



## PEACE COMMUNITY CENTER

***We are grateful for your continued care and support for Hilltop youth!***

Dear Community Partners and Community Members,

In this time of transition, the Peace Community Center remains committed to the children, youth, and families of our Hilltop neighborhood. We, the Board of Directors of Peace Community Center want to share an update with you and our community. In an effort to stabilize our financial foundation and discern paths forward for the Center's future and sustainability, we have paused academic programming for this school year. While we pause programming, here are our current four areas of focus:

- **Reset:** We are currently addressing immediate finance and administrative needs to stabilize the organization.
- **Build Trust:** We acknowledge that this has been a challenging transition, and some confidence has been lost in our community, and with the young people and families we are committed to serving. Soon we will communicate with community members and partners to listen to feedback and share next steps so that we are able to move forward together.
- **Renew:** We intend to undergo a community needs assessment and strategic planning so we may more effectively serve our mission in our Hilltop neighborhood.
- **Rebuild:** We will tackle Board and organizational development so we can build back stronger and fulfill our commitments to our community.

In the meantime, please know that Peace Community Center continues to actively partner with Peace Lutheran Church to serve the Hilltop in many ways:

- Supports regular free community meals (each Friday night) on site with community resource navigation, a clothing closet, and hygiene supplies,
- Serves as an affordable space for community gatherings (e.g., around housing, youth concerns, and police/community safety), events hosted by local social service organizations, and community groups,
- Provides care and support for youth and families of the Hilltop neighborhood.

We are grateful for your partnership and welcome your ongoing support as we reassess, revision, and rebuild.

If you have questions or would like to share your support, please email [directors@peacecommunitycenter.org](mailto:directors@peacecommunitycenter.org) or reach out to any of the Peace Community Center Board Members.

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