



Edna Martin Working to Empower Fathers



Children have always been at the heart of our ministry at the Edna Martin Christian Center, and to help children, we have to empower fathers. At our *Tools for Fathers* workshop on June 9, more than twenty gathered to learn how to keep children out of trouble on the internet, and to learn about their parental and custody rights.

Besides the free catered lunch and the raffle for gift cards, participants found the information they received valuable. One man expressed that the workshop was "very beneficial," especially for "fathers who are not in the household who are trying to find ways to still be in their children's lives."

The fathers present are looking for more ways to be involved and to take care of their families. It was encouraging to see that so many wanted to come back for the next workshop, that they shared the information with their friends and relatives, and that they had suggestions for future workshop topics.

EMCC was joined by the Indiana Fatherhood Coalition and Kids Voice of Indiana in presenting the free workshop, and together, the three organizations will present four workshops per year.

Local ABC Churches Give \$75,000 in Honor of 75th



At their Annual Gathering, the American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis honored the Edna Martin Christian Center's 75th anniversary with a gift of \$75,000. Rev. Joan C. Friesen, executive minister-regional missionary, made the presentation on behalf of the thirty-nine Indianapolis-area congregations represented at the Gathering on May 7.

The ABCGI Annual Gathering was held at Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, and the theme was *Joining God*. Speakers relayed how to discern what God is up to in our communities, and how to join God in new ways and ministries.

After gratefully receiving the check, EMCC Executive Director Tysha Hardy-Sellers shared what God has been up to in EMCC's programs and services, especially the new second location—the Leadership and Legacy Campus. One of the many examples she gave was the ABC Youth Meet that took place at LLC the previous day. More than thirty kids from six different churches came together there for a full day of worship, fellowship, and workshops.

We at EMCC want to send out a huge **THANK YOU** to all of our supporting churches!



Moving Up

Twenty-two Pre-K scholars graduated at Edna Martin Christian Center's Childcare Ministry on May 19. Each child had a turn showcasing a song, or reciting a scripture from memory, and each expressed their ambitions, beginning with "when I grow up ..."

According to Alexandra Hall, Director of Early Childhood Education, "Students learn through play in the classroom's *Community Helpers* center. Students can pretend to serve our community as firefighters, doctors, police officers, chefs, teachers, even lawyers. Students also take field trips to learn first-hand about some of the careers they emulate in the classroom." But before they start their careers, they will go to kindergarten. Someday, we will be able to say, "We knew them when ..."



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Who was Edna Martin?

Mrs. Edna Barnes Martin was a 43-year-old housewife who once dreamt of being a missionary in Africa. Instead, she turned her energies toward the people in her own city of Indianapolis. In 1941, she took \$14, rented a one-room apartment with no plumbing, and started a day-care. She used the Bible as her textbook, and taught honesty, discipline, kindness, thriftiness, and cleanliness. That was the start of the East Side Christian Center.



In 1946, the American Baptist Church USA came alongside and made it a Home Mission (now an ABHMS Neighborhood Action Program Christian Center).

By the time she passed away in 1974, Martin was widely regarded as the trailblazer that she was. Respect, recognition, honors, awards, and even an honorary doctorate had come in a steady stream for an entire decade. The East Side Christian Center that she faithfully labored to build was renamed in her honor that same year.

The Edna Martin Christian Cen-

ter, now with two campuses, offers before- and after-school programs, a library, tutoring, arts and crafts and music programs, childcare, career and financial counseling, many clubs and classes, and senior citizen groups.

And we're still growing! Our second campus, a former Mobil Oil facility at 2259 Ralston Avenue, is now the Leadership and Legacy Campus. EMCC's youth

programs are already headquartered there, and the building has potential to more than triple our outreach. The thirteen-acre campus could someday have baseball and soccer fields, basketball courts, gardens and much more. In the coming months, watch for more news about Edna Martin's Leadership and Legacy Campus and see how you can help it reach its full potential.

To see more about our history, please visit www.ednamartincc.org. Also, *Sister of the Solid Rock*, a biography of Edna Martin, is available from EMCC. To order, phone 317-637-3776 or email LeNina at lpaham@ednamartincc.org.

Wish List for Summer Programs

BIG STUFF

- Book shelf
- Mountable TV
- Light table
- Radio with CD player
- Beginner microscope
- Bean bag chairs
- Child-size art easel
- Toy shopping cart
- Four-seat stroller
- Giant games: Jenga®, chess, dominoes, wooden puzzles
- Gardening supplies: potting soil, shovels, hoes, pots, seeds, gloves, etc.
- Dictionaries, Bibles, and books (all reading levels)
- Keyboard stand
- Sleeping bags
- Beach towels
- Paper cutter
- Fishing tackle
- Area rugs
- Telescope
- Flashlights
- Flashlights
- Amplifiers
- Hymnals
- Laminator
- Coolers

small stuff

- First-aid kits
- School supplies
- Rain ponchos
- Underwear
- Bathing suits / Swim trunks
- Kidnoculars®
- Hula hoops
- Toiletries, especially sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Bright construction paper
- Toddler-size paint smocks
- Basketballs, cones, footballs, foam dodgeballs, etc.
- Air pumps
- Musical instruments for kids
- 9V batteries
- Markers: washable, dry-erase, and permanent
- Mr. Potato Head® toys
- Toy cars and trucks
- Hand puppets
- Baby bottles
- Flip-flops
- Socks
- Bandannas
- Jump ropes
- Blank CDs
- Mason jars
- Balls of yarn

... more wishes at www.ednamartincc.org

upcoming EVENTS



Ninth Annual Golf Outing

- August 24
- Douglass Park Golf Course
- \$75 / golfer
- \$300 / foursome
- Register on-line or call LeNina (317) 637-3776



Pop-Up Restaurant Experience: Café, Cars, and Conversation

- \$22 per person fundraiser
- 2605 East 25th Street
- July 29, 12 NOON – 4 PM
- "Backyard barbecue" fare
- Classic car show
- Live radio broadcast

Live Chef Wednesdays

- 10:30 AM–1:30 PM, weekly
- Specialties prepared to order
- Keystone Café, 37 Place, 2605 East 25th Street

Thrive!

- Kickoff for Capital Campaign
- October 21, 2017
- For more info, call (317) 637-3776