



Communities Together
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This summer children in churches throughout the Greater Lawrence area have been learning from Daniel's journey. They have explored the exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Children and adults have found that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends. They have been reminded that God is always with them.



Thanks to your generous support children from Kindergarten to Grade 6 have been participating in this value-centered program since 1975. *Thank you for enriching the lives of close to 1000 children and hundreds of teen and adult volunteers each year!*



VBS - Saint Patrick's Parish – Lawrence, MA

Grand Opening – *Manos Felices!* at Stadium Courts Housing Projects



On June 27, 2018 Mr. Efrain Rolon, Executive Director of the Lawrence Public Housing Authority, welcomed the gathering of Communities Together board members, friends and supporters to the Stadium Courts Housing Projects. Everyone enjoyed touring the newly, redecorated space above the Administration Building at Stadium Courts Housing Projects, the home for the second location of *Manos Felices!* Children living in the housing community will benefit from the after-school and summer enrichment program.

Communities Together appreciates your support of *Manos Felices!* over the past 25 years at Hancock Courts Housing Projects and for extending your generosity to Stadium Courts. Thanks to your spirit of giving, the children of *Manos Felices!* at Stadium Courts have enjoyed a great summer!





Meeting the Challenge



Communities Together receives funding from grants, individuals and organizations for *Manos Felices!*. *This year the program received funding from The Amelia Peabody Foundation, along with a challenge grant of up to \$10,000. This amount will be awarded to the organization, if we raise \$10,000. We need your support!*



Manos Felices! serves elementary-aged children at Hancock Courts Housing Project and Stadium Courts Housing Project in Lawrence. Many families living at Hancock Courts and Stadium Courts Housing Projects are desperately poor and the needs of the children are great. *Manos Felices!*, in conjunction with our summer enrichment program, improves the quality of life for these children and influences some of them to make good choices as they get older. Our goal is to lessen the impact of the social ills we encounter and their effects on the children, while also providing a more intensive culturally relevant and education-centered program.

Will you help us “Meet the Challenge”? Join with us in making a difference in the lives of the children in Lawrence. Please make your check payable to: Communities Together – Manos Felices! Challenge Grant.



***LOOKING AHEAD –
21st Annual Clergy Breakfast
October 17, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m
Heritage State Park - 1 Jackson Street
Lawrence, MA 01840***



This informal event connects clergy and ministers with their colleagues and with leaders of local social service agencies. Representatives of agencies are invited to speak briefly about the aspects of their work that may be of interest to faith communities. Space will be provided for displaying agency information and materials. All clergy and social service agency leaders are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for making a difference in lives. We appreciate your prayers, your support and your contributions.

Blessings,
Lee Schurter - Executive Director