



## What an amazing Spooktober Trunk-or-Treat event!

Last night was Van Buren Center's **Trunk-or-Treat** event for our families. There was an amazing turnout with so many of our kids and parents in attendance. The building was bursting with excitement and positivity, while the children's Trunk-or-Treat bags were bursting with candy! The kids started off outside going around to all the cars and then got to come inside and visit candy stations located downstairs and upstairs.

**Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success.**

Our Volunteer and Events Team works around the clock to make events like these possible. **Each event is another chance to give hope, bring joy, and give folks a reason to smile** while they deal with some incredibly difficult stresses and trauma caused by a homeless crisis. Our wish is for everyone to be able to experience the magic of



*Watch the video above to see how our team of volunteers transformed the Family Dining Room. Or, scroll down to check out pictures from the event and see some of the amazing car trunk creations made by our volunteers!*

giving joy and comfort to our community's most vulnerable population.

**We would love the chance to connect and help get you involved if you aren't already!**



## "This is the best day I've ever had!" -Van Buren Guest, 5-years-old

We heard so many positive reviews from kids and parents about how much they enjoyed the event. Watch the video on the right to see one of our kids experience what they described as the best day of their life.



Our volunteers made this year's Spooktober event our best yet!



**John Gerlach** with  
Performance CJDR Car Lot



**Karina Carullo**



**CAC Interest Group**



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**Special Duty Officer Robin Tucker**



**Mackenzie and Traci Lewis  
with Kids Helping Kids**



**Mallory Workman and friend**



**Girl Scout Troop 1514**



**Van Buren Staff Amanda Endl with Alison**

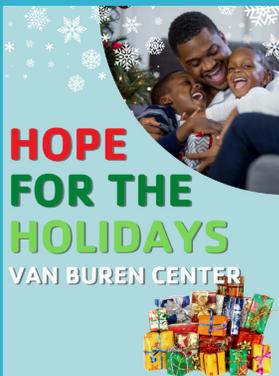
Kensler (T.Rex) and Family.



(Above) Van Buren Staff **Clarence Dade, Tegest Mengestu, Tiffany Davis Hale, Cierra Brown, and Jonee Perry**  
(Below) **Cristo Rey Intern Brian** helping kids find a costume for the event.



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



Coming (Very) Soon: **On Monday, November 1** our **December Holiday Volunteer Opportunities and Donation Needs** will be sent out via email and posted on our website.

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