

MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY CENTER

TARKINGTON TEEN WORK CREW

WHAT

Summer work program that provides a steady job and numerous opportunities for developing critical life skills

WHO

Underprivileged teenagers from the Butler Tarkington area and surrounding neighborhoods

WHY

They have limited access to summer jobs, reliable transportation and development opportunities

The MLK Center is raising money to support the Tarkington Teen Work Crew program and needs your help. This program started last year with a funding grant from the city of Indianapolis and was very successful. However, as we look to transform this into a long-term program, we have no long-term source of funding. Until that happens, we need to come together to support this amazing program.

The primary goal of the program is to provide a summer job for teenagers in and around the Butler Tarkington neighborhood. Many of the kids growing up near the MLK Center do not have the same access to opportunities that other kids in Indianapolis do. There are limited job opportunities in the area and many lack access to reliable transportation. This program helps fill those gaps.



That said, the program does much more than just give kids a steady job. In addition to providing the discipline and work ethic that are inherent to any job, the MLK Center provides financial literacy training, academic tutoring, practice with conflict resolution, and more. Just as important, it gives kids a safe place to spend time, as the neighborhood is only a few blocks away from one of the “focus areas” identified by the Indianapolis police department as having a disproportionately high crime rate.

We are aiming to raise \$60,000 and every little bit helps. The money you donate will be used for only three things – paying the kids, paying supervisors, and buying supplies. The program has little to no overhead costs and is about as streamlined as a program can be. This is truly an opportunity to give almost 100% directly to people who need it. Please consider donating to the MLK Center for the Tarkington Teen Work Crew.

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