

Newsletter

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Highlights

75 people served through the center through the Legal Clinic, Nursing Clinic, classes and community resources referrals since January 2023.

12 attenders at our Life Management Classes.

Representatives from the Center attended community events: KTSY Leadership Breakfast, Connection for the Cure Concert, and the Faith Impact Day in the Boise Capitol. Interviewed on two radio show programs.

16 People served through our Legal Clinic since January.

32 people donated blood at our February Blood Drive.

Interviewed by Christian Living Magazine

We were privileged to be interviewed by the wonderful Sandy Jones at Christian Living Magazine. We got to share our vision, our mission, and stories of the people we have helped and all we offer to the community of downtown Meridian. We hope you'll listen in!



Listen to the show at the QR code above.



The Faces of the People Who Make This Possible

Our resident lawyer, Todd Baker has a heart to serve the community, and we are excited to share, his legal clinic was so popular, that he and his wife Melissa started their own non-profit law firm called "Redeemed Justice" this year to provide more legal services to those in need. Services will be on a sliding scale based on income. Services provided at the weekly clinic will still be free.

Faith Boyd, our resident Faith Community Nurse, has been offering CPR classes, blood drives and other educational health classes to the community in Meridian in the last several months.



MERIDIAN
GATHERING AND
RESOURCE CENTER



237 E. State Avenue,
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SUPPORTING YOUTH IN MERIDIAN

The Meridian Gathering and Resource Center recently received the incredible honor of purchasing an empty lot directly next to our downtown location. The lot may empty now, but it holds astounding promise for the youth and young adults of Meridian.

The garage perched on the property will be converted into a gathering place for youth and young adults, ages 15-25. The Community Center strategic team is dreaming of creating a Young Adult gathering space for youth and young adults to come and enjoy food, community, coffee, music, experience Jesus and more. All food and coffee at the garage will be served through suggested donations, and the spot promises many fantastic events, future services and opportunity for the growing downtown area in Meridian.

Why is this so important? Because 61% of young adults report experiencing serious loneliness. A survey conducted in November 2022 in Boise found that 30% of junior high students and 44% of high schoolers are depressed. Recent surveys show the worst ratings for hopelessness, sadness, experiences of violence and experiences of suicidal ideation in our young people since the history of monitoring it in the US.

So why is this so important to us? Because teens and young adults matter to Jesus. EVERYONE in the community has a responsibility for our youth. Preventing social isolation can be as simple as reminding students that they have a purpose, that they have a place, and they have other people around them.

The Garage will be a gathering place for teen and young adults to explore PURPOSE and RELATIONSHIP through conversations, music, food, and Jesus.

The team is pulling together youth and young adults who are passionate about community, and will be a part of building and creating this space. Stay tuned for more details on the upcoming project, and learn more about how YOU can be a part of creating a community space for the youth and young adults of downtown Meridian. Donate at the GoFundMeLink below.



Upcoming Events



Prayer and Encouragement Nights

First Tuesdays of the month, 6:30-8:00 PM

Mental Health First Aid

Wednesday, May 24th, 8:30-2:30 PM

Register at the QR code above.



Register for Mental Health First Aid



Donate to the Garage

Regular Legal Clinic Appointments scheduled from 5-7:30 PM on Mondays. After-School tutoring scheduled each Thursday afternoon from 4-6 PM during each month. Find more information on these and other upcoming events at our website at: www.meridiangrc.org.