

Newsletter **May 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



Main office # 620-431-2161



# Summer Plans

We have a super FUN summer planned for our kids. Each week has a different theme. I have a box below with a few items we could use this summer. We can barrow and return or donations are always appreciated! Items can be brought to East at 710 N Forest Ave.

Our kids will get to experience farm life while on a local field trip, we will have two weeks of under the sea during swim

lesson weeks and we will use our imagination with a little fantasy themed week! We are hoping to have a portable planetarium show for the kids during our outer space week. It will be similar to the one pictured above. It is going to cost about \$350 to make it happen. Our goal is to find 14 people to donate \$25 each to help us cover the cost. If you can help put "summer" in the memo line of your check and mail it to PO Box 414 Chanute, KS.

## **Greenhouse Sale!**

Last year was a success and Ms. Shara, our garden teacher, has another year under belt, so we are going to have another greenhouse sale! The sale is scheduled for May 25th 9:00 am-4:00 pm. All proceeds from the sale will go right back into purchasing supplies for our garden program.

The kids have potted up some beautiful hanging baskets, we have several varieties of succulents, and there will be a few herbs and veggies plants available. A full list of plants expected to be in the sale will be available soon. Watch our Facebook Page for details.

## Items needed for the summer

-Dinosaur toys -Models of the solar system or planets

-Troll figurines/dolls (the old school kind with crazy hair would be great!) -Fairy wings or dragon wings -Farm animal toys





We would like to thank the 1st United Methodist Church for sponsoring the month of May!



## **Summer Registration**

ALL registration is on-line, through our web site again this year. We will begin notifying families the second week in May if their child was accepted for the summer program. Spots are filling up, so go register your child today! Go to www.cherrystreet.org/forms to register. We have 60 elementary spots and 20 middle school spots. (5th graders going into the 6th grade will join our middle school program.)

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#### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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# Warehouse Happenings

Our Warehouse kids volunteered to help the NCART (Neosho Co. Agency Resource Team) fundraiser for youth drug prevention efforts. Snapping on all those little lids is not as easy as it looks! We appreciate the kids willingness to pitch in no matter the project.

The kids are getting a little excited for the end of the school year so we have played a few more outside games (weather permitting) to run off more energy. The 8th graders are not sure how they feel about transitioning to high school but we have faith that they will be successful! The next big thing for the Warehouse kids is planning activities for the 5th graders when they visit the program next week.

We have a great group of kids to finish the school year with!

## **2024 Scholarships**

Each year the students in the senior class that either attended Cherry Street as an elementary student or volunteered regularly in middle school and high school are eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship. The scholarships are made possible through funds donated by the Thelma Roe Memorial fund. Thelma was a long time teacher in Chanute. She was very supportive of children and the mission of Cherry Street. She believed empowering children through education was one of the best tools to ensure their future success.

We will be awarding seven \$500 scholarships this year. All recipients are currently attending at Chanute High School and were attendees as elementary kids. Our graduating seniors also receive a scrapbook compiled by our volunteers. The books track a Cherry Street students activities and achievements through out their academic career through senior year.

Items we need for Christmas 2024 baskets: Bath soap/Bar soap









acknowledgement goes out to the graduating class of 2024. They were 4th graders the year I started at Cherry St. Amazing things are in your futures!



Special garden Request: We are trying something different with our tomato plants in the garden and we need 15 T- posts and 4 or 5 hog/cattle panels. IF you have any to donate, please call us at 431-2161 and we can arrange when/where to drop them

> <u>Items needed for the centers</u> -2 cases of 16 oz water bottles -Chapter books for grades 3rd-5th grades