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"Dare to Care"

Downtown Optimist Club of Evansville



Meetings: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
11:45 am
Old National Bank - Bob Jones Family Community Room

Bank - Bob Jones Family Community Room Riverside Drive at Main Street Downtown Evansville



This Week's Program

May 8th— Beth Dietsch Donaldson Capital Mgmt, Foundation Review

Next Week's Program

May 22nd—TBA















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Greetings, Optimistic Explorers! Just a beginning message. Our May 8th **Meeting moves to 11:30am.** We will have Beth Dietsch with Donaldson Capital Management as our speaker. She will be reviewing our Foundation investments. Don't be late..... Now let's talk about our last meeting.

What a glorious, sun-soaked day it was when the Downtown Optimist Club decided to hit the road for an enlightening tour at the United Methodist Home! Our crew of intrepid adventurers led by President Emily made the most of the beautiful weather as we set out on a journey to discover the magic behind this exceptional facility.

Shelby Powell's Enthusiastic Tour: Our tour guide extraordinaire, Shelby Powell, Director of Development, welcomed us with a sunny smile that matched the weather. Her enthusiastic presentation made us feel right at home as we strolled through their picturesque campus with plenty of green space and trees. Shelby was assisted by Laura Brown, Development Officer.

An Inspiring Mission: The United Methodist Home is a safe haven for 8 boys and 8 girls navigating the tumultuous teenage years. Their campus features 8 buildings, some undergoing exciting renovations, and spans a generous 10 acres on North Burkhardt Road.

With 15 full-time and about 20 part-time staff members, the home operates like a well-oiled machine, offering support and guidance to teenagers in need. The staff acts as surrogate parents, providing a nurturing environment for these young people to find their footing and get their lives back on track.

A Glimpse into the Future: The United Methodist Home has big plans ahead! They hope to expand their reach by offering schooling in a brand-new education building, ensuring that their residents receive the support and education they deserve.

A Legacy of Hope: Founded 45 years ago, the United Methodist Home continues to be a beacon of hope for teenagers in need. We were inspired by their dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of young people.

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As we wrapped up our visit, we left with a renewed sense of optimism and gratitude for the incredible work being done at the United Methodist Home. It's clear that their mission aligns perfectly with our own – to spread positivity and support within our community.

Until our next adventure on May 8th, stay sunny and optimistic! Remember...we will be starting at 11:30am.

Optimistically yours,

Chief Explorer & Ambassador of Goodwill Downtown Optimist Club









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