

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Ecumenical Community Center Foundation (ECCF) Open House:** Everyone is Welcome to Refreshments, Music, Information, & Tours

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA | July 15, 2017 | 10 AM – 2 PM | 601 2ND AVE SE

Do you know there are over a dozen non-profit agencies at the Ecumenical Community Center Foundation (ECCF)? Do you know how we are helping our neighbors in need?

ECCF shares ministries of humanitarian care and service: for low-income individuals and families through Helping Hands Ministry (HHM), for persons with disabilities and others through CompuPlace, and for other non-profit agencies and their beneficiaries by providing low-cost rental office and storage space.

Since ECCF's inception, HHM has provided income-based assistance for basic needs to Linn County residents through referrals, counseling, and emergency financial assistance mainly by direct payments to landlords and utilities. ID replacements, limited auto gas vouchers, and local bus tickets are also an important part of the assistance we provide.

CompuPlace, a unique computer learning lab, began as Compuplay in 1988, and has operated under ECCF since 2000, providing computer-related activities for people with disabilities which enhance reading, math, communication, and problem-solving as well as general computer skills as technology has evolved.

ECCF provides low-cost office and storage space to other non-profit organizations, allaying building costs and promoting collaboration. In addition to its ministries, HHM and CompuPlace, ECCF is also home to Access 2 Independence Independent Living Center, Catherine McAuley Center Storage, Cedar Rapids Aquatics Association Booster Club and Storage, Green Square Meals and its new Food Pantry, HarvestLife Community Fellowship (HCF), Inter-Religious Council of Linn County, NAACP Local Chapter #4013, Narcotics Anonymous: Face Anything, Fear Nothing Group, Freedom & Serenity Area Group Leaders, & Pioneer Group, Four Oaks Affordable Housing Network's PUSH CR Storage, SERRV Store with fair trade Items for sale from all over the world, St. Paul's United Methodist Storage, and Willis Dady Shelter Storage.

We are near the Downtown Farmer's Market. Come visit, and enjoy music, refreshments, and learning opportunities. See how we all assist our neighbors in a wide variety of ways.

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