

# 2019 ACTIVITIES

## Join God's Transformation of the Parker Street Neighborhood

**Bold text represents NEW or newly emphasized activities planned for 2019.**

### LIFETIME LEARNING

- Serve ages kindergarten through young adult with year-round academic enrichment including
  - Homework help
  - Individual learning plans
  - Parental engagement
  - Standards-based diagnostics in Math and Reading
  - Enrichments through community partnerships
  - Leadership development
  - Individual tutoring room for those at-risk of failing
  - Bible curriculum emphasizing peacemaking skills, scripture memory, and race relations
- Raise awareness of area VPK providers
- Advocate with school board regarding issues affecting neighborhood families



125 students are offered 720 hours of academic enrichment each year.



More than 950 volunteers add their skills to programs and raise the value of donated dollars 18%.

- **Add partnership with Florida Dance Theatre to provide onsite lessons in ballet, hip hop, and jazz**
- **Add Word Work-outs and Math-ercise utilizing high school students to lead younger peers in using movement to reinforce academics**
- **Build leadership skills and promote peacemaking**

**through peer-to-peer mentoring relationships**

- **Partner with IGT for replacement of end-of-life classroom computers**

### DESIRABLE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Maintain and improve aging facility
- Connect neighborhood residents to resources for cleanups and repairs
- Collaborate with community to make the neighborhood a beautiful, stable, and safe place to live
- **Provide opportunities for education on leasing and homeownership**
- **Liaison with City in installation of Surf Lakeland Wi-Fi in Community Center and Family Life Center**



Neighborhood residents served 27% of total volunteer hours in 2017.

### FINANCIAL FITNESS

- Provide all ages with financial fitness instruction
- Promote generosity by increasing number of neighborhood volunteers and by benefiting others through group savings
- Prepare youth and adults for skills-based employment by increasing digital literacy beginning in second grade
- Teach middle school youth childcare **and business development** skills while improving literacy in children
- Provide signature Future Workforce program for young high school students, incorporating soft job skills, career research, service at nonprofits, colleges/ employer field trips, and savings building
- Recruit and hire former AEP, post high school young adults as interns
- **Offer self-contained units of MoneySmart curriculum throughout year**
- **Partner with community to connect AEP students and former students with externships**



Four former AEP youth serve(d) as interns in office, neighborhood services, and AEP program. Three others were placed in external employment.

### HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- Celebrate all people through fun neighborhood gatherings that incorporate listening, gratitude, and meaningful interactions
- Affirm dignity through *Neighborhood Christmas Store*
- Host *Meet Up at the Markets* to build community and form habits of exercise, nutrition, generosity, and financial fitness
- Offer healthy snacks and meals during programs
- Host health-related family workshops
- Sponsor a community-wide prayer event and **add more opportunities for prayer**
- **Build neighborhood leadership skills in adults through Participant-Engaged-Owner Model**



Enjoyed various Family Nights together: Hurricane Prep, Salsa Dancing, Immigration, Board Games, etc.

Parker Street Ministries is committed to Gospel-centered community development beginning in Lakeland's Parker Street neighborhood.

Give year-end gifts online at [psmlakeland.org](http://psmlakeland.org) or mail to 719 N. Massachusetts Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33801

Volunteers contact: [volunteer@psmlakeland.org](mailto:volunteer@psmlakeland.org) or 863.682.4544