday Craft Fair, Washington Township Park, **November 21**

Items may also be purchased any time at our new home or at Patti's Mall, [204 N. Mill St](#), **10-5 Tuesday - Saturday, and 12-4 Sunday**

Community Spotlight



The Gathering Together Crafters are some of the most dedicated, funny, compassionate and talented people around town. Every Tuesday, you can count on at least six of these crafty folks to gather for about half of the day as they create the many items that are sold at various fundraisers and events.

No one imagined, back around 2010, that a simple request for table arrangements would grow into a fellowship of friends-who-are-like-family, who are still creating together 16 years later! When asked what keeps them coming back, the responses definitely followed a thread: it's good to be with people, the camaraderie we share is quite special, and the work we do is in service of helping others.

While the craft room hums with activity on Tuesdays, the chatter, laughter and conversations are secondary to the work that gets accomplished. Group organizer Charlie Effinger has a plan for what needs to be completed each week in order to supply all the items needed at the weekly markets, as well as upcoming fundraisers.

While some of the crafters have been sewing for many years, others have different levels of experience. Some learned as children then came back later in life, while there are even a few who discovered a new hobby that brings them joy!

Best-sellers include pot holders, potato bags, sun catchers, fabric covers for children's books, small bags, tote bags, and the always-popular bowl and plate cozies! In addition, other volunteers make the delicious jams and pepper relishes that have become synonymous with The Gathering Together.

*Thank you to our Gathering Together Crafters -
we are so grateful for all that you do!*

SAVE THE DATE!

We'd love to see you at our inaugural Purse Bingo Fundraiser, taking place on Sunday, August 23 at the Plainfield Eagles #3207. This promises to be a fun afternoon while

raising important funds for The Gathering Together. Details can be found in the graphic below, and to purchase your ticket, use this link: <https://thegatheringtogether.org/bingo-fundraiser/>



Join us for a

BINGO

Fundraiser!

Benefiting
The Gathering Together

AUG 23

DOORS OPEN @ 11AM
Buffet lunch \$15

BINGO @ 2PM

\$40 PER PLAYER
Table of 6: \$210
Save \$30 when you reserve a full table!

BASKET RAFFLE

Details at Event

BINGO WINNERS WIN THEIR CHOICE OF A
Designer Purse!

 **Plainfield Eagles #3207**
is hosting the Bingo Night!

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Plainfield, IN 46168

License #103443
18+ TO PLAY

Purchase Tickets

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Supporting Us

Many of us are familiar with the phrase “time, talent and treasure,” and it definitely applies to our work at The Gathering Together. Throughout our newsletters, we share the many gifts we’ve received by way of time and talent, so it’s only appropriate to share a bit about our approaches to treasure!

Our guests do not receive a bill for their time with us. Our day-to-day expenses are covered by donations, fundraisers, our Amazon Wish List, and the sales of our craft crew's handiwork.

Monthly donations are especially helpful to the work we do. If you feel called to support our ministry, we invite you to consider one of the following monthly options.

MONTHLY GIFTS



100 Simple Joys
Provides snacks and treats to brighten difficult days.



120 Cozy Kils
Provides a blanket or snuggle item to wrap up in peace.



150 Family Dinners
Provides a meal of choice, prepared with love.



100 Gift-Ground Comfort
Provides all the essentials to sustain care.

CURRENT NEEDS

You might be surprised how long the days and nights can be when sitting with a loved one, sometimes for several days at a time. Having food, snacks and beverages for guests and their families is part of making guests comfortable, and while our freezer is currently well-stocked, our drink stash is depleted!

If you're looking for a way to make a big impact, a case of soft drinks, water-based drinks and even flavored drink packets would go a long way! Coke and Pepsi products (the whole variety) are quite popular, but bottled water is needed as well. Drinks can be dropped off at our home, or even delivered by Amazon!

Taking it a step further, if you're thinking about becoming a monthly donor, you could donate soft drinks or bottled water each month, in lieu of a monthly cash donation!

More information on ways to support our ministry can be found online on our [website](https://thegatheringtogether.org).

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