

## Groundbreaking ceremony pictures:

Chris Hannon, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lafayette gets into the action.



## Groundbreaking Ceremony Press Release:



**For immediate release-**

**City of Lafayette and Faith Community Development announce the groundbreaking ceremony for the Northend Community Center.**

The City of Lafayette, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette, and Faith Community Development announce the groundbreaking ceremony for the Northend Community Center. Join us as we celebrate this important community effort for the North End of Lafayette through this collaborative venture.

**WHAT:** Northend Community Center Groundbreaking Ceremony and Party

**WHEN:** **Sunday, July 9th**

**4:00 p.m. – Formal welcome and brief ceremony**

**4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Neighborhood block party**

**WHERE:** 2000 Elmwood Avenue, Lafayette, Indiana (Park in the Market Square lot next the Northend Community Center site)

**WHO:** The Mayor of Lafayette, Tony Roswarski, will be joined by Pastor Steve Viars, of Faith Church, and United Way of Greater Lafayette Executive Director Michael Budd, as well as representatives from our partner agencies and the north end neighborhood.

**Activities include:** All north enders are invited to bring their shovel and participate in a mass groundbreaking ceremony. After the brief ceremony, stay awhile and enjoy food from Arni's, Kona Ice, Cold Stone Ice Cream, soft drinks generously provided by Kroger, three bounce houses, live music, face painting, giveaways, and much more.

The Northend Community Center will be a place for everyone to find resources and engage as a community. From youth and singles to families, seniors and veterans, NCC will be a connection point for North enders to thrive together. While the Northend Community Center will assume operational oversight of the project, ten respected non-profit agencies will be collaborating on location with literally hundreds making occasional use of the facilities. They include:

- The Hanna Center
- Family Promise
- Bauer Family Resources Preschool
- The Lafayette Senior Center
- Shine On University
- Meals on Wheels
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette
- Flour Mill Bakery & Café
- Car Works
- Reclaimed Hope
- Faith Community Development Corporation

Other community partners, such as Purdue University and Wabash Center, have announced their desire to also collaborate with NCC. Many other organizations will make occasional use of the facilities as they bring resources to the north end.

*The project is endorsed by the United Way of Greater Lafayette, and supported by the Scheumann Family Foundation the City of Lafayette, and a growing number of foundations, corporations, and private donors.*

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