

LOVE IS ...

February brings to mind hearts, candy and words of love. I went to our Rock House Kids and asked them this:

“What does love mean to you?”

Here are a few of the answers I received:

Abby, 6th-grader: “It means to care about something truly and deeply enough to give it a title like that.”

Michael, 3rd-grader: “Happiness and joy.”

Jemel, 1st-grader: “Being special to others.”

Mariah, 1st-grader: “Hope.”

Marquez, 5th-grader: “Love is important to people because if you don’t have love, you are lonely. So God gave us love to love people and make friends and not to be lonely.”



Darion, 10th grader: “Trust.”

I also asked: **“What do you like about Rock House Kids?”**

Joseph, 10th-grader: “They teach me a lot of things I didn’t know.”

Sunny, 3rd-grader: “It is the best!”

Olivia, 8th-grader: “It is fun to go to because everyone is nice to me.”

Nolan, 3rd-grader: “They feed me dinner, give me stuff and teach me about God.”

The one answer that really caught my attention was from Isaiah, one of our teen boys. He said: “Love is Rock House Kids because they keep us safe and off the streets.”

Rock House Kids is 18 years strong and still helps kids be safe and off the streets.



— Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.”

Hebrews 13:1

SUPPORT CORNER!

We are thankful for the wonderful Supporters who help us each month: **Thank you Bill and Kelly Willoughby for covering our February 2017 mortgage payment!**

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Thursday, March 16th from 5-8 pm

Mention Rock House Kids at Portillo’s Hot Dogs, 6090 E. State Street, and **20% will be donated to Rock House Kids!**

CURRENT NEEDS



Each month we have a special need that YOU the community help support. For February, we are asking for Valentine’s candy. Feel free to drop these items off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. Thank you so much.

GO DIGITAL



Would you like to receive this newsletter by email? Send an email to **barb@rockhousekids.org** and we will set you right up! Also, Check out our Facebook page for exciting news about all the great things happening at Rock House Kids.

Did you know?

Rock House Kids received a grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois recently to assist with our kid-friendly food-bag program. Thank you so much for this donation.



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Jahmah Taylor
Jahmah, affectionately called "Mr. Jay," works with us as a Program Assistant and Custodian. He continues to smile through it all!



Glenisha Pinson-Ragland
"Nisha" is the COO Assistant who helps with the evening programs, works with the children and make sure all the volunteers are "in the know!"



Cynthia Holman
Cynthia is our Storeroom Clerk. She makes sure the donations we receive are neatly stored and ready for distribution, assists with our hot meal and our kid-friendly food-bag programs.

Board of Director News!

We say goodbye to Lori Mitchell who was our Board Secretary since 2014. She was a true asset to our Board of Directors! Best wishes and even more success to you in the future, Lori!
Welcome aboard to Dave Koch our newest Board Member!

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