



**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



**The Kids Have ARRIVED!**

We were very fortunate to be able to do some special training with our staff in August to help us prepare for working with the unique needs our children sometimes have. We are implementing PaxTools in our centers this year. PaxTools help us create safe supportive environments and gives us some new skills for handling behavior challenges.

Our kindergarteners are getting the hang of the schedule and expectations. Most of our kids are returning to us from last year so they have jumped right back into the swing of things. Third graders seem a little overwhelmed with the increased responsibility and behavior expectations at the West building but I know they will settle in.

Each year I ask for some special prayers for our children and staff members. We have some health concerns, difficult family situations, and an over all request for safety and security for our children and staff members. God is mighty and shows us the best way forward, but knowing you are adding your prayer power is reassuring!



What a great group of people! 2024-2025 East kids and staff!



**2024-25 After School Registration**

I am happy to share we are at full capacity at our East location and we only have 2 spots at our West building for 5th graders.

We still encourage you to get your child registered on our waiting list through our web site at [www.cherrystreet.org](http://www.cherrystreet.org). There are always changes at the beginning of the school year so we will typically have a few spots become available.

**God Is ...**

This huge "God is..." sign is the first thing the kids see everyday when they enter the East building. We are learning the many attributes of God this year. We started off with He is infinite in August. We will learn how He is unchanging in September.

God is unchanging in His being, perfection, purposes, and promises! Jesus is the same yesterday & today & forever.  
Hebrews 13:8



**Items needed for the After School Program**

- individually wrapped candy
  - 24 bottles of white Elmer's glue (store brand is good too)
  - Clorox wipes
  - ice packs (for bumps & bruises)
- All items can be brought to 710 N Forest Ave.

THANK YOU!!

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### Fresh Fruit Friday

We have all the months covered from our Delegates! Thank you for supporting this healthy weekly treat for the kids.

We would like to thank the Zion Lutheran Church for sponsoring the month of August and the First Presbyterian Church for sponsoring September! The children love the fruit.

### Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering at one of our centers call the office at 431-2161 to get signed up. We do require a background check and references for all volunteers that work with our children.

We always need helpers for our annual Christmas store and other small projects through the year in addition to volunteer readers. Those of you with a green thumb would super helpful in the garden or greenhouse!



### New Classroom Furniture

In an effort to help children be successful and to be more inclusive in our classrooms, purchased a few “wobbly chairs” and sensory cushions for the centers. We were also able to purchase 4 new classroom tables for our STEM and Art classrooms at East. Our Bible class at West also got two new round tables. The round tables take up less space in our small classrooms.

You know how it is when you didn't realize you needed something until you got it....it is so nice when teachers are able to utilize their space and the kids seem to be better focused as well.

### Winter is coming

We are ready for a little relief from all this heat! We will be giving the children a new coat in October to make sure they are prepared for winter. We still need 23 winter hats for boys and 31 one winter hats for girls. If you can help please bring them to East, 710 N Forest. Thanks!



The Garden is bountiful!! Many varieties of peppers this year!



West kids closing for the day. Nothing like ending the day with a little prayer to get us through the night.

**Items we need for Christmas 2024 baskets:**  
Shampoo &  
Bath soap

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