



We are growing Cherry Street!

I am very excited to share our plan to grow! We will be adding a greenhouse and a new classroom space for our garden class. Our garden class was started in 2003. It has been a great way to provide our children with hands on learning, problem solving opportunities, and to gain knowledge of growing their own food.

The dream of a greenhouse is not new. A few years ago we received donations for the specific purpose of purchasing a greenhouse. Those moneys have been in a savings account and have allowed us to begin the fabrication process with Stuppy Inc. They are a well known company in Kansas City that builds greenhouses. We will be getting a 30 x 48 foot greenhouse. This will enable us to do year round growing with the children!

In addition to the green house, we are in need of classroom space for the garden class. The current building that the classroom is housed in, is in need of many repairs. It also does not have the space needed for storage or working space for the children to do "soil work" with the pots used in the greenhouse. The classroom space will also double as a FEMA rated tornado safe space for our children and staff members. The safety of our children is very important. This new classroom space will finally provide shelter for the 50 children in attendance everyday on the West campus.

The total cost of this project is estimated at \$445,669. We have written grants to help defray this cost. We will hear in a few weeks if we receive them. We have also looked into creative funding options with the City Commissioners and expect to know more next month from them.

We need your help to raise \$150,000 to cover the gap in what we can request from grants. It is very unusual for any grants to cover 100% of a building project. They expect organizations to have some matching funds available. We have developed pledge/donation cards to assist you in being a part of this building project. Pledges can be broken into 1 or 2 year increments. That could make a \$500 donation into either a monthly donation of \$42 for 12 months or \$21 for 24 months.

Community National Bank has pledged \$25,000 to kick off our fundraising efforts! I have also received word from a donor wishing to remain anonymous, that has issued a \$10,000 challenge to the community. That means we will receive the \$10,000 when we receive our first \$10,000 in individual donations/pledges! Upon hearing this great news I was reminded of *Proverbs 25:11 Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped.* As you can see we are off to a great start but we have a long way to reach \$150,000.

We have never waived in our mission to help children develop spiritually, emotionally, physically, and academically. Your support in this mission makes everything possible. God has placed each person with a connection to Cherry Street to fulfill a specific purpose. Your time, talents, and treasures are intended to be shared. Matthew 5: 14-16 reminds me that many of our children need the salt and the light that a Christian in strong faith can provide.

I would like to thank each of you for ALL the ways you support our children and our ministry here at Cherry Street. Please feel free to call me at 431-2161 or email me at jshields@cherrystreet.org if you have questions. All donations are tax deductible and can be sent to PO box 414 Chanute Ks, 66720 or you can donate online at www.cherrystreet.org

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 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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THANK YOU!
We have every month sponsored for "Fresh Fruit Fridays!" Thank you for filling in the gaps for us!



Warehouse Happenings

Warehouse students are spreading a little love! The fruits of the spirit in action has been a focus this month. Every Thursday is a "service" day at Warehouse. They have volunteered at a nursing home, made encouraging signs, and assisted with projects for our elementary programs.

October 5th is national "Bring Your Bible to School" day. We are encouraging the kids and equipping them with bibles! This could be a very powerful day, please be praying for boldness and courage for our students!



Donations for the Christmas Baskets (only 72 days until the Christmas Program):
We are needing toothpaste and laundry soap. Items can be brought to 710 N.

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