



**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.



Challenge Update

October started our annual challenge off with just under \$8,000 in donations! That leaves \$72,000 left to raise in the next two months to allow us to have all of the potential match funds. I would love to personally come to a church service, community organizational meeting, staff meeting, board meeting or what ever opportunity you can make available to speak about our ministry with the children of Chanute and why financially supporting our after school programs is so important to our kids and the community. You can contact me at [jshields@cherrystreet.org](mailto:jshields@cherrystreet.org) or at the office at 431-2161. Thank you for everyone's support!!

Annual Coat Giveaway

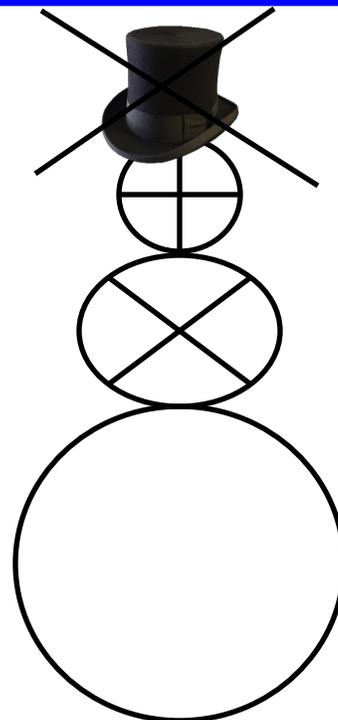
We are very fortunate to have donors that makes sure EVERY child at Cherry Street that needs a warm winter coat gets one! We would like to thank all of our volunteers that help organize this event and for those that helped the children get the right size. The children are so excited to get a new coat.



Seed of Hope

So far this school year we have planted seeds of faith and courage. This month's seed is hope. One of my favorite worship songs is "In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm." Hope is a precious thing that can be easily lost. We want this seed to plant deeply into our children's hearts. When times are difficult they can rely on that hope to keep them on the course God has planned for their lives.

Snowman of success! Help us build a snowman to measure how close we are to our \$80,000 goal. We are 10% of the way there.



Christmas Store 2018

We are taking donations for our annual "Christmas Store". We can take VERY gently used toys & books for children of all ages. We need sibling gifts for preteens and teens, and "mom" and "dad" gifts. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn giving gifts can be just as nice as getting gifts. If you have items to donate, please bring them to 710 N Forest by November 30th. Our children will be shopping the first week of December.

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

We need 12-15 volunteers for our annual Christmas program scheduled for Dec. 20th. 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.



### Warehouse Happenings

We have 38 children registered for our Warehouse program. We are excited to have so many middle schoolers growing in their faith and connecting with friends.

Many of the Warehouse students have committed to being regular volunteers with our youngest elementary students at East. Their day begins at Warehouse. They participate in planned classes and activities, and have snack, then head to East until 5:15. Four students volunteer each day with the exception of Tuesdays as that is our main Bible day at Warehouse.

The kids have been a huge asset and seem to really enjoy their time with the little kids!



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### Kansas Honey Producers Youth Grant

We have come to the end of our grant with the Kansas Honey Producers (KHP). At the end of the grant, the KHP decides if a grantee can keep their hives and bee keeping equipment. We will be KEEPING everything to continue this wonderful program here at Cherry Street. We were very successful in keeping our hives healthy. We hope to partner with local honey producers as we need guidance and assistance in the upcoming years. We do plan to sell some of the honey our bees produce each year to help pay for expenses for this program.

Donations needed for the centers this month: Both male and female deodorant, wax paper (2 rolls), cheese grater, rubber scrappers (for mixing bowls), ice cream scoop, gallon size bottle of Elmer's Glue (3), Paper towels, & Clorox wipes. Items can be brought to 710 N. Forest.

THANK YOU