

KIDS AND COMPASSION

You never know what kids see when they pay attention to adults or overhear the words we speak. It is no surprise when we see children at Rock House Kids expressing compassion. Recently, at one of our evening programs, Trisha, a fifth grader, ran into the building to show everyone what she was carrying inside her bucket. Covered with a shirt was a little duckling! This baby duck “was on the road all by himself.” How a duckling could be found in the middle of an inner city area with no water around is still a puzzle. Trisha explained why she brought this duckling to

Rock House Kids, “It is because we take care of people, and the duckling needs to be taken care of.”

So, the Rock House Kids' staff jumped into action and found out what ducklings eat. A meal was put together and Trisha tried to feed him. During the time the children spent in our large group area, discussions suggested placing the duckling in the office to sleep. This duckling, like children, had a mind of his own! He jumped out of the bucket and had playtime in the of-

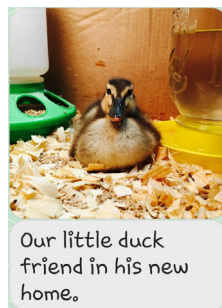


rice. He found my dog Maggie's water bowl and began to take a bath!

We all knew the duckling needed to find a forever home. By the end of the evening, a peaceful farm was found. Mr. Matt Nyberg picked up the duckling and named him “Rock” because he came from Rock House-literally. That night, Rock was enjoying his new home, along with other ducks, and boy, is Rock growing quickly!



That night at Rock House Kids, compassion was not just taught but expressed through the heart of a young girl. She turned to Rock House Kids, because we are the ones who make sure she is fed and safe. As she told one person, “Guess we are here for all God's creatures.”



Our little duck friend in his new home.

— Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

“This is what the Lord Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.’”

Zechariah 7:9

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We are thankful for the wonderful Supporters who help us each month: We want to thank Kim Watkins and Carlene Bradley for joining together to assist us with our July mortgage payment. Contact our office to see how you too can support Rock House Kids.

BIG BIG NEWS!

Rock House Kids has been awarded three grants within the past few months! Here is the breakdown:

Club Blue provided us with funds to improve our Pebbles area-more classrooms, more cafeteria space, a new sign-in, more safer for the children to enter the building.

The Mill Foundation provided us with funds to provide sound equipment for the Pebbles large, newly improved group area.

SwedishAmerican Foundation provided us with funds for a new burglar alarm system that will keep our children and volunteers safe!

We are truly grateful for their support!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, July 22, Rock House Kids Volunteers will participate in a 50/50 raffle at Rockford Speedway. The Rockford Speedway is celebrating their 70th anniversary! Lots of racing, raffles, fun and fireworks will take place. Come on out and support Rock House Kids and have a great time.



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR NEWS

Congratulations to Rich McLaughlin (L) becoming our New President and Dave Koch (R), Vice President effective June 2017.



Thank you to Daniel Bross- Past President for his excellent service.

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