

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! It seems that it was only a short time ago that we were campaigning to build the new Lussier Community Education Center, but as time flies, we are now entering our fourth year in this space. Over the past three years, our building has filled up with youth, seniors, parents, families, and people of all backgrounds and abilities. I hope that you are among the people who have spent time here, but if not, I hope that after reading about what goes on here, you will drop by and say hello.

The LCEC is a place for people to come together. Whether kids work with tutors in our afterschool program or seniors gather for a meal, whether volunteers come to teach an adult English or neighbors come to take a Zumba class, people of all different backgrounds come to the center with one thing in common: the desire to connect, improve their lives and support their community.

On a daily basis, adults use our computer lab to search for jobs, students with disabilities from Memorial High School gain work experience, and youth participate in everything from service projects to gardening. We are privileged to have so many strong partners. Madison College runs English and GED classes, the Literacy Network offers one-on-one English tutoring, the West Madison Senior Coalition offers senior lunches, and MSCR provides a variety of enrichment and fitness classes. We also provide the necessary resources for people whose fundamental needs are not being met—over 100 people visit our food pantry each month.

Our center thrives because of the many different people who come here to share their gifts and we know that 2012 will bring us another year of wonderful partnerships, programs and community. If you have not been inside the LCEC, I hope you will stop by to learn about volunteering, partake in a community meal, or just to say hello. This is your community center—we would love to see you here.

Sincerely,

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