



## Holy Spirit You are Welcome Here

"Holy Spirit You are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your glory God is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your presence Lord". These are lyrics from one of my favorite songs we sing at church. They are so true and relevant for us here at Cherry Street.

I am 100% convinced that we are doing great things at Cherry Street. I believe our vision for the future is the direction God has set for us. We are prayerful and intentional in our planning. We have the support of all of you and an amazing Board of Directors.

Do you ever get the feeling that the enemy is attacking?! I must share that I have felt that. He is attacking on multiple fronts. Just to share a few: we are facing serious health concerns with several of our staff members, many of our children are struggling in life with depression, negative influences, unpredictability, and pain. I share this for all you prayer warriors to please remember Cherry Street.

I feel even more condensed we are doing great things for God's kingdom to have the enemy so fierce in his attack!

Many Blessings,

*Jennifer*

### **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.

### **Easter needs:**

- Baskets that can be for either a boy or girl
- Wrapped candy

Items can be dropped off at 710 N Forest  
Thanks!!



### **Annual Church Tours**

Each year our West building takes every child on a church tour to local churches that support Cherry Street. This year we toured five churches. Westview Baptist, 1st Presbyterian, New Life Brethren, Blessed Hope Bible Baptist, and Otterbein United Methodist churches all opened their doors to us. The pastors and their staff provided information about their church and the types of programs that the children could attend. Our goal in these tours is to expose the children to opportunities in our community for them and their families to find a church home. 48% of the children currently attending Cherry Street do not have a church they regularly attend. We have toured 13 different churches here in Chanute in the last three years.



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## Warehouse Happenings

We have 27 children registered for our middle school after school program! Here is a little demographic info on those students 26 qualify for free or reduced meals at school, we have 14 girls and 13 boys. It breaks down to eight 6th graders, nine 7th graders, and ten 8th graders.

The Warehouse students are currently learning about self-esteem. Middle school can be brutal, so we are arming them with many strategies.

Starting in March we have decided to resume after school services five days a week. The Saturday events were very under attended. We still believe they are a good idea and we may try to incorporate Saturdays back at a later date.

Our Warehouse program is small but GREAT things are happening. Children are being fed hope, encouragement, and love each day!



**We have open positions to fill.** Our West location (grades 3rd-5th grade) has two teaching positions to fill. The duties will vary. The primary responsibilities will include teaching reading, bible, and character lessons. These teachers also help with a variety of other projects like art, music, and P.E. time. It's a team effort and lots of fun! The hours are 3:30-5:30 M-F (only when school is in session, you will be off for spring break for example). If part-time work fits into your schedule and you love Christ and children, please consider calling 431-2161 and speak with Jennifer for more details. God uses each of us in unique and special ways!



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