



Newsletter April 2022

MISSION STATEMENT:

Cherry Street Youth Center, Inc., is an ecumenical ministry formed to help children develop spiritually, emotionally, physically, and academically within their community.

We fulfill our mission statement and share love with the children by being positive influences in their lives and by offering classes in Bible, art, computers, physical education, reading, math, social skills, anger management, drug awareness, cooking, music, and more!

We are a non-profit, faith-based youth center. Our focus has been to share the love of God through Jesus Christ with the elementary-aged children in Chanute by providing them with a safe, secure, and fun place to go after school that offers a wide variety of learning experiences and opportunities.

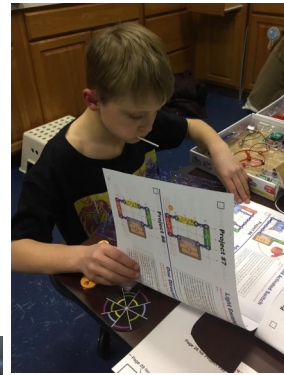


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Future Engineers

We may have some future electrical engineers on our hands!! The STEM classes at East learned about electric circuits and how to make them go safely. It's amazing what their young minds will soak up!

Up next, they will be learning about the butterfly life cycle.



Spring has Sprung!!

We just finished our second application of sulfur to the soil in the garden. We were disappointed in the lack of growth we experienced in the garden last spring and summer so we had a soil test done by the great people at the K-State Extension office. It revealed several of the minerals in our garden were not at the optimum levels for good healthy vegetable production.

The primary recommendation was to increase the sulfur levels in our soil. The children helped apply 200 pounds of granulated sulfur in the winter. The second "dose" was to be applied in the early spring. Now we let mother nature do her work with a little rain to let everything absorb into the soil. They will till the garden in the next few weeks and begin planting!

The greenhouse is filling with seedlings for the garden. They have tomatoes, peppers, beans, peas, broccoli, cabbage, onions, and a bunch more started. It's an exciting time in the greenhouse. Each day they see how much their seedlings are growing.

West Blue group is shown working on our raised beds in the garden. They are the perfect spot for the strawberries. They used potting soil to ensure our strawberries would stay happy and multiply! And we have some Warehouse girls preparing a raised bed in the greenhouse for seedlings.

Summer Registration

ALL registration will be on-line, through our web site again this year. We will begin the registration process for our currently attending children the first two weeks of April. We will open registration to other children beginning April 19th. Go to www.cherrystreet.org/forms/summer22 to register.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Warehouse Happenings

The Warehouse kids are planning a service project that involves cupcakes and our civil servants. The kids are learning some neat piping techniques for decorating cupcakes that they plan to take to the fire department and the police department. Let's just say it is harder than it looks to make a rose out of homemade butter cream frosting! It is however tasty to eat your mess ups!

What better way to learn about the armor of God than to create your own "suit" and battle it out?!? The kids have been divided into two teams. Each team has been working on a full suit of armor. They have the helmet, breastplate, belt, boots, a shield, and a sword all made from cardboard, duck tape, paint, and some glue. Each team has chosen a warrior that will represent the group in battle. They will be looking for holes or weaknesses in the opponent's armor, just like Satan looks for areas in our lives or our personality that can provide a weak spot for him to penetrate. If an area of skin is touched by the opponent's sword that warrior no longer has access to that body part (aka it has been cut off!). The team with the "strongest" armor will win! Be sure to like our Facebook page to see the action!

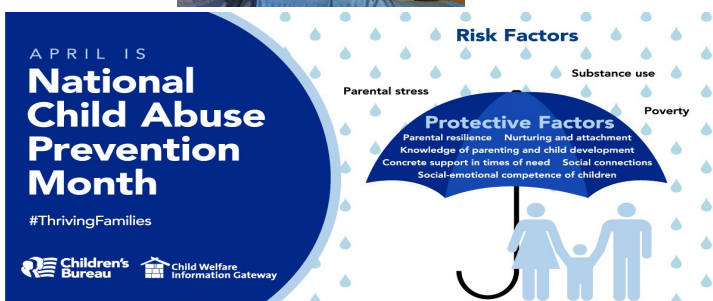


National Child Abuse Awareness Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Thriving families depend on strong support systems. Support can come from family, friends, neighbors, church, and others in the community. We try very hard to support 80 elementary students and 15 middle school students and their families every day! So much of what we do is possible because of your financial support of this ministry and because of our many volunteers each year that spend their time investing in our children.

Loving others without judgement can be truly difficult from the outside looking in. It is through God's grace that many of us have come through some dark times. We must remember to be a light in the darkness for others. Supporting one another in life and in parenting is critical for protecting children.

Last year an estimated 618,000 children were found to be victims of abuse or neglect nationwide. We can do better!



We are accepting new and gently used items for our mother's day store. Please drop them by 710 N Forest between 8:30-5:00.

Items needed for Christmas baskets 2021

- Bar body soap/body wash
 - Shampoo
- Items can be brought to 710 N Forest

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