



Waterford
Mennonite Church

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Thank You

Thank You From Carlos Ramos

Hello everyone, hope things are going well after such a long time without gathering together. I'm sure was really hard for everyone.

The main reason for this note is to thank you all and each of you who helped me out by raising funds for my new liners and new feet. I am so



very thankful for it. Especially to Pathfinder Sunday School class who since day one has been looking after me so I can find meaning to my life and feel good about myself.

It is not easy, though, and as years go by it seems like things are getting a little bit more difficult. But there is not much I can do about it, other than keep doing my best on everything I do. Trust me when I say I wish I could have all the energy of the world so I could do all the things that comes to my mind—especially when I'm in a good mood, which is rare. The truth is that it is really hard to win every single battle, every single day against depression and it seems like I never will see the end of it.

Thank you for your kindness and such good hearts, and thanks to all of you who took the time to read this thank you note.

—Carlos Ramos



RE: Carlos' Thank You

Since our request for financial assistance in April, the Samaritan fund has received donations totaling \$3,945 and year to date donations of \$6,845. We are grateful for your generosity and continued support for Carlos through the Samaritan Fund. We continue to support Carlos with \$400 per month to help him with his living expenses in Mexico.

—David Gingerich & Karen Sommers

Welcoming Spaces 3.0

Matching gift update – halfway there!

At the May 16 congregational meeting and in the following week's *Buzz*, it was announced that a household in the congregation has agreed to match the next \$20,000 contributed toward our Welcoming Spaces 3.0 projects.

To date, we are more than halfway there, having received just over \$10,000 in the ensuing weeks. The first gift even happened *during* the congregational meeting, with a household logging on to <https://waterfordchurch.org/giving/> to contribute. That amount also includes gifts from three families who made their first gift to the Welcoming Spaces 3.0

campaign, bringing the number of households who have given to 66.

If you have not yet given to Welcoming Spaces 3.0, or haven't given for a while, please consider contributing through the regular channels — a check in the offering or sent to the church, the online portal, or through a Qualified Charitable Distribution or Donor Advised Fund gift.

It would be great to meet this intermediate \$20,000 goal by the time pavilion construction begins in earnest in July. If you plan to make an additional gift, but timing prevents doing it now, please let me know at lylegmiller@gmail.com so it can be considered toward the match.

—Lyle Miller, Welcoming Spaces 3.0 coordinator

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Community Life



Thanks to the Stutzman family and Bridge Builders for building Waterford a kids', youths', and adults' favorite game . . . 9 square in the air!!! Come to the court by the Gaga ball pit to enjoy many games this summer!