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PROMISE IN ACTION

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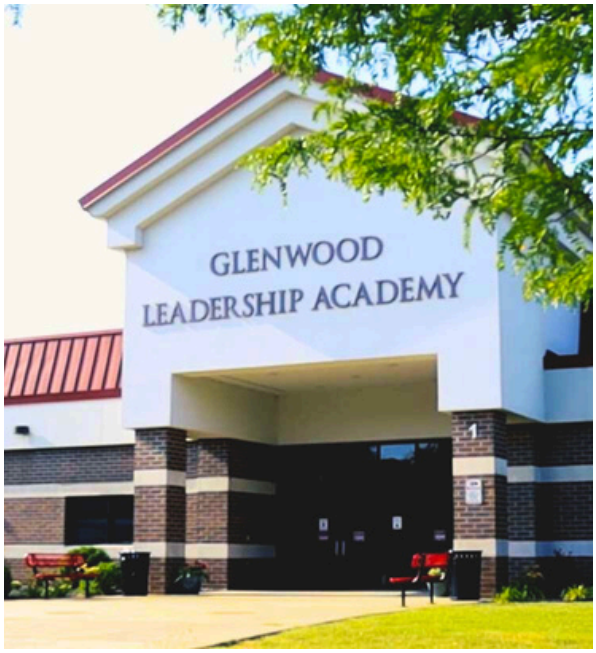
DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Families in the EPN now have greater access to bilingual English/Spanish books through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library!

New families can choose a 100% bilingual collection during enrollment, while existing families can switch anytime. This new option supports early literacy and marks a step toward equitable access for Spanish-speaking households.

To update preferences or enroll a child, visit unitedwayswi.org/imagination-library. This program is available through the United Way of Southwestern Indiana.



EARLY EDUCATION CASE MANAGERS

At Glenwood Leadership Academy, Early Education Case Managers (EECM) help children start school ready to learn—and stay connected every step of the way.

With support from EPN-funded EECMs and partners like Potter's Wheel, the Baby Bullpups program now serves 29 students, all registered and prepared for kindergarten before school begins.

From home visits to early literacy support, EECMs help families overcome barriers and build relationships that last. The result? More confident learners, stronger families, and a smoother start for Glenwood's youngest students.

FROM VISION TO ACTION: EPN'S YEAR TWO PROGRESS AND WHAT'S NEXT

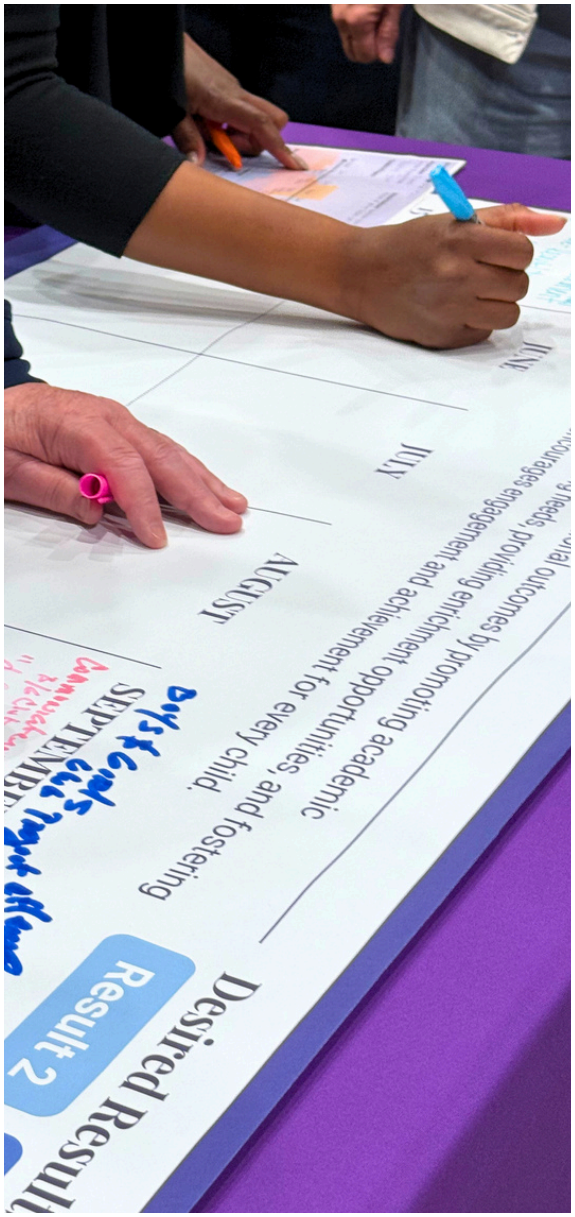
In April 2025, the Evansville Promise Neighborhood (EPN) hosted its second annual All Partner Meeting, convening representatives from EPN Partners under the theme of *Synergy*. The gathering served as a moment to reflect on progress, celebrate milestones, and collaboratively chart the path forward

Year Two marked a turning point for EPN, with the launch of the **Pipeline Workgroups** in April 2024. These workgroups meet monthly and focus on strategic areas aligned with EPN's cradle-to-career framework. By May 2024, all 22 participating organizations officially became EPN Partners—laying the foundation for a more coordinated effort.

Throughout the year, new partnerships and initiatives took root. **Goodwill's** *The Excel Center* opened, providing adults a second chance to earn their Core 40 diploma, while forming a strong referral relationship with **EVSC** to support students unable to graduate through traditional routes. **Urban Seeds**' *Nourish* program grew into the Tepe Park neighborhood in collaboration with **Community One**.

Events also played a key role in expanding impact. In September, the *Little Kids, Big Promise* resource fair—led by the Early Health and Education Pipeline—connected families to early childhood programs. In October, **EVSC's Curriculum Workshop** strengthened alignment between in-school learning and after-school support.

At the April 2025 All Partner Meeting, attendees engaged in a collective visioning activity, "*The Ideal Conditions for Success*," mapping out strategies to advance EPN's work. Now, each Pipeline Workgroup is establishing a **Task Force** to develop a **Collaborative Action Plan**—setting a shared course for Year Three and beyond.



HOMEROOM HEROES: BUILDING TRUST, ONE GAME AT A TIME

At Evans School, students got more than just a lesson—they got a connection. Through the Homeroom Heroes partnership, Evansville Police Department officers joined 5th-grade classrooms and recess to build trust through conversation and play.

The week ended with an unforgettable EPD vs. Students Dodgeball Showdown, bringing laughter, teamwork, and friendly competition to every grade level. From high-fives to hands-on demos with the bomb squad robot, students experienced law enforcement in a new light.

GLENWOOD'S VISION FOR CHANGE: LED BY NEIGHBORS, BUILT FOR ALL

Glenwood is a neighborhood on the rise—thanks to the people who call it home. Through the Love Your Neighborhood initiative, residents are leading efforts to improve safety, expand access to resources, and strengthen community ties.

Neighbors have outlined clear priorities: safe streets, youth programs, healthier food, housing for all income levels, and more ways to connect. This vision is rooted in the belief that everyone has something to contribute—and that real change starts from within.

With support from Community One and the YMCA, Glenwood residents are building momentum for lasting impact.

Want to get involved? Scan the QR code on the last page!

FRESH FOOD, STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS: NOURISH POP-UP STANDS RETURN

Urban Seeds' *Nourish* program is bringing fresh, affordable produce straight to Evansville neighborhoods, while supporting local farms across the region. This season, visit a pop-up produce stand near you and stock up on fruits and vegetables that are good for your family and your community.

📍 **Jacobsville – Hope of Evansville**
Fridays, June 20–Sept. 26 (Closed July 4) | 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

📍 **Tepe Park – Tepe Park Clubhouse**
3rd Mondays | 5:00–6:30 PM

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