

## THE KID NOBODY WANTED

As I listened to a song entitled, “*The Kid Nobody Wanted*” by Jimmy Jack Whitaker\*, it reminds me of the plight some of our children live through, “*Living alone, is all he’s ever known, never trusting anyone. Now the scars on his heart, are tearing him apart, soon the pain will all be gone*”.

Our Rock House Kids come from broken homes, many times only knowing one parent. They move around so much they can’t even remember their address at times.

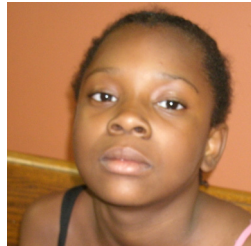
Josiah was telling one of our staff that his mama doesn’t want him. He said she lives in another state and this is why he lives with Granny. Apparently his mama has said she would come back and get him but has never shown up. He is only eight years old.



Savannah, nine, was mad when she came through the door the other night after being dropped off by her Aunt. Her mama had said she was going to visit her soon. But Savannah said “Mama never shows up, she just lies to me all

the time.” To feel unloved and unwanted at any age is a tragedy.

The chorus of the song goes like this, “*He’s the kid nobody wanted, He’s the child, who raised himself, He’s the kid nobody wanted, He finally found out, somebody loves him now.*”



When the children come into our facility, many times they want extra attention or a lot of hugs. We try and show them the love God has for his children. We share a comforting smile, give attention to something they did at school, or laugh at a joke they wanted to share or provide a special hug showing them acceptance. This can brighten anyone’s heart. We pray our Rock House Kids leave knowing they have been cared for, loved and wanted! At Rock House Kids we believe in finding a need and meeting it, finding a hurt and healing it.

— Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

\*To hear the entirety of this song, Title: The Kid Nobody Wanted <https://youtu.be/fkkAl3Xnd7w>

“Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty, than the person who has nothing to eat.”

Mother Teresa

### SUPPORT CORNER!

We are thankful for the wonderful Supporters who help us each month: Thank you Bradley and Georgann Gummow Family Foundation for covering our April 2017 mortgage payment!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Enjoy a meal on **Thursday, April 27th at Jason’s Deli, 575 S. Perryville Road, Rockford, IL** between 5-8 pm & 15% of your meal goes back to Rock House Kids. Must specify before ordering.



**Save the Date:** Thursday, November 2nd for our Streets and Sweets fundraiser 6-8:30 pm. More details to come. Call our office if you have help with silent auction items.

### CURRENT NEEDS

With spring right around the corner, **combination bike locks are needed!**

Feel free to drop these items off Monday-Friday between 9 am and 3 pm. Thank you so much.



### 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?

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](mailto:barb@rockhousekids.org) or 815-962-5067.



### Did you know?

you could leave a legacy? Is creating or updating your will or trust something you have been putting off? Please consider adding Rock House Kids in your estate planning. It is very simple to do, by just adding a simple amendment to your current estate planning document. Always make sure to discuss changes with your legal/financial advisor when planning your charitable gifts in order to protect its value and potential tax benefits. You will be helping children in our community and leaving a legacy! Thank you!

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## BECAUSE OF YOU, WE CAN CARRY ON!

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**Welcome to Vickie Kieffer**  
our newest Board Member!  
Vickie has been a long time  
caring volunteer and a class-  
room leader to many grade  
levels! She currently serves  
as the classroom leader for  
the middle school girls.

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