

## WORDS

In one of our fourth grade classrooms, our volunteer teacher asked, “What is a positive and one not so positive you can share?”

Janayla answered, “My not so positive is when I found out my parents **didn’t want me to be born**, but the good thing is **I know Jesus did.**”

Her life could have been so different if she had not been part of Rock House Kids, where she learned how much she is valued and loved!

Words are powerful! We know how we say things or even voice tone can add positive or negative meaning with both adults and children. Anyone who owns a pet knows even animals understand voice tone, as well as our gestures. **Words, whether spoken or written, have power!**

Someone once said, “When writing the story of your life, don’t let anyone else hold the pen.” How true. Here at Rock House Kids, we are so much more than a safe house, bible teaching facility, feeding or tutoring



programs, community center, etc. At any time, one can walk into a classroom and hear a volunteer teacher discussing positive words with our children, uplifting and encouraging them, and even praying with them.

We have a display fence called “**Rock House kids of possibility.**” We rotate the pictures of the kids, so when the kids see themselves on this fence, they know they can become anything they want to be rather than the negatives they are told they are.



Our kids are labeled “at risk” but are much more than products of all the negativity in the world. At night, when the children leave Rock House Kids, they know they were safe, fed, and loved. **They ARE kids “of possibility”.**

—Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Mark 10:14

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## SAVE THE DATE:

### STREETS AND SWEETS

November 3rd from 7-9 pm

Join us at Rockford Christian High School, 1401 N. Bell School Road, Rockford, IL for “**Streets and Sweets**”, a fundraising event.

Guest speakers: Officer Doug Pann, Assistant Deputy Chief, Rockford Police Department, and Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO of Rock House Kids. Aaron Wilson of WIFR will emcee the evening & we will have a great silent auction along with a wonderful selection of delectable desserts! Rock House Kids Mime Team to perform!

Free admission & a free will offering will be taken. Please join us!

### 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 v [pam@rockhousekids.org](mailto: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](mailto:barb@rockhousekids.org)

### FUTURE NEEDS



Months of November and December (cut off December 2nd) needing gift cards to Wal-Mart (any amount) this helps us provide Christmas gifts to Rock House Kids. Many will not celebrate Christmas if not for your support! Thank you.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT.

BECAUSE OF YOU, WE CAN CARRY ON!

Donations received from August 16th-September 15th, 2016

COME SEE US AT THESE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, October 8th 11:00 am to 3 pm Red Ribbon Drug Prevention Fair, Boylan High School, 4000 St. Frances, Rockford, IL Free admission fun, family event- Stop by our table and learn more about us along with a special treat!

Saturday, October 15th 8-11 am Walk-A-Thon for Rock House Kids at Rockford Lutheran High School, 3411 N. Alpine Road, Rockford, IL Print out pledge sheets to walk on our website. www.rockhousekids.org Great fun for the entire family. Rain or Shine!

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