

Cherry Street
Youth Center
Newsletter
April 2024

MISSION STATEMENT:
Cherry Street Youth Center, Inc., is Christian based 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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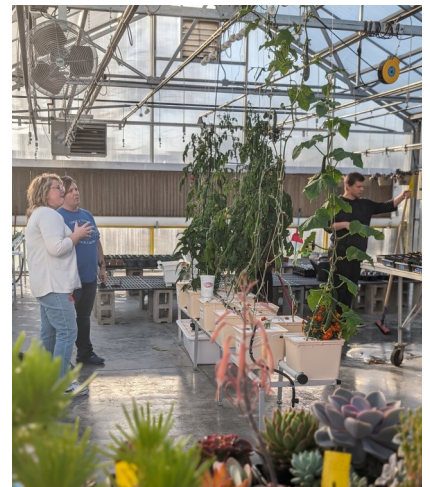


A Big Thank YOU!

I am so happy to share our internal shade system project for the greenhouse is 100% covered!! The generosity of our donors is such a blessing to this ministry. We have received a little over the needed \$1,800. We will use the extra money to cover any unexpected costs or will purchase supplies specifically for the greenhouse and garden.

We want to say a special thank you to the individuals and families that helped fund the remaining cost of this project!

We anticipate installation later this month.



Holy Week 2024

This is my favorite week of the entire year! Our staff put so much planning into making this a powerful week for our kids to understand the great sacrifice made to pay for their sins. It is simply overwhelming to try to understand the kind of love Jesus had/has for us. To know just how much he values each one of us is amazing. Pictures may be the best way to describe how the week went for our elementary kids.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Warehouse Happenings

Our Warehouse kids have been watching “The Chosen” as part of their bible study time. If you have not watched this mini series, you should watch it with your children. It creates so many conversations and thoughtful insight. Kids tend to be visual learners and watching Jesus’ life unfold has been pretty powerful.

Serving others is a big value we focus on with our middle school program. The kids were eager to help sort donations for the victims of the recent apartment complex fire here in town. We were also able to donate the use of some of our extra Cherry Street tables for the clothing drive.

Though none of our children currently attending any of our programs was directly impacted by the fire, it has been quite an impactful experience. Several of our children (especially the younger ones) have needed to talk about the fire and fire safety. Or they will retell stories they have heard from the night from others in the community. One example being how mom’s and dads were throwing their kids over the fences (railing of the balcony on the 2nd and 3rd levels) to save them. Many of the children drive by the burned complex everyday on their way to or from school. It is a fearful sight. Praying for everyone each day has been very important for the children.

SUMMER is Coming!

We are nearly finished with our summer plans for 2024. We will have 8 weeks of summer fun! We will again get to attend VBS at the 1st Baptist Church and have two weeks of swimming lessons.

Each week will have a theme through out the summer. For example, we will have a focus on Outer Space, Under the Sea, the Jurassic Period, a fantasy week, learning all about living on a farm and a week dedicated to Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)! We may need some help with a few supplies and the possibility of having a mobile planetarium come for the kids to explore. I will share details and specific needs as we get plans finalized.

Registration will begin in a few weeks! Be sure to watch our FaceBook page for details and the link to register. We anticipate having 60 elementary spots and 20 middle school spots (5th graders will transition to our middle school program).



Fresh Fruit Friday

We would like to thank the Living Word Assembly Church for sponsoring the month of April!

We are accepting new and GENTLY used Mother’s Day gift items. Bring them to 710 N Forest Ave. Thank You!

Items needed for the centers

- 2 cases of 16 oz water bottles
- tissue paper in a variety of colors
- 10 bags of wood mulch (for our raised beds)
- Chapter books for grades 3rd-5th grades

Items we need for Christmas 2024
baskets: Shampoo

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