



# Challenge time!

This year November marks the first month of our annual fundraising campaign . Our goal is to raise the funds we need for another year of running Cherry Street. We currently work with 139 children K-8th grade each day in our East, West, and Warehouse programs. Every child starts their day with us with a nutritious after school snack and is sent home knowing a little more about God's love for them! *Proverbs 22:6 Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life. GNT*

As you know, we are growing here at Cherry Street. We are working with more children than ever before and are offering new and creative learning opportunities to the children. Our garden program is expanding to include a greenhouse and we have added honey bees to the program. Growth does mean additional operating cost. We have a \$50,000 match challenge again this year! We have a donor willing to match \$1 for \$1 to kick off our fundraising season. Each dollar donated to Cherry Street now through December 25th will go towards meeting the match. When we meet this challenge we will have \$100,000 to go towards next years budget. That will be about 1/3 of what we need for the year. God provides for our needs through each of you and your donations. Your volunteer work with the children is another provision through God. Your investment into our children can be life changing!

We are blessed to be a blessing! Scripture makes it clear that God blesses us not so we can live with greed, but so we can bless others. God loves a cheerful giver. When He sees that someone is giving freely out of love, God blesses them more. As you find yourself considering what mission or ministry to support, please put Cherry Street at the top your list. We have had over 1400 children come through the doors at Cherry Street sine 1995, That's a lot of lives receiving guidance and tender nurturing. Please help us share God's word and love with the children of Chanute.

All donations can be mailed to us at PO Box 414 Chanute, Ks 66720. You can also donate on line through our Facebook page (Cherry Street Youth Center) or our web site at [www.cherrystreet.org](http://www.cherrystreet.org).

Your Sister in Christ,  
Jennifer

## Annual Coat Drive

42 coats were distributed to our elementary students this year! We also had helpers from our Warehouse program (middle schoolers) help the children find the right size. Thank you for the coat donations and for each volunteer that helped this years coat distribution day go so smoothly!



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.



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### **Thank You for Supporting our Building Campaign!**

YOU made it possible for us to reach our goal of having a green house on campus for our children! We are so excited for the opportunities this will provide. Nothing beats hands on learning!



We need 12-15 volunteers for our annual Christmas program scheduled for Dec. 15th. Each year we serve the children and families a meal and we need servers. If your church, youth group, or life group would be interested in helping us out, please call Jennifer at 431-2161. We need servers available at 5:15 until about 6:30 pm. Our program is held at the 1st Baptist Church's Good News Center.

Cold and Flu season is upon us! Pick up an extra box of tissues and consider donating them to Cherry Street.

### **Christmas Store 2017**

Calling all elves!!! We are planning for our basement Christmas store. Each year children have the opportunity to purchase (for one quarter) Christmas presents for the loved ones in their life. We are accepting new and VERY gently used gift items. They can be brought to 710 N Forest. Items needed include toys (for children of all ages), puzzles, books for kids, and "mom" and "dad" gifts.

Donations for the Christmas Baskets (Only 45 days until the Christmas Program): household cleaners, laundry soap, & dish soap. Items can be brought to 710 N. Forest.

### **Christmas Parade**

Be sure to come out and watch the annual Christmas Parade of Lights on December 7th. Our Cherry Street children will have a float in the parade and our Warehouse children will be selling chili dogs & hot dogs and hot chocolate at the Pavilion on Main St. All funds go to support program supplies and activities.

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