



2023 Challenge

THANK YOU for making sure we will receive 100% of our \$130,000 match for this years fundraising challenge! We have received \$166,909.46 for this years' fundraiser! We are just a bit short of our \$175,000 goal but what a HUGE blessing you have given us to use for our children here at Cherry Street! I take very serious the stewardship over the funds we use to grow our children in their faith and knowledge here at the youth center. Thank you again for trusting us with your financial gifts.

We will mail 2023 tax documentation by the end of the month to every donor for annual gifts of \$250 or more. If you need documentation for any other amount, please contact us at the office at 620-431-2161 or email me at director@cherrystreet.org and we will get you everything you need.

Your Sister in Christ, *Jennifer*

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 are a non-profit, faith-based youth center. Our focus has been to share the love of God through Jesus Christ with the elementary and middle school 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.

Here's a fast and easy way to make your donation to Cherry Street. Use your PayPal account and scan our QR code



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620-431-2161



2023 Christmas Store

We want to send a big THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers that helped us with the Christmas store this year! It truly is 100% organized by Sheri Calhoon and the other volunteers. A special shout out to Sheri as she is simply amazing as our "lead" volunteer for all our basement projects.

The CHS FFA students volunteered again to help the children pick out presents for everyone on their list. It's a pretty neat thing to have high schoolers that attended in elementary school have the change to come back and volunteer!

Thank you for all the toys, sibling gifts, and parent gift donations for the children to choose from. This opportunity for the children to experience **giving** gifts is possible because we have so many in our community donating new and gently used items for the store. We accept items all year long. They can be brought to 710 N. Forest Ave. to the East building.



East Christmas Show

The children LOVE putting on the Christmas show that is posted to our Facebook page each year!



Items need for the centers

- Clorox wipes (it's cold and flu season)
- several boxes of snack size baggies
- pink, red, and white construction paper
- 150 red pipe cleaners
- 150 pink pipe cleaners
- bags of Worther's Original hard candies & Sugar free candy (for our nursing home visits)

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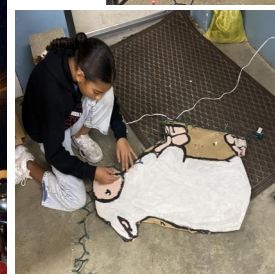
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Warehouse Happenings

Our middle schoolers took the lead on creating our float for the Christmas Parade. They developed the theme idea and helped secure things onto the float. Our theme was Christmas through the ages. We had the nativity represented and depicted a family sitting on the couch watching Christmas shows on TV with the Christmas tree and presents. Several of the middle schoolers participated in the parade in band, or other school activities so several of our West kids got to ride on the float and filled in roles for our nativity characters. We would like to thank Travis Nelson for allowing us to use his trailer AND for pulling us in the parade, and to Wayne McDaniels for building our nativity structure!

The Warehouse kids also volunteered at the ice skating rink down town as part of the 150th winter festival celebration for Chanute. They providing popcorn to those in attendance and sang Christmas songs.

We are excited for 2024 and are always looking for new opportunities for our middle schoolers to learn a new skill or help the community. If you have something to teach or share with our middle schoolers please contact our office at 431-2161!



Items we need for Christmas 2024 baskets:
shampoo & dish soap



Fresh Fruit Friday
We would like to thank the Ambassador Christian Church for sponsoring the month of January!

