

SCHOOL, SUMMER, AND BEYOND!



Finally, it’s summer and school is out. For many kids this is time for family, fun, and vacations. Unfortunately, for our Rock House Kids, it is a different story. Since there

will be no expensive faraway, fun vacations for our kids, we try to create fun summertime activities and make memories right here.

Without school, many of our kids will face days without breakfast or lunch options over the summer months. Rock House Kids is open all year long and continues to provide the necessary items our kids live without.

In the summer, we double up on the breakfast and lunch items we include in the take home food bags distributed each night of programming.

We are always glad when our kids tell us they are making improvements in their school work and passing their grades. We are especially proud when a student tells us they have received a special award. Edwardo, now a senior in high school, moved away a few years ago. He continues to stay in touch, and when he comes back to Rockford to visit, he attends our Teen program on Tuesdays. He sent us a picture of an award he received last month. He explained the “Accepting



the Challenge of Excellence” award has not been bestowed



upon a student at his school for ten years! He plans to attend college in the fall. He told me, “If it wasn’t for Rock House Kids, I would have never known how to step up and be a man.” Our kids are learning responsibility, hard work, and commitment. We are glad when others recognize this too.

Last month, second grader Jordan was so excited to come into his Rock House Kids’ classroom. His teacher said he was skipping and singing, “Jesus loves me.” It makes us think that’s what all of us really need: to know Jesus loves us.

—Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 NIV

RIBBON CUTTING/ OPEN HOUSE

Join us for an exciting ribbon cutting and open house on Monday, June 20th from 11:30 am–1 pm. We will unveil the new safe and secure playground area for Rock House Kids, 1325 7th Street, Rockford, IL. Please RSVP to barb@rockhousekids.org, or call 815-962-5067. Thank you so much!

ARE YOU THE MISSING PIECE?



We are still in need of individuals, civic groups, businesses, and church groups that would be interested in providing a hot meal for one of our evening programs. Please contact our office or email barb@rockhousekids.org for more information

GO DIGITAL

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email? Contact barb@rockhousekids.org



HELP NEEDED

Volunteer Tech Person needed for Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm. Email dee@rockhousekids.org for an application.



GROWING, GROWING, AND GROWING

We are still raising money for our playground. Would you like to help? Contact our office at 815-962-5067, or donations can be made on our secure website under Contribute, check out our gofundme account: www.gofundme.com/rhkplayground.

Thank you for your support!

ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT

We are grateful for the opportunity to receive funding from The Rockford Park District for summer activities. Because of their generosity, we will access their many programs, enhancing our kids’ lives. Thank you, Rockford Park District!





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Thank you for your wonderful support! Because of YOU we can carry on!
Donations received from April 16th – May 15th, 2016

STAFF CORNER

Please join with us in congratulating Gina Mulligan who has become our new Chief Operation Officer Assistant. She will assist COO Dee Lacny with office and program needs.



Welcome to Melissa Campbell, our new bookkeeper. She works hard to keep our records straight!



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