



The Belle Center
Life in a positive light.



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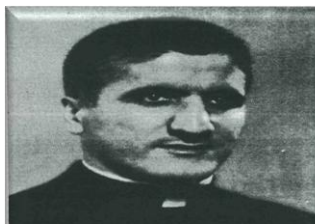
Our Mission

To build a community by serving the multicultural and intergenerational needs of the City of Buffalo by providing resources, advocacy, and support through collaboration and cooperation of people and programs.



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Who Was Father Vincent L. Belle?



Father Vincent L. Belle was born in Buffalo and graduated from Kensington High School and Public School Number 83. He attended Canisius College and Christ the King Seminary. Ordained to the priesthood on May 31st, 1948 to Holy Cross Church as an assistant pastor until his untimely death at the age of 37, on New Year's Day of 1960. Father Belle brought the Eucharist daily to the sick and on January 1st, 1960, after distributing Holy Communion at the 7a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish, he started his visitations. While starting his car in the parish garage he was murdered by an assailant with three bullets. The death of this priest united the West Side community to proclaim that a center be named in his memory. The newly erected Father Vincent L. Belle Community Center Inc. was established at the corner of Busti and Maryland, no more than one hundred feet from the fatal spot which he died. The memory of this outstanding citizen will be recalled by young and old for many generations; as one who lived a life totally dedicated to loving God and serving his fellow man.



Buffalo LeaderShape AmeriCorps unites young adults ages 17 to 24 in a year of full-time rigorous service during which they work in diverse teams to address societal needs, particularly in schools and neighborhoods. These young leaders put their idealism to work as tutors and mentors to school children, reclaiming public spaces, and organizing after-school programs, school vacation camps, and civic engagement programs for elementary, middle school, and high school students.

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN

- \$4,725.00* education award (for members who complete 1,700 hours of service)
- Uniform
- Modest bi-weekly stipend*
- Student loan forbearance (on qualifying student loans)
- Basic health insurance
- Access to more than 9,000 AmeriCorps alumni for future career development and networking
- Leadership skills
- Child care allowance (for qualified members)



Join Today:

For more information call: 845-0485 ext.26.

BELLE CORPS GRADES K-5

Develop the attitudes, values, and skills that elementary children need to become caring and capable leaders as children and adults.

DAY	TIME
M-F	2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Young Heroes Corps GRADES 6-8

Join USA Freedom Corps. Young Heroes will develop middle-school youth grades 6-8 into emerging civic leaders through community service and an interactive curriculum that focuses on social and community issues. The 9-month program brings students together to work in diverse teams, serve a minimum of 80 hours and, in the process, earn the President's Volunteer Service Award.

DAY	TIME
M-F	2:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Buffalo Heroes GRADES 9-12

Engages high school students in civic leadership development and problem solving through a series of intensive retreats and service days. Buffalo Heroes builds on the foundation of Young Heroes, incorporating advanced training and experiences.

DAY	TIME
M-F	5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.



Parents you may be eligible to get free tutoring for your child!

Free tutoring is available for your child if he or she:

- Attends an elementary school that your state says needs to improve **and**
- Receives a free or reduced price lunch



This free extra help is available:

- In reading, math and other core subjects
- Before and after school

If your child is eligible for these supplemental educational services you may choose a qualified service provider that has been approved by your state.

Educational Enrichment Activities & Tutoring Enroll Your Child Today!

Help for Student Success [CALL TODAY 716.845.0485 ext.16.](tel:716.845.0485)



HELPING ONE STUDENT TO SUCCEED One on One Factory & Mentoring

The HOSTS Structured Mentoring Program in Language Arts is a nationally recognized program that pairs a student who needs help in reading or math with a community member who wants to make a difference in a student's life.

Your child is eligible if he/she qualifies for free or reduced price lunches and attends one of these schools: #6 Best, #11 Popular Academy, #19 Native American, #31 Stanton Academy, #37 Futures Academy, #39 Dr. Martin Luther King, #43 Academy, #45 International School, #53 Community School, #59 Science Magnet, #61 ECC, #72 Lorraine Academy, #74 Hamlin, #76 Herman Badillo, #79 Pfc. William Grabiarz, #91 Build Academy, #93 Southside Elementary, #94 West Hertel, #96 Campus West, #97 Harvey Austin, #99 Makowski, #202 Grover Cleveland H.S., #301 Burgard H.S.



SENIORS 60 AND OVER



SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES: Serves as a recreational and nutritional center for senior citizens each day. Nutritional lunches served daily, in partnership with the Erie County Department of Nutrition. Participants enjoy a wide variety of class and activities including Spanish, bingo, choir, baking, sewing, arts and crafts, dance and lunch program.

DAY	TIME
M-F	9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.



One on One Assessments: Full fitness assessment that consists of blood pressure screening body fat composition (body fat) and target heart zone identification.

Muscular strength/Range of movement class: The seniors will have the opportunity to have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activity for daily living skills. Hand held weights, elastic tubes with handles and a ball are offered for resistance; a chair is used for seated and/or standing support.



DAY	TIME
M/W	11:30 A.M. - 12:00 A.M.

Arthritis Water Aerobics: This program designed by the Arthritis Foundation uses exercises to increase flexibility and range of motion while decreasing pain and stiffness in joints. The pool is equipped to assist those needing assistance entering and exiting the water. This program will be offered two days a week for 60 minutes each session.



DAY	TIME
T/TH	10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

Monthly Workshops: The center will offer monthly workshops for the Seniors on sight covering topics such as Medicaid, Medicare, Food Stamps, Subsidized Housing, H.E.A.P. (Home Energy Assistance Program), EPIC (Elderly Insurance Coverage-prescription) drug plan and a variety of other educational workshops.

Additional Activities: Field Trips, Bingo, Arts/Crafts, Billards, Ping Pong, Sewing.

For more information call: 845-0485 ext.18.

We recommend that you consult with your personal physician BEFORE increasing your physical activity and/or beginning any exercise program.

HELPING HANDS IN THE COMMUNITY!



Food Pantry: If you or your family is in need of food, the Belle Center offers assistance to families in need. For more information on how to register and distribution days/times, call: 845-0485 ext. 18.

Counseling Services: The center offers individual, group, and family counseling to youth ages 7-21 years. The counseling program accepts referrals. For more information, or to set up a counseling session, call: 845-0485 ext. 13

DAY(S)	TIME
T/TH	8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

AIDS Testing Services: Anonymous Testing Available! For more information call: 845-0485 ext. 13. Anonymous Testing Line.

DAY	TIME
F	10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Univera Community Health Services: Offers you and your family quality health care through programs run by the State of New York. Children up to age 19, with no health insurance who get medicare qualify for this program. Adults 19-64 years of age who don't have insurance and do not qualify for medicare. Plus Med provides insurance for children and adults who get medicaid. For more information call 716-845-0845 ext 14.

www.univeracommunityhealth.org

DAY	TIME
W	9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.



EarnBenefits Program: EarnBenefits is a program of Seedco, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting low-wage workers and their families. EarnBenefits Online (www.earnbenefits.org) is a link to benefits available in your community that can help you increase your take-home pay, build savings, and more!

Need help with your heating bills? Want to learn about tax credits up to \$5,805? Want to learn about a car loan? Want to know if you qualify for Food Stamps or Medicaid without waiting at crowded agencies? We have information for 17 public and private benefits for Buffalo. EarnBenefits can help you find out if you're eligible for these benefits and even help with the application process! For more information stop by or call our E.B. representative: LaTeesha 845.0485 ext.14. ALL SERVICES ARE FREE!

DAY	TIME
TH	9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

GROUP RENTALS

Bring your group to the Belle Center for fun in a safe, supervised environment. Rent portions of the Belle Center facility for one hour of swimming or gym time and an hour for a meeting, fellowship, or food. We invite Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church youth and other organized groups to come in and see how much the Belle Center has to offer at group friendly rates. Groups must provide proof of eligibility. For more information call the Belle Center at [716.845.0485](tel:716.845.0485).

FACILITY

- 56,000 sq. ft.
- Semi-Olympic size 5 lane lap pool
- Wellness center
- Gym
- Locker rooms
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Meeting rooms, classrooms
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Art Room
- Teen center
- Computer lab
- Day care center
- Office space, 3 kitchens, dining room, 2-vehicle garage, and other areas will be used for program implementation.

BUILDING HOURS

M-F 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.





The Belle Center is hosting **FREE** classes to help you begin building valuable skills for your future. With NYS Adult certified teachers our courses offer you the tools that will help you to move forward!

REGISTER TODAY!

For more information call: 888-7088 ext. 100.

For academic classes there is continuous open enrollment.

GED CLASSES

- **Free Classes**
- **Must be at least 17**
- **Various Times and Locations**
- **Individualized Lessons**
- **Learn at your own pace, on your time**
- **Home Study available**
- **Certified Instructors**
- **Special needs services available**
- **Join Anytime**

ESL CLASSES **English as a Second Language**

- **Free Classes**
- **Must be at least 17**
- **Various Times and Locations**
- **Learn to speak, read, write, and listen better**
- **Learn at your own pace, on your time**
- **Certified Instructors**
- **Fun, friendly classes**
- **Join Anytime**



Look out for our Daycare beginning in 2008!



APPLY FOR A SPOT FOR YOUR CHILD TODAY!

We will be accepting applications for children ages 6 months–5 years of age.

For more information about daycare contact:

Laure at 716-845-0845 ext. 12

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

The Belle Center is committed to providing positive volunteer experiences by matching individual interests, talents, and needs to the Belle Center's goals and missions. Visit or call the center to learn about how you can get involved.

For more information call: 845-0485 ext. 22.

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