

Issue 1 : September 2018 Evansville Indiana Promise Zone



In the Spotlight:
HVRP and Habitat for Humanity



Events and Programs
September 2018



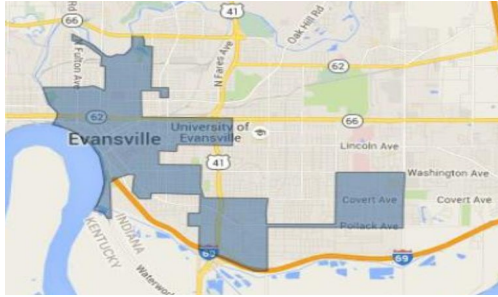
WorkOne:
Available Jobs and Resources



Promise Zone Announcements



PROMISE ZONE



Message from the Director of Promise Zone

Greetings,

In 2016 Evansville was successful in achieving one of the last Promise Zone designation, which has been actively bringing new poverty fighting opportunities in the urban core of Evansville. The Zone area encompasses roughly 2/5ths of the city's geography and a population within it of nearly 39% of whom live below the poverty level. The Promise Zone designation allows access to 16 federal agencies in competitive grant situations in addition to increasing competitiveness for funding applications from Evansville. Promise Zone consists of 7 Working Groups: Crime, Job Development, Education, Health, Housing, Economic Development, and Community Engagement.

I am very excited about the Promise Zone at a time when we are planning for 2018-2019. This year is going to be big for the Promise Zone residents and the Promise Zone itself. I encourage everyone to check out our social media just search "Evansville Promise" on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. What matters most is that we serve you better by keeping you up to date and engaged with what is happening with the Promise Zone. We are actively working on new designs for the website to help you connect quickly and easily. I recognize and appreciate that this Promise Zone is a resident driven process and I encourage you to take part and have your voice be heard within our community engagement group. In the coming year, I commit to listen to your input as we shape the Promise Zone and expand the support it facilitates. Look for details in the future on the website for this year Promise Zone annual plan.

Thank you for your support, I am eager to see how much we can accomplish this year in the Promise Zone.

Best wishes

Silas J. Matchem Sr.



Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)

Located at the Gresham House overlooking Garvin Park, HVRP works with homeless veterans to get them back on their feet. The program can house up to 6 veterans at a time for up to 60 days. The veterans are provided with housing and job assistance through the HVRP team, and clothing and food from donors. Lately they have seen two exciting success stories.



First, a young veteran who had been homeless, and living at the local mission came to HVRP for housing and job placement assistance. He was living at Gresham House when an out of state job training program became available. The HVRP team helped him with donor provided clothing and food that allowed him to successfully complete his training program, and then enter into a full time position.

A second recent success story was a veteran who had been living with a family member and suffering with alcoholism. The HVRP team set him up with housing at Gresham house and got him through a drug treatment program. Thanks to his hard work and the aid of HVRP, this veteran was able to land a job at a local university.



Budgeting: Sept 4th 9-11am October 16th 6-8pm
Credit: September 11th 9-11am October 2nd 6-8pm

Home-ownership/Refinance: Sept 11th 9-11am & 6-8pm
Sept 18th 6-8pm, Oct 2nd 6-8pm, (Spanish) Oct 9th 6pm

Fair Shot



Learn about how Credit works and how you can
take control of YOURS!
Stop letting credit issues slow you down, learn how
to overcome them!

Location:
Dream Center, in the gym
16 West Morgan Ave Evansville



For More information contact
HOPE of Evansville 812-423-3169



Make your money work for YOU!

Learn how to manage your money so you can reach
your personal goals.

Build an emergency fund even on a tight budget.



Home Buying



Find out what you need, before you start looking
for your dream home. The get the tools to make
that dream a reality!





Habitat for Humanity : The 500th House in Evansville

Habitat celebrated the groundbreaking of their 500th home! This is a huge feat since, out of 1,200 affiliates across the country, only 25 have accomplished it. Most of those were either in regions devastated by natural disaster or much larger cities. They have accomplished this by dedicated volunteers, staff, donors, and partners.

Many community members and organizations, including the future homeowner and Mayor Winnecke, attended this historic groundbreaking. Hope, laughter, and tears of joy were shared by many. Habitat has been a pillar in our community and a beacon of hope for so many families over the years. We congratulate them for all their hard work and celebrate this win for them and for Evansville!

“Habitat for Humanity helps families achieve strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership,” says Beth Folz, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Evansville. “It is with immense pride and enthusiasm that we work toward building the 500th Habitat home in Evansville and Mt. Vernon. The accomplishment of this milestone would not have been achieved without the dedicated supporters in our community ... so on behalf of Habitat and all of the families who have been served through partnership with this ministry since 1984, thank you!”

Individuals interested in getting involved with Habitat for Humanity should click the following links or call 812-423-5623 to [sign up to volunteer](#), [donate](#) or email info@evansvillehabitat.org to receive more information.

CHECK IT OUT

IMPORTANT

Announcements



WorkOne
Southwest

Evansville

Vincennes

Knox, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, Perry

Next Job Fair Sept 20th at the Evansville Office
Mentors on site to walk you through!
www.workonesouthwest.com
** Become a Mentor! Call (812) 428-4476

**PROMISE TO
MENTOR**



**Pilot program to Mentor High School students so they can reach
their highest potential!**

**Eight Saturdays, 9am to 12pm
September 22 to Nov 10th**

"I have volunteered at the Dream Center for 3+ years and can see that many high school kids don't know what career options are available to them. My personal story is very similar to theirs. College is not for everyone and many kids in the Jacobsville neighborhood need other options. My hope is to partner with the Trades to give these kids exposure to real, achievable, long term career options." **-Fire Chief Mike Connelly**

- Please consider becoming a mentor or set a time when a small group 8-10 may listen to your presentation or visit a training center.

Contact: Mike Connelly (812) 436-4424 cconnelly@evansville.in.gov

Coffee In The Zone



Evansville, IN
Promise Zone

www.evansvillepromise.org



#CoffeeInTheZone

Enter to Win Monthly Drawings! It's EASY!

1. Take a picture of your cup somewhere in Evansville
2. Post something you love / ideas about the Zone, your neighborhood, or Evansville
OR an inspirational quote or saying for the day
3. If you are at a business, restaurant, or coffee shop add their name in the post
4. Use the hashtag #CoffeeInTheZone

One entry per day. Use Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram

Evansville Promise Zone is about connecting the people!
Share your pictures, your ideas, and your inspiration
with all the people who call Evansville home!



Focus on Food



Neighbor Discussion Sessions:

Bosse High School - Library
September 6th at 5:30pm

DreamCenter 16 W. Morgan Ave
September 12th at 6:30pm

Online Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FRKPMG7>

We all know there are issues with gaining access to food inside Promise Zone neighborhoods. This summer we have brought together a large group of organizations discussing options on what we can do now AND in the long term.

We need YOU (residents) to help them really understand the challenges, needs, and wants to ensure the resources are being used in the right way! Come joining us, give your input, and enter to win a \$100 Walmart gift card!



Take our quick Focus of Food survey and enter to win \$100 gift card from Walmart!

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https://www.instagram.com/promise_evv/

<https://www.evansvillegov.org/city/departments/division.php?structureid=199>

