

TRAIN UP A CHILD

Here at Rock House Kids, we have a teen leadership/give back program. If a seventh grade through high school child has participated in the Rock House Kids’ programming for more than two years, they may now, through written application, apply for our teen leadership program. This allows teens to “give back” to the very programs which helped them in their younger years. Rock House Kids also connects with the YMCA’s Project 505 program, which allows the teens to volunteer four hours a month. The student may then receive a free pass to the YMCA along with a bus token to get there!



One of our teens comes to Rock House Kids almost every day after school. Mitch, age 14, doesn’t have a stable home life. He has volunteered up to 30 hours on the give back program. Not only does it give him something to do, it gives him a sense of responsibility. If he can’t make it to Rock House Kids after school, Mitch calls in and lets us know, the same as if he was an employee! This gives him a sense of purpose and pride.

Through the give back program, our teens help serve mealtime hot food and desserts to the younger children. They also assist the classroom leaders in working



with younger students. They pick up the garbage, clean up after the younger children, and help distribute kid-friendly food bags at the end of our evening programs.

I overheard one of the teens comment, “Man, these kids are messy!” I laughed and told her, “I think you were also at that age. You just don’t remember!” Some of our young students have mentioned they can’t wait to be teen leaders and give back.

Besides the Project 505 program and our give back program, we also bring in mentors to teach the students about moral character traits, highlight the many community opportunities they have regarding scholarships for college, and event employment possibilities. We train our kids to be contributing, productive citizens of Rockford and beyond!

Our Motto, “Help a child today and you won’t have to repair an adult tomorrow”.

— Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

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We are thankful for the wonderful Supporters who help us each month: Thank you Bradley and Georgann Gum-mow Family Foundation for covering our June 2017 mortgage payment! Contact us to see how you too can be a supporter!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Friday, June 30th
6-9 pm
Rockford Police Station District 2
1410 Broadway, Rockford, IL

Rock House Kids presents a concert with Randy Nicholson, Rock House Kids very own Mime Team, a violin solo, and featuring Jimmy Jack Whitaker. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets just \$15 at the door (or on line at www.rockhousekids.org) and includes sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. All proceeds to benefit Rock House Kids. Come and show your support and have a great time!

CURRENT NEEDS



Swimsuits for kids ages 6-18 (size small in kids to XXL in adults). Boys trunks and girls one pieces would greatly appreciated-Thank you.

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!

ARE YOU THE MISSING PIECE?



Individuals, churches, businesses, and civic groups have provided foods for our on-going hot meal program. Each night of programming, we serve the children a hot meal. If you are interested in cooking a hot meal for one of our evening programs, please contact us by email at barb@rockhousekids.org or call 815-962-5067. Thank you so much!

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We want to highlight a couple of faithful volunteers this month and thank all of the individuals who support the kids of possibility! If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to dee@rockhousekids.org

Grace Rickard and Hope (Rickard) Sandine have been faithfully serving the kids in our Pebbles area and been a part of Rock House Kids since 2012! We appreciate their excitement for the kids!



Did you know?

Rock House Kids does **not** receive any government funding? We appreciate all the wonderful support received such as help with the mortgage payments, coming to our fundraisers, as well as those faithful monthly givers! Without YOU, we can't make a difference in the lives of children in this community. Thank you so much!

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