

# Community center works to steer children clear of violence

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind (September 25, 2015) - Children in Indianapolis are getting caught up in violence across the city. In just the past month, children and teenagers have either lost their lives or have been injured by gunfire.

Last Saturday, a 2-year-old was shot in the leg during a drive-by shooting on the northeast side. Also on Saturday, 10-year-old Deshaun Swanson was killed during a separate drive-by shooting on the north side.

The Martin Luther King Community Center also on the north side is determined to make a difference in the area.

The center provides services to adults and seniors, and also focuses on children by offering tutoring, mentoring and after school programs.

But the MLK Center also gives real life solutions to issues many children in the neighborhood face.

Volunteers believe involvement, education and love can make a difference in the lives of children and families in the community.

“There are things that we cannot control, but as a neighborhood center we have what we’ve got. We have to keep engaging people, keep educating people that there are parents who care and are involved and that there are opportunities at the MLK Center.

The community center is adding programs as resources become available. There are more than 100 children in the future.

To learn more information on how you can get involved with your children or become a treasure to the MLK Center, [click here](#).

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