



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 fun

Most years here at Cherry Street we are able to send home an Easter basket filled with goodies with each student. This is possible because of the donations we receive. This year we decided to do something different. Each family received a carton of Resurrection Eggs. These eggs and the scripture provided help the children and their families learn about the days leading up to Christ's crucifixion and his glorious resurrection!

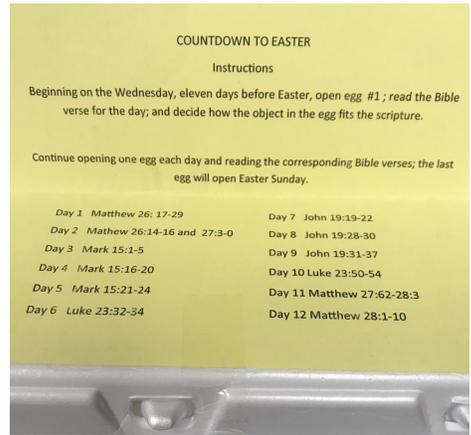
This project impacted all the students here at Cherry Street. Our Warehouse students helped assemble each carton. By doing that, they also learned the scriptures and the story! The ladies at Zion Lutheran church also helped with this project as they provided the funds to purchase a few of the items needed for the eggs and they cut the material that is needed for two of the eggs.

Doing Their Part

We would like to give a shout out and a big thank you to Home Savings Bank of Chanute. They care about our community and our children! They are a faithful monthly financial supporter of our programming and now they are allowing their staff to volunteer their time to read to K-2nd grade students! How great is that?

Our Executive Director went to the bank to provide the required volunteer training to their staff and they have been volunteering weekly.

Contact our office at 431-2161 if your business, organization, or church would like to start volunteering too.



Changes for 2018-2019 School Year

USD 413 has released the school calendar for next year. They have some exciting changes that will allow more professional development time for the teachers and staff.

How does this impact Cherry Street? Well, we have a few decisions to make that will impact our limited budget.

They will be releasing school early the last Wednesday of the month for 7 months of the school year to have the professional development time. This means our children will dismiss 2 hours early from school. Typically there are 2 half days per year, one the day before Christmas break and the second on the last day of school. Historically we have closed those days, as parents have other arrangements.

Our concern with closing the additional 7 days is the children and where they will be. With the early dismissal in the middle of the week and not over a typical lunch break for most parents, will parents be able to locate alternative care for our children?

The other option is extending our day to help support our children and their families. That would be an additional \$412 per day to open longer. Our hope is to find 7 businesses, individuals, or church sponsors for each day we would open early.

Our goal is to do God's work and to provide safe, nurturing environments for our children. Please be in prayer about an extended day and how the funds will be provided. Contact Jennifer at 431-2161 if you are able to help or have another idea.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Warehouse Happenings

Warehouse is hopping! We have 29 middle school students registered for this after school program. That in itself is such an amazing opportunity and blessing. We see it as a blessing because that's 29 kids that are learning God's word and are building strong foundations to carry them through school and life. If each student makes the decision to live their life for Christ and accept him as their savior, they will spread the good news and hope in Christ to their friends. The ripple effect could be endless! Too many youth today do not have God in their lives!

Our kids learn and have fun. One recent activity was creating volcanos and having them erupt! Each month the kids work some type of service project. We are always looking for new ideas or talents to share with the kids. Contact Kayla i(kstewart@cherrystreet.org) if you would like to volunteer or have a talent to share.

Summer donations needed: tooth brushes and tooth paste,
and sun screen

Summer Planning

Summer will be here before we know it. We will again register 60 elementary children in our summer program and hope to expand our middle school summer program to 25 children! Our theme this summer for children K-4th grades is all about camping. We will provide 8 weeks of summer fun with 4 different half day camps. Each camp theme will run two weeks. We have Sports Camp, Church Camp, Science Camp, and Survival Camp planned! Experts for each camp will come talk with the children and share some camp ideas. These children will have swim lessons and will attend 2 different VBS programs through the summer. Every child will receive a free breakfast and lunch each day. This is possible through our participation in the Summer Food Service Program through the state of Kansas.

Our middle school program will also be a half day and will run M-Th. Our greenhouse should be up and running and these kids will spend a lot of time learning about and growing vegetables. They will be cooking, working with our honey bees, learn some survival skills, and have tons of fun while learning more about Christ! These students will also have a nutritious free lunch each day through the Summer Food Service Program.