

CITY Celebration

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November 2007

Dear Fellow South Bender,

On behalf of the planners of City Celebration, a joint effort of the Historic Preservation Commission of South Bend & St. Joseph County and the Office of the Mayor of South Bend, I wish to invite you to participate in our next event! Our tenth in a total of eleven events throughout 2007, our November event is *Thanks and Giving*. Like all City Celebration events, *Thanks and Giving* is scheduled for the 29th of the month; thus November 29, 2007.

The inspiration in planning City Celebration was to feature our many community treasures, educational opportunities, and our shared local history in our dynamic home town of South Bend. *Thanks and Giving* is unique on our calendar in that it is not specifically an event per se. Instead, *Thanks and Giving* is intended to be a celebration of the generosity of the people of South Bend. On November 29th, to both usher in the holiday season and to demonstrate the kind and giving spirit of South Bend, citizens are encouraged to do a good deed, share a kind word with a neighbor, volunteer some time to a cause or organization that's important to them, or show appreciation for a good deed done previously with a thank you note; most importantly involve the whole family in whatever you choose to do. Children can paint pictures for nursing home residents, help to bake cookies for delivery to the nearest fire house, or choose the toys that your family donates to a local shelter or agency. Organizations, scout troops and neighborhood associations can plan activities together! It is not the size of the gift or gesture, but the gesture itself that matters.

If you'd like additional ideas or suggestions, please visit the website of our partner: www.makeadifferencemichiana.com. Their website can put you in contact with organizations that need your time and assistance, and may also inspire you to take on a project or good deed of your very own! Thank you for making the time to celebrate *Thanks and Giving* with all of your friends and neighbors here in South Bend.

Best wishes for happy holidays!

Sincerely,

Amy Herdman

Co-Chairwoman, City Celebration 2007

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