

## FUTURE MARKETING EMPLOYEE

What a busy summer we've had! More kids have signed up for our programs than I can ever remember in eighteen years! It is a good thing we are looking at expanding to help more kids. In my next month's newsletter article, I will share more details. Stay tuned!

One of our Rock House Kids left this for the staff to read one night after class. I believe Karry is our future marketing agent. She is in third grade and wrote this on a large piece of paper one night during class:

"Hello, my name is Karry I am a Great student I have a lot of frinds most of them are the same age as me If you are looking for a place to drop off your kids drop on over to Rockhouse Kids it douse not cost any money at all. You can make a lot of frinds there is a playground and a basket ball hope. After Rock House is done at eight a clock your Teacher will give you a bag of goodes I can not Tell you because it is a secret You have to come to Find out they have



dezar and dinner Trust me it is a Fun Fun plaese Any one can come!!!!"

The "good-es" (goodies) bag Karry is referring to is our kid-friendly food bag that we distribute to all children before they leave for the night. In

the summer when the kids are out of school, we double up on the food bag items. We include three breakfast items such as cereal bowls and granola bars, three lunch items such as cheese and peanut butter crackers, a juice pouch, two fruit cups, two snacks like chips or cookies, and one dessert. This helps feed them during the day and our hot meals fill them up during our evening program. The kids leave with a food bag every time they are here. In fact, as of the end of June, we have distributed a total of 4,060 kid-friendly food bags! We can be assured Karry and the other children, enjoy being here at Rock House Kids, eating a hot meal, and having a bag of food to take home for later

— Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO



"In this country that grows more food than any other nation on this earth, it is unthinkable that any child should go hungry."

— Sela Ward

## SUPPORT CORNER!

So far this year each monthly mortgage payment has been sponsored! We are so grateful for individuals and or businesses who have stepped up with support to make this happen. There are four months remaining. Rock House Kids wants to reach hungry and hurting children in our community and not concentrate on mortgage payments. Can YOU help? If so, please contact our office to discuss at 815-962-5067. Thank you so much!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**Sunday, Sept 11, 2017 Rock Valley Mustang Club Annual Car Show** to be held at the Machesney Elementary School grounds from 8 am to 2 pm. Food, music, craft show, silent auction and of course, CARS!

**Fun for the whole family!**

## CURRENT NEEDS



August- We are looking for gym shoes for boys and girls in fourth grade through adult sizes.

If you can help, thank you in advance!

## GO DIGITAL



Thank you taking the time to read this newsletter. Would you like to receive this newsletter by email if you don't already? Send an email to [barb@rockhousekids.org](mailto:barb@rockhousekids.org) and we will set you right up!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Rock House Kids is in need of volunteers to serve in our Kitchen and as a Classroom Leader or Helper during our evening programs. We also have opportunities to serve during daytime office hours, as a Professional Volunteer-helping with sorting, assembling, cleaning etc. but this would include no child interaction. An application and a background check would be required. Contact our office to receive the application forms. Orientation is scheduled for the first Thursday of the month. Send an email to [dee@rockhousekids.org](mailto:dee@rockhousekids.org) for application forms and to RSVP. We would love to meet you and have you join the best Volunteers in the world!!

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT!



## BECAUSE OF YOU, WE CAN CARRY ON!

Donations received from June 11, 2017 - July 10, 2017

### VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are highlighting our Advisory Committee members this month! We are so grateful for their support!

**Gerald and Gerard Smith** of G & G Construction have been supporting Rock House Kids with



our construction needs since 2004! From taking out walls, putting in walls, hanging doors, adding bathrooms, even replacing a parking lot with a playground area-they've done it all! We can't thank them enough for all of their "behind the scenes" support!

**Bob Smith** of Robert Smith Electric has also been very supportive but on an electrical level since 2002! He also helps us with roofing issues that might occur. We are so grateful for Bob's expertise!



**Kelly Willoughby** has helped in so many areas within our programs since 2011! She helps with our teens, goes with us as a chaperone on various outings, and assists with the birthday parties with Rosie's Birthday Club!



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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.