



## 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, character, 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.



## The Few, the Proud, the Brave! All Summer

It's been a busy four weeks of summer!! The kids are learning about the different branches of the military. We had an amazing visit from the soldiers with the National Guard stationed out of Iola. The kids got the chance to climb inside the Humvee and to operate the crane arm on the huge utility vehicle. The soldiers shared some stories from their tours of duty both in the States and over seas.

In Discovery class, they made their own Dog Tags and got to visit with a veteran in STEM class. Not to mention swim lessons have begun!!

Be sure to like our Facebook page to see all the fun the kids are having!



## Annual Delegates Meeting

The annual meeting is scheduled for July 31st at 2 p.m. at our West location (719 N Garfield). We will update everyone on how things are going at Cherry Street. We have 2 board members terms expiring. Delegates are appointed by area churches that support Cherry Street. Each church can have up to 3 voting delegates. If you are interested in representing your church, please contact your church office. They will send an official list of delegates to Cherry Street.

We will be offering both an in person meeting at our West building and an on-line option via ZOOM meeting. We must have an email address for anyone wanting to participate by ZOOM. The link for the meeting will be emailed individually to delegates that have indicated they will participate by Zoom. Please be sure to contact Jennifer at 431-2161 if you have questions.



## Christmas in July

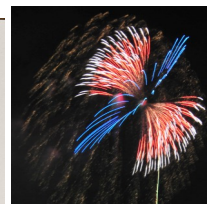
Our volunteers had a great idea for our annual Christmas Store! We are usually very limited on the number of mom, dad, and teen sibling gifts we have available, so lets have a gift drive in July!

Many stores have great summer sales online and in person. There might be some great dad gifts in the clearance isle left from Father's Day. We would love to find space in the basement to store your donations for a few months (Christmas is just 6 months away)!

We can take VERY GENTLY used items like jewelry, tools, even some toys. Thank you for helping to make Christmas a special time of giving for or children!!

Thank you to Love Family Fireworks for providing a \$5 coupon for EVERY child in our summer program!

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## **Warehouse Happenings**

This is the largest group of middle schoolers we have had for the summer program in several years! It's exciting to see so many kids connecting with each other and having fun! The kids are also learning about the different military branches but are focusing on service projects this summer.

One service project the middle school kids continue to work on is the Soles 4 Souls shoe donation project. They have processed over 100 pair of shoes in the last three weeks! They have also worked with the food program at the 1st Baptist Church a few times. One fun activity was writing encouraging notes to people in the community and leaving them on parked cars around town.

It is easier to use some pictures to show all the fun the kids have been having so far. Please enjoy the pics!

**\*\* On a side note, please pray for the health of our middle schoolers and staff members this summer. We have had 5 children come down with Covid-19! Their symptoms seem to be fairly mild. I had really hoped we had turned a corner on dealing with Covid-19!! \*\***



**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!**

### **Items needed for the Summer Program**

- cases of bottled water (for field trips)
- deodorant (girls & boys)
- Clorox wipes

All items can be brought to 710 N Forest

**THANK YOU!!**

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**Items we need for Christmas 2022**  
**baskets:** household cleaners (like 406, Lysol, etc.)