

REALITY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Sadly, since our kids live in public housing and poverty, they refer to themselves as “hood rats”. In addition, these children have been exposed to so much violence and crime this summer. Unfortunately, we have experienced shootings in our area, with one of our own being shot. Naturally, the kids have questions on their minds and in their hearts.



Recently, the kids were asked, “What can you do to make your home or community a better place to live?”

Here are some of their answers:

- Stop the shootings
- Pick up trash
- Pray to God for it
- Make more shelters
- Clean up my block
- Help people and greet people nicely
- Clean up the area where I live
- Stop the fighting

Another question asked was, “What career or job would you like to have when you finish school?”

We learned many children had the same idea in their answers:

Four replied, “Police Officer”, four more said, “Soldier”, six said, “Nurse,” and four said, “Teacher”. Firefighter, doctor, and lawyer were also included.



I am proud to say we have instilled in them a desire toward helpful professional careers; they do not want the lives they have observed in their own families. Instead, they desire more for their own lives, families, and community. Because of the help received from you, our supporters, we are able to firmly establish values these future adults will emulate to make our community better. We believe our motto still rings true: “Help a child today and you won’t have to repair an adult tomorrow.”

Thank you!

—Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

COME SEE US AT THESE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, September 11th

Rock Valley Mustang Club Annual Car Show

Saturday, September 17th

Carz R Us Car Show

Saturday, October 8th

Drug Prevention Fair

Saturday, October 15th

Relay Race for Rock House Kids

See our website for more details at www.rockhousekids.org.

ARE YOU THE MISSING PIECE?



We are still in need of individuals, civic groups, businesses, and church groups interested in providing a hot meal for one of our evening programs. Please contact our office, or email pam@rockhousekids.org for more information. Thank you so much!

GO DIGITAL

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email? Send a message to barb@rockhousekids.org



CURRENT NEEDS

We could use your help! It’s almost that time again! Let’s send the Rock House Kids back to school with backpacks & school supplies! All supplies are needed before or by August 2nd! Check out our website for more details. Thank you!





THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT.

BECAUSE OF YOU, WE CAN CARRY ON!

Donations received from June 16th – July 15th, 2016

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Bonnie Wait

volunteers with us behind the scenes to help us with special events and when we have a special need/event she is right there to assist!



Carol Folkerts

has worn many different hats while volunteering for us. Her current stations are helping as a server, tutor and crafts during our After School Program.



We cannot be a thriving children's program without wonderful volunteers! Thank you so much, Bonnie and Carol!

Volunteers are always needed! Contact our office for an application if interested in becoming a volunteer with Rock House Kids!

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- Kathryn Conrad -Conrad Family

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