

## HELPING THOSE WHO CAN’T HELP THEMSELVES

*Rock House Kids is not just a program for kids. We are here for what our kids need. With love and time, we open our hearts to them.*

On a recent program night, third-grader Tyrell came to speak with Ms. Dee, our COO. He had received a mattress at Christmas and was now very happy to have his own place to sleep. Tyrell’s mom is out of the house, and he and his siblings live with Granny. He proceeded to tell Ms. Dee his dream of having his mattress “put up” (which meant with a frame and box spring) but wasn’t sure how this was going to happen.



On Dee’s day off, she and her husband, Mike, who volunteers at Rock House Kids, located a box spring. When Stan, another of our volunteers, heard about Tyrell’s situation, he offered a frame and headboard. Dee and Mike “put up” the mattress at Tyrell’s house that day. Tyrell couldn’t contain himself and burst out in smiles all day long!

I received a message from one of our teens, 17-year-old Shanekia, who told me she was accepted into Job Corps. She would be leaving in a few days and had a list of things she was not able to get on her own. So Shanekia and I went shopping

to buy all of the last-minute items she needed. She then happily went to Job Corps with all her new items!

Many Rock House Kids are involved in sports and provide their sports schedules to us. We try to go to as many of the kids’ games as possible. How sad that many of the kids’ families don’t come to watch them play. They are delighted when the Rock House Kids leaders come to their games to cheer them on!



Occasionally, we will receive phone calls from moms asking for food. They have children who attend Rock House Kids and, as a last resort, contact us to see if we can help out.

We thank you, our supporters, for allowing us to “Help a child today and you won’t have to repair an adult tomorrow.”

— Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

“It takes each of us to make a difference for all of us.”

Jackie Mutcherson, teacher

### SUPPORT CORNER!

We are thankful for the wonderful Supporters who help us each month: **Thank you Tim and Bonnie Wait for covering our March 2017 mortgage payment!**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, March 16th from 5 to 8 p.m.

Mention Rock House Kids at Portillo’s, 6090 E. State St. in Rockford, and **20% of your meal cost goes back to Rock House Kids!** Must specify before ordering.



### CURRENT NEEDS

Easter Candies and related Easter trinkets, Please drop them off from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday. Deadline April 5th.



### GO DIGITAL

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email? Send an email to [barb@rockhousekids.org](mailto:barb@rockhousekids.org) and we will set you right up!



### ARE YOU A MISSING PIECE?

Each night of programming, we serve a hot meal to the children. If you or your church, business or civic group is interested in cooking for one of our evening programs, please contact us at [barb@rockhousekids.org](mailto:barb@rockhousekids.org) or 815-962-5067.



### Did you know?

It takes 100 caring adults and teens to volunteer each week to make Rock House Kids move and groove. We have kitchen servers, classroom leaders, security guards, curriculum makers, songtime leaders, prayer warriors, people to run sound equipment, take-home food-bag assemblers, cleaners, sorters ... the list goes on. All of our volunteers are treasured assets to Rock House Kids! We couldn’t do this without them. Would you like to join us? Contact our office for an application.

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