

A Message from Kimberli



From my office I get to experience the highs and lows that mark our lives. We see joy, and we see grief. We see hope and relief. And every day, we experience the generosity of our community.

As a not-for-profit end-of-life home, we receive no governmental support. Our budget is funded solely on donations, grants and fundraising.

I find it remarkable that, during my time with The Gathering Together, we've never had to pay for laundry detergent, or paper towels, or cleaning supplies. We have volunteers who keep our gardens beautifully planted, watered and weeded. Our crafters work every week to supply our craft

shows and markets with beautiful handmade items. When we communicate a need for supplies, they quietly show up on our porch, often within just a few hours.

Our inaugural Purse Bingo fundraiser (more details follow) is just around the corner, and every dollar earned will fund our efforts to provide the very best end-of-life care. This new event is a critical part of our fundraising strategy, and we hope to see many of you there!

Everyone experiences hard days and hard periods of life. But bearing witness to the extraordinary kindnesses of the many people who support The Gathering Together is one of the greatest gifts I could imagine. From the bottom of my heart, I sincerely thank you.



For ten years now, Laura Sutton has been supporting The Gathering Together as a tech consultant and, more recently, a board member. Whether working on technology needs, the website, social media, or taking minutes during board meetings, her steady voice and knowledge have helped the organization navigate several changes through the years.

Laura is a product of Plainfield, graduating from Plainfield High School, and following college and her post-graduate studies, landing a job she loves at the Plainfield - Guilford Township Public Library.

At a moment when Laura had the time and interest in finding a cause to support, The Gathering Together needed her, and the rest is history!

In her words, "Getting to be a part of the growth and transitions these past few years, both physical and human, has been a wonderful experience. And now, being able to serve even more guests, is truly an honor."

Laura went on to explain, "Like so many people, we all have varying experiences with losing loved ones. Thanks to Kimberli and The Gathering Together, I've been able to process those losses, and see the beauty and joy that can be possible when death is before us. I'm grateful for the opportunities to serve others, and to help grow our ministry."

Many thanks to Laura for sharing her time and expertise to help support our ministry!

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**

Holiday Craft Fair, Washington Township Park, **November 14**

The Gathering Together Holiday Open House, **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

BINGO FUNDRAISER - IT'S ALMOST TIME!

Ticket sales have been brisk, so don't delay if you haven't yet purchased yours via the QR code in the graphic below! Our first Bingo Fundraiser is going to be a fun afternoon, but it will also serve as an important revenue source for our operations. We are always thinking about new ways to support this ministry, and we hope to see you on August 23rd!

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!

5556 E US 40
Plainfield, IN 46168

License #103443

18+ TO PLAY

Purchase Tickets



Scan Here!

Questions?
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Community Spotlight: Crossroads Church



The culture of Avon-based Crossroads Church focuses on service, both within its congregation as well as throughout the community. Over the last several years, the church has sponsored Serve Day, and last month, more than 200 church members visited 13 locations to perform varying acts of service. For the second time, one of those locations was The Gathering Together.

More than a year ago, members of the church took care of several small-but-important projects at the original home. Then when Serve Day rolled around, Outreach Pastor Ashlee Mullin asked a local business to help the congregants complete a project that was over their budget. According to Ashlee, "We got creative, prayed for a solution, and God listened. He led us to Mann Hauling, whose owner stepped up to help us prepare the new property for the Memorial Garden."

Church members were so touched by The Gathering Together's ministry that they made it clear they wanted to return this year. Ashlee added, "Kimberli dreams big - she had a vision for a mural in the living room, in addition to transforming space in the front to a welcoming patio. The work we've done is more manual than what we do elsewhere, but when we opened the sign-up list for this year's Serve Day, this location was filled immediately."



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Thanks to their hard work and prayers, the front porch and updated living room create welcoming and peaceful spaces where guests and their families can gather and relax. As Ashlee described it, "the peace of the Lord is so abundant, and it shines through the staff and the space."

While the board and staff of The Gathering Together are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of Crossroads Church, Ashlee summed up the experience in this way. "We are so grateful for this partnership and the opportunity to pour into the lives of people we'll never meet. We are honored and humbled to serve this mission that is so much bigger than we are."

Amen, Ashlee. Amen.

Supporting Us

It's no secret that our ability to deliver our ministry relies on the support of others, and while there are countless ways to lend support, perhaps the most significant impact comes from monthly donations. From \$5 to \$100, simply knowing we can count on a monthly influx of donations means we can rest easier. Donations come in many forms, but a consistent commitment helps us create more achievable goals and plans. We appreciate EVERY donation, and this month, we send an extra thank you to those who have set up automatic monthly donations!

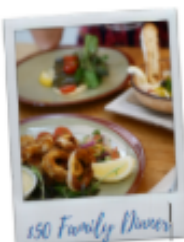
MONTHLY GIFTS



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



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



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



1100 All-Around Comfort
Provides all the essentials to sustain care.

CURRENT NEEDS

Our freezer is looking a little bare, and our snacks and soft drinks, juices, bottled water stash is depleted. These are items that can really make time spent with us feel more like home, so we love to keep our shelves stocked!

We're happy to accept gift cards, Amazon deliveries, checks, or even porch drop-offs. Know that every item donated helps improve the day of the families we serve.