

SAFE PLACE TO PLAY

As most of us were growing up, having a playground to play on was a normal experience. Playgrounds with swings and slides in schools, parks, and neighborhoods were a common sight. Unfortunately, there were no playgrounds in sight around

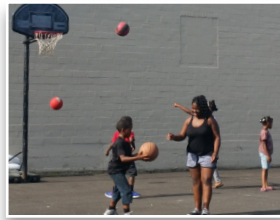
the Rock House Kids’ building. Finally, after seventeen years,

Rock House Kids is able to provide an outside safe and secure playground! Through the years, we had placed an outdoor portable basketball hoop for the kids to use but we found neighborhood pedophiles harassed them. After we became aware adults were exposing themselves to the kids, it was imperative we secured their safety. We decided to take down the portable hoop. Shortly after this, we started raising money and received help to get a fence around the parking lot so as to convert it into a safe play area. You can only imagine the excitement from the kids! Big eyes, laughter, and squeals of joy



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are what we now experience from them. They are able to play on safe playground equipment and now have picnic tables and a bench where they



can sit, talk with friends, and just chill out. In the future, we hope to purchase basketball hoops and a water fountain. Chris, age 8, told us he was glad he could come to Rock House, because there’s no other place near his home where he and his sister can go to play.

Even though we are still making payments on the playground equipment, I am grateful we can give our Rock House Kids a safe and fun place to play. We hope you will join us and support this playground effort. We are so thankful for all those who have made this a reality.



—Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

“Alone, we can do so little;
together, we can do so much.”

Helen Keller

JOIN US AT THE RACES!



Join us at the Rockford Speedway, Saturday, July 16th.

Dola Gregory and Jim Whitaker to perform the opening ceremonies with prayer and singing the Star Spangled Banner along with a 50/50 raffle to benefit Rock House Kids! Races start at 7:07 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

GO DIGITAL

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



CURRENT NEEDS



We need your help! We would like to provide backpacks & school supplies to the Rock House Kids before school starts. Specific items that we could use more of include new washable markers, pencil boxes, watercolor paint sets, and pocket folders. **All supplies are needed before or by August 5th!** Can you help? Thank you!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
BECAUSE OF YOU, WE CAN CARRY ON!

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

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Holly Howell has worn many leader hats here at Rock House Kids since starting with us back in 2004!



Sandy Trotter has been with us since 2009 as a Rock House Kids board member and works as our accountant.



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

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

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We are grateful for all of the donations towards the playground thus far. A donation plaque is now being displayed and updated as more donations come in. You can still be a part of this exciting adventure! Feel free to go to our website rockhousekids.org and click on Contribute > Contribute with credit card, Mail a contribution or visit our gofundme page on Facebook. Any questions? Please contact our office. Thank you so much!

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