



Our Time to

Thrive



Kids play at EMCC's Leadership & Legacy Campus, which is about to see a major transformation.

There are changes coming to the 24,000 square-foot complex on Ralston Avenue, and we want you to be a part of the biggest story Martindale-Brightwood has seen in fifty years.

Please join us at 1 PM on Saturday, October 21, when the plans will be unveiled. Enjoy a full lunch buffet with us at the Marriott East, see the "before" picture, and hear about the amazing plans for what will soon be the linchpin of the neighborhood. See **Upcoming Events** for more details.

That building on Ralston was used to recycle oil and treat wastewater. It used to be a symbol of job flight, changing economies, and pollution, but today, we call it our Leadership & Legacy Campus. It is the center of Edna Martin Christian Center's youth programs, and hundreds of kids visit us there every weekday for meals, homework help, and a safe place to play.

When we took over this former Jireh Sports property in 2016, it needed lots of help. But things are happening: The EPA has finished the half-million-dollar job of removing and replacing nearly fourteen million pounds of lead-contaminated soil. There's a blueprint for renovation and expansion, a three-phase master plan to fully utilize the 13-acre site, and there are

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Don't Hold the Spice!

Meet Mama Ray! She lives about four blocks from the Edna Martin Christian Center (EMCC), and takes care of her husband since he lost his legs. She's always loved cooking, but since the kids are grown and gone, she's found it hard to cook for just two. Worse, she was getting depressed.

But EMCC has a Culinary Arts class, and when Mama Ray took it, she earned more than her ServSafe® Food Handler Certificate: "My love of cooking resurfaced," she said. "It was an awesome class!"

"One night, chef had a Night of Seasonings, and everybody was supposed to create their own personal blend, and I felt like God said to add [secret ingredient omitted]. Well, everybody loved my spice!" She dreamed of selling her spices, and EMCC Chef Randy Berryhill (who markets his own line of seasonings) encouraged Mama Ray to dream big.

We connected her with our financial coach, Julian Edwards. A small-business course at a local church followed, then a marketing coach, an attorney, branding, and packaging. Today, Mama Ray markets four different blends (All Purpose and the Cajun are her top sellers), and a fifth and a sixth are in development. But just as importantly, she's not depressed anymore. She's lost forty pounds, and her outlook is as vibrant as her seasonings are!

"I've gotten depressed," she said, "but there's always someone in the next moment to lift me up!" Mama Ray's Specialty Seasonings will be on Save-a-Lot Grocery Store shelves before the end of the year. You can find her on FaceBook under Mama Ray's Specialty Seasonings & Cuisine.



Keep EMCC Beautiful!



Our Leadership & Legacy Campus benefited from Lilly's Global Day of Service as 50 volunteers laid new mulch on the playground, cleaned carpets, sorted books, cut away brush and weeds, and cleaned everything inside and out. Thanks, Lilly! You made this corner of Indianapolis beautiful!



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upcoming EVENTS

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Kickoff for Capital Campaign

- Marriott East, 7202 E. 21st. Sat., October 21, 1-3 PM
- Full lunch buffet served
- R.S.V.P. or get more info by calling (317) 637-3776
- Optional tour beforehand at Leadership & Legacy Campus at 11 AM-12:30 PM

Trunk or Treat

- Friday, October 20, 5-7 PM
- Decorate your car, fill your trunk with candy, and meet our little trick-or-treaters!
- Volunteer by calling (317) 916-9064

Wish List for the Holidays

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Fidget Spinners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New and gently-used books | <input type="checkbox"/> Remote-control airplanes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby dolls, Bratz, Barbies, Disney Princess dolls, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pokemon cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marvel & Justice League action figures | <input type="checkbox"/> Hats and gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lego sets | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear and socks for kids (all sizes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play-Doh | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult underwear (Sizes: medium & large) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puzzles | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks / house slippers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bead sets | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calendars | <input type="checkbox"/> Household items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift wrap | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board games, memory games | <input type="checkbox"/> Household cleaning supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Small picture frames |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ninja Turtle toys | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift cards: restaurants, grocery stores, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flash cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift baskets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science experiment sets | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday meals including turkey or ham |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art sets, paint-by-number | <input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes, non-perishable food items, such as canned corn, cranberry sauce, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dress-up costumes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building blocks | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Journals and scrapbooks | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coloring books, puzzle books, crossword, word search books, etc. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hatchimals® | |

... more wishes at www.ednamartincc.org

Fall Festival

- Friday, October 20, 4-8 PM
- Hayrides
- Bobbing for apples
- Hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill
- Volunteer by calling (317) 916-9064

Thanksgiving Dinner

- Tues., November 21, 5-7 PM
- Open to all
- Carry-out available
- Volunteers welcome, call (317) 637-3776



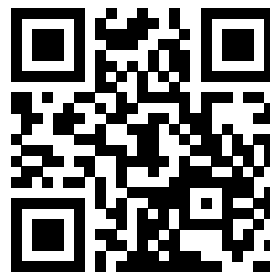
already significant gifts to lead the capital campaign.

The first and most important thing on the agenda will be a new Early Childhood Center that will allow us to serve 88 more children. The \$2-million Phase I will also include renovating and upgrading the infrastructure of the existing building.

Phase II rings the northernmost building with new construction adding offices and classrooms. It also connects the two buildings by adding a main entrance, a lobby, and a multipurpose room. This phase also

comprises the grounds, a greenhouse with a produce stand, and the installation of sports fields. Phase III realizes the dream of a full-fledged child care ministry, adding another third to the size of the complex with new classrooms, a computer lab, and meeting spaces for the community.

All of this will kick-off at 1 PM, Saturday, October 21, at the Marriott East, 7202 East 21st Street. You are invited to join us! R.S.V.P. at (317) 637-3776. Tours of our Leadership & Legacy Campus are available starting at 11 AM.



EMCC has a new website! If you haven't visited since summer, please check us out at www.ednamartincc.org or scan the QR code with your mobile device.