

#### 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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## **SUMMER 2025!**

We are nearly finished with our summer plans for 2025. 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. We also plan to attend the VBS with Living Word Assembly this summer!

Our kids will be "cruising through summer" with us. We may encounter pirates on the high seas, learn about Noah and his ark, the possibility of a ship wreck is something we will be monitoring!

We will be rolling out the summer registration for our currently attending Cherry Street kids the first two week of April. We will then open registration for other children from the community. We hope to inform parents by the second week of May if their child will be able to attend this summer.



Be sure to watch our Facebook page for updated registration information 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).



### **30th Anniversary Planning**

Last month I asked everyone to save May 3rd on their calendars as a day to join us as we celebrate 30 years of providing free after school programs for the children of Chanute. I have a few more fun details to share with everyone!

We will have a few inflatable games and bounce houses for the kids to enjoy, face painting, tours of the greenhouse, refreshments, and the playground will be open for the kids to use.

Our founder, Barb Prier, will be there and we hope to have MANY more of our original volunteers and first employees there to mingle with their now adult students!

Please plan to join us and invite anyone you know that has a connection with Cherry Street. Invite anyone you know that is **not** connected yet to Cherry Street but should be! God has so blessed our ministry and we want to share with everyone how much we have grown. It is also important to reflect and appreciate how and when we started all those years ago too.

# 5th Grade Book Update

Wow! I wanted to share that we received more than enough funds to purchase a copy of the 5th grade books for each 5th grader! The additional funds will go towards our 30th Anniversary celebration. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

# **Items needed for Easter**

-150 3 oz. Dixie cups -200 9 inch white paper plates (will be used for an art project)

### Fresh Fruit Friday

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



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### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## **Garden Class**

I know I say it a lot, but man the kids have been busy in garden class! The greenhouse is exploding with beautiful green plants for the garden. They are preparing the garden soil and laying out the sections of the garden for specific plants.

The kids also got to learn about worm poop! More professionally known as worm castings. We had a wonderful guest speaker share his knowledge with the kids. They also got to set up their own worm composting bin for the classroom.





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

Thank You!



## **Class Shenanigans**

Spring crafts in Art, rocket launches in Stem, working hard in garden class, playing color tag with friends, practicing to become better readers and ooey gooey fun at East all make for some great memories and friendships at the after school program!

We have the best teachers and staff pouring into the kids here at Cherry Street! Please keep them surrounded in your prayers!



Items we need for Christmas 2025 baskets: Shampoo and bath soap





