



Challenge Update!

May the Lord, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand-fold more than you are and bless you, just as He has promised you! Deuteronomy 1:11

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 and middle school 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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I am so very happy to share with you that we have a 5th contributor that has pledged ANOTHER \$25,000 to our annual challenge fundraiser!!!! That makes our challenge an even \$100,000! If that gets matched we will have \$200,000 for next year's budget! We currently have \$55,096.80 to go towards the challenge. That means we are just a little over halfway to our new goal!!

Be sure to check with your employer to see if they have a charitable giving matching program. A gift certificate given in a loved one's honor is a great gift idea. We can mail a card for you or we can give you a card to hand to them at your gathering.

I also encourage you to like our Facebook page so you can see your donation in action. The smiling faces of the kids and the video clips of them will definitely put a smile on your face.

December 31 is quickly approaching. That is our deadline to reach our goal of \$100,000 in donations. If you are moved to make a donation during our challenge, you can mail your check to us at PO Box 414, Chanute, Ks 66720 or donate through our website at www.cherrystreet.org. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for everyone's donations so far!!



As you know our over all theme for the year is the Armor of God. We have sang songs, played games, and had races to help teach the children each piece of the armor. Here are some examples of self portraits the children at West drew showing their armor.

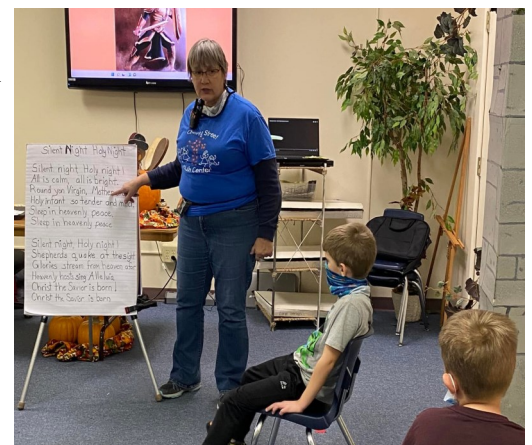
Merry Christmas



Christmas Program 2021

We have planned a Christmas program to celebrate Jesus' birth. We will NOT be able to have our annual dinner that usually coincides with the program due to keeping social distancing a priority.

The children are working hard on practicing their memory verse and the song selections for this year. Our West kids are also pulling together a shadow show for the retelling of the events leading up to Christ's birth.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Warehouse Happenings

Teaching kids the importance of serving others is something we very much want to instill in our middle schoolers. They were able to volunteer at the 1st Baptist Church to help get food boxes ready for the weekly distribution to the community! A few kids didn't even know the Neighbor 2 Neighbor program even existed. A couple of them knew because their family usually comes for a box of food.

The kids and staff have decided to make Mondays a service day for the rest of the year. If you have a program or know of a volunteer opportunity for the kids, please let us know! Taryn Gregg is our program director for the Warehouse Program. She can be reached at taryng@cherrystreet.org or call the office at 431-2161 and we will be sure she gets your information.



Deuteronomy 15:11 There will always be poor people in the land. That is why I command you to be ready to help your brother or sister.

Items we need for Christmas 2021 baskets:

- 6 - 4 pack Toilet paper
- 40 - bottles of household cleaner
- 40 -laundry soaps
- 20 -bottles of shampoo



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AFTER Christmas Shopping

I'm not even finished shopping for Christmas much less thinking about after Christmas sales! However, we do have a few items that we will need for Christmas 2022 and why not get them on clearance??

As you are bargain shopping you could pick up some wrapping paper, bows, and tags for us to use in the Christmas store next year. We will also be needing red and green stockings for next year. We have a long standing tradition of giving each child a Christmas stocking that last week of school before break. We usually have at least 100 kids so we need LOTS of stockings.

Another fun tradition we like to do when we have the supply, is to give each child a Christmas mug with a packet of hot chocolate and a candy cane. If you see any Christmas themed mugs on sale, we would love to have them. (Only Christmas themed mugs please).

We have room to store "Mom and Dad" gift sets that might also be on clearance as well. The children are always so excited to shop for their family members. Thank you for helping to make it possible for them!!