

Cherry Street  
Youth Center  
Newsletter  
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**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.

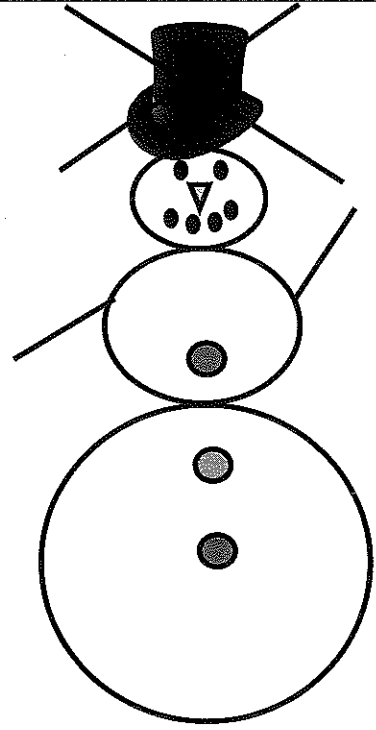


## Challenge Update

I am very excited to share that we met 100% of our \$50,000 challenge!!!! As of the print of this newsletter we have received \$18,240.86 towards our match for the additional \$30,000 challenge we received. We still have a few checks coming in dated back in December that will continue to go towards that \$30,000.

When we receive the match funds we will have \$138,482 to go towards next years operating costs!! Thank you for all your generosity in 2018!!!

Our snowman of success was nearly complete!



### Christmas Program 2018

We had a wonderful program again this year for our families. Our bellies were filled with tasty food prepared by Ms. Carol who attends at Living Word Assembly and her many helpers. The children took the stage and shined bright!! Pastor Tom Eastman with the 1st Christian Church spoke about the love God has for each one of us.

The volunteers that came to help made everything go smoothly and they are so very appreciated!! Ms. Chelsey with the 1st Baptist church was super helpful all week as we practiced. We thank her for her sound and light skills!! Ms. Elaine who attends at Zion Lutheran church volunteered to play the piano again for us.

Our Church families in Chanute offer so much support to this ministry here at Cherry Street. We simply could not do several of our additional activities with out everyone's help!! Thank You!!!



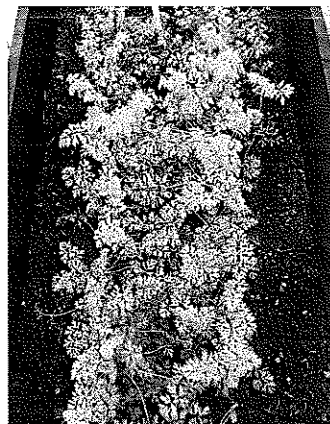
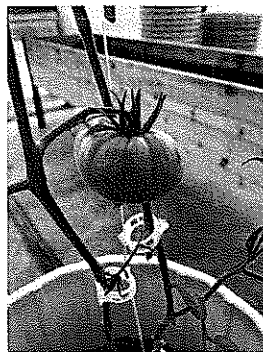
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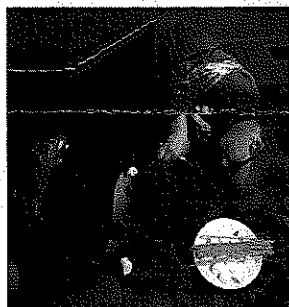
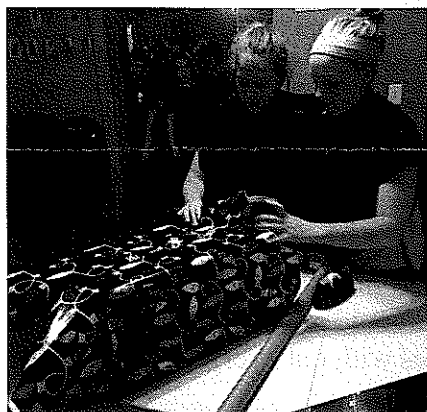
**We have green stuff growing!**

Our first attempt at growing vegetables in our new greenhouse is coming along. We have tomatoes, spinach, and carrots growing. We still have lots to learn but it's very rewarding for our children to see fruit blooming on the plants!



**Warehouse Happenings**

Our middle schoolers are very happy to have their first semester of school over! They ended the year with some fun celebrating Christmas together. Winter brings a few challenges for us as we can't go outside as much for large group activities but the staff make each day fun and a supportive place for the kids to come each day.



Donations needed for the centers this month: boxes of tissues, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, 4 packages of paper plates (regular size, will be used for art project) Items can be brought to 710 N. Forest.

**Upcoming activities**

- church tours for our West students
  - Easter baskets for all our elementary students
  - Mother's Day store
- If you would like to donate items for Easter or Mother's Day you can bring them to 710 N Forest.

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