



Fundraising Time!

The 2025 Challenge is \$200,000!

Wow, October is already here. That means it's time to gear up for our annual fundraising challenge. I have shared we have a few facility needs that we must prioritize in the near future including new playground structures (ours are over 20 years old) and we would like to upgrade our security capabilities at both facilities. Our classrooms need some technology updating and of course we also have the on going operational costs which are continually increasing due to the rising costs of everything from food, classroom supplies, and utilities. We are very dedicated to keeping the Cherry Street Youth Center a FREE after school and summer program for the children of Chanute. That makes the next three months crucial for our budget!

I am so happy to share, we have the first half of our challenge matched! That means the first \$100,000 we receive will get 100% matched, basically doubling each donation. I am looking for other partner donors that would be willing to match any portion of the remaining \$100,000. Please contact me at 620-431-2161 or at jshields@cherrystreet.org if you, your company, your church or a foundation you know of is able to help us with matching funds! Our fundraising goal is large but to be honest so are our needs.

All donations can be mailed to PO Box 414 Chanute, Ks 66720. You can also donate online through our Facebook page (Cherry Street Youth Center) or our web site at www.cherrystreet.org. All donations made to us count towards a tax deduction for you. We will mail tax documentation automatically for annual donations of \$200 or more after the first of the year.

Your Sister in Christ, *Jennifer*

Old Testament Teaching

East and West Bible classes have been teaching some Old Testament chapters during the month of September. Our East kids have been learning about Moses and Pharaoh. They learned about the 10 plagues of Egypt and they walked the Red Sea with God watching over as a cloud. Pharaoh and his army were not able to cross.

West kids have been learning about honoring God and not idols. In today's world there seems to be many idols that distract us! They also learned how God used Esther to save her people.

Items needed for the After School Program

- individually wrapped candy
- Clorox wipes
- female deodorant
- 4 8 oz bottles of "Pumpkin Orange" acrylic paint
- 4 8 oz bottles of "Black" acrylic paint
- 5 bags of powdered sugar
- 5 bags of candy corn
- 70 oz of shelled cocktail peanuts (5 16 oz cans or 2 35 oz cans please)
- small prizes for our fall parties (plastic spider rings, pumpkin/Halloween themed toys, tiny bottles of bubbles, tiny containers of slime, candy, etc. Amazon and Oriental trading has some great ideas.)

All items can be brought to 710 N Forest Ave. THANK YOU!

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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Fresh Fruit Friday
We would like to thank the First Presbyterian Church for sponsoring September!

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Warehouse Happenings

Middle schoolers.....what can I say, they are often a hot mess. We are using our Bible class to teach moral values and help point our kids in the right direction. We have had to deal with vaping, sexual harassment, and inappropriate language with our group. That is a first for us, but we are up for the challenge and we have some of the best staff members guiding the way!

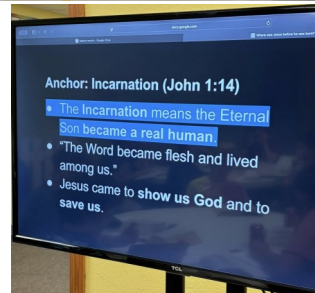
The Warehouse kids had so much fun doing a Drums Alive session with Teri Lund last month! She recently retired from teaching and SHE loved teaching the kids as well! If there is a skill, recipe, or hobby you would like to share with our kids, we would love to schedule a time for you to come!



Garden Class

This is such a busy time for the garden classes at West. They are working harvesting flowers and vegetables from the garden. Peppers, tomatoes, okra, potatoes, and even a few watermelons have all been sent home with kids.

Plus the kids are planting seeds for the greenhouse. They are using two types of planting material. Rockwool for the hydroponic systems and a mixture of peat, soil, and sand for other plants in the greenhouse.



Items we need for Christmas 2025 baskets: Household Cleaner

Fresh Fruit Friday

We have the month of February open if your church or business would like to sponsor Fresh Fruit Fridays! You can contact Suelette at 620-431-2161 to let her know

you would like to sponsor February. It is \$250 a month. Thank you for helping provide this healthy weekly treat for the kids.



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