

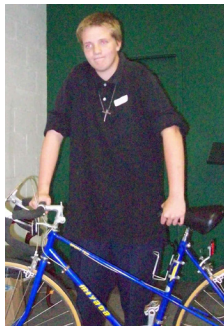
## HURTING AND HUNGRY



Rock House Kids are out on the streets or moving from one place to another.

They are hungry and tired; their lack of sleep is due to their unsafe environments. Often, they only break the law to survive. One of our volunteers, Sandy, was in a grocery store when she recognized Tyrone being apprehended by a security officer. He had stolen food for his siblings and himself. Thankfully, Sandy was able to pay for the items and Tyrone was released into her care.

Alex's bike was stolen, and he, his little brother and sister were threatened and harassed. Alex decided to protect his siblings in the same manner he had learned



from the adults in his life. At school, he was caught with a gun in his backpack and was suspended. He had nowhere to go and no food to eat. One of our staff saw him picking up garbage in the parking lot outside the



Rock House Kids building. Alex asked if he could clean or help out in any way, as he was hungry.

Unfortunately, when kids feel hungry or unsafe,

they make wrong choices and act inappropriately. While eating dinner at Rock House Kids last month, Isaiah, a third grader, was being picked on. One child taunted Isaiah for not having a place to live; another mentioned Isaiah not having food to eat. Isaiah told what was happening to Ms. Dianne, one of our staff. She consoled him, saying, “As long as you are at Rock House Kids, you will always have a place to be safe and be fed.” When he left for the night, he gave Ms. Dianne a hug and told her he felt better.



We are so grateful to our supporters. With your help, we can provide safety and food to 250-300 kids a week.

—Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

The King will reply, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40 NIV

### ARE YOU THE MISSING PIECE?



Always looking for individuals, groups, churches or businesses to prepare a hot meal for our nightly programs. Please call our office at 815.962.5067 or for more information email [barb@rockhousekids.org](mailto:barb@rockhousekids.org)

### GO DIGITAL

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email? Send a message to [barb@rockhousekids.org](mailto:barb@rockhousekids.org)



### HELP NEEDED

Still looking for Volunteer kitchen servers on Wednesdays! Help is needed from 5:30-8 pm. Contact our office for an application!



New opening for a Kitchen and Program Assistant. This is a PAID POSITION with 18 hours per week serving 2:30-8 pm Monday-Wednesday & Thursdays from 2:30-5 pm. To apply, stop by or contact our office by phone, or email [dee@rockhousekids.org](mailto:dee@rockhousekids.org) for application.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Applebee's breakfast and perennial sale on Saturday, May 14th from 8-10 am. More details will follow.

Volunteer Tech Person needed for Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm. For an application email [dee@rockhousekids.org](mailto:dee@rockhousekids.org).

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

We want to appreciate all those who have given to Rock House Kids this past month (January 16, - February 15, 2016):

**VOLUNTEER CORNER**

**We are thankful for our volunteers!**

**Bob Smith, Robert Smith Electric, and Gerald and Gerard Smith of G&G Construction** are on our Advisory Board. They have been supporting us for over ten years! We are grateful for all of their expertise and abilities!



*Pictured here from the left Bob Smith, Jason Smith and Gerard Smith. Not pictured is Gerald Smith.*

**Michelle Johnson** has been a Classroom Leader for eight years. She has been a stable force and has worn many hats with the current one being in Pebbles! She faithfully brings her children who are following in her footsteps and serve as Teen Leaders!



**PEBBLES:**

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- Joann Vander Heyden
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- Frank Whalen
- Margie Wiedenhoefer
- John & Candy Wolf
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- First Evangelical Covenant Church
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- First Baptist Church (Deer Lodge, MT)

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- Catholic Women's League of Rockford

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**Thank you so much for your support!** You ARE making a difference in the lives of hurting and hungry children in our community.