

June 2018

### **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.



### Summer Camp

We have a super fun summer planned for kids K-7th grades! We are all about camping. We have church camp, sports camp, survival camp, and science camp planned for our elementary students. Our middle schoolers will be earning "badges" for survival skills they master through the summer. A few of the badges are cooking, self defense, fishing, building a shelter, devotional, respect, and first aid.

Please pray for a safe summer and that children will grow in their faith. Pray for our summer staff to be healthy and full of life! We appreciate your









Help us bridge the gap in funding for our building project! We have \$95K to go!

\$100,000 Gap









# **Building Update**

Things are really taking shape on our greenhouse and classroom/storm shelter! We anticipate them being ready this summer. Our goal is to begin growing vegetables right away in the greenhouse. We have been in contact with Terri Markham with USD 413 to see what types of vegetables she needs for the cafeterias. The district is being encouraged to use fresh local produce as part of the national Farm to School initiative.

We would like to send a HUGE thank you to Jeff Caldwell at Hi-lo Industries for helping us design and donate cabinets for the classroom/storm shelter. They will also be helping us create some shelves to organize the storage room.

We simply could not do what we are able to do everyday after school and during the summer without the support of our community. We are truly blessed to have businesses willing and wanting to invest in our kids! As Cherry Street has grown over the years we rely even more on our community members and businesses for donations and volunteerism. If your company would like to do more, please contact Jennifer at jshields@cherrystreet.org or 620-431-2161.

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#### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Warehouse Happenings

These kids have had a busy month! We received a small grant to support youth volunteerism in the community. Our students decided to make lap blankets for the residents at the nursing home they already volunteer at on occasion. They made 23 blankets and delivered them to the residents.

They have also been volunteering with our younger program in a couple of ways. We had a few college age employees have to leave early and our Warehouse students have been taking turns helping at East. They also helped make things run smoothly at the annual "Olympic" day. Our "little" kids loved having them help out.

The 5th graders from West came for a tour of Warehouse and the kids did a great job of sharing their favorite things about coming.

Many of the current Warehouse kids will be attending our summer program but a few will not be. Please keep them all in your

prayers for a safe summer!

**Summer donations** needed: deodorant (both male and female), tooth brushes, and sun screen, 20 youth and adult small and medium sized garden gloves, 15 clear empty 2 liter soda pop bottles, 8 boxes of band aids, and 2 bottles of bug spray (for trail hikes).









# Fundraiser with the KC Chiefs!

We have a great opportunity to fundraise through the Chiefs football organization! The process is simple. Type in the link below and type in our promo code: CHERRYST and you can purchase as many tickets as you need for 2 preseason games or 3 regular season games. Here are the dates:

8/9/18 Chiefs vs Texans (preseason) 8/30/18 Chiefs vs Green Bay Packers (preseason) 10/7/18 Chiefs vs Jaguars (reg. season) 10/21/18 Chiefs vs Bengals (reg. season) 11/11/18 Chiefs vs Cardinals (reg. season) After you make your purchase, you will be able to share the link with your friends and family. Purchase tickets as a gift, buy them for your employees to show your appreciation, take the youth group at church to a game! Each ticket is only \$33.50 a ticket. We will receive \$10 from every ticket sold. Go Chiefs!

http://www.chiefs.com/ticketfundraiser/