

BEING THANKFUL

This month we asked our Rock House Kids for what they are thankful. Here is what some of them had to say: Third graders, Zenia, said, “My Food”, while Tomas said, “Rock House Kids.” Third grader, Jalayna, said, “My mom and dad and Rock House, they bless us and take care of us.” Second grader, Corbin, stated, “I am thankful that I get to eat and that I get to pray.” Second grader, Razani, told us, “I am thankful for the teachers and the snacks (referring to the kid friendly food bags we distribute each night).”



I was quite moved by fifth grader, Trey’s response, “I am thankful that I am alive.” Most kids his age don’t think about being dead or alive. I pondered, does

he have a safe place to live; is he getting enough to eat? I am so thankful Rock House Kids is here for our kids. We want to affect their lives anyway we can.

As I reviewed other responses the kids offered, the answers of being thankful for food and Rock House were too many

to count. I did not see any that read they were thankful for a toy or other material items. They also mentioned being thankful for playing outside. When



I questioned the children about this, they referred to the secure playground area we installed last year. The kids love when they can play safely outside, since most of them live in a concrete world.

This month of “Thankfulness” has allowed us to look at what many of the Rock House Kids feel most grateful for. May I also express how thankful I am? I thank God for the vision He gave me to start a program in 1999 for inner city children and it continues onward. I am thankful for the wonderful people who support us as we live out our motto, “Help a child today and you won’t have to repair an adult tomorrow.”

— Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

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Could we ask for your support in helping with Rock House Kids’ Christmas gifts this year? Wal-Mart gift cards in any amount received by the end of November will help us provide a Christmas gift to each child. Drop off at our office. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

ADDITIONAL NEW NIGHT FOR TEENS BEING ADDED

Effective January 2018, an additional night of programming for our Teens (grades 7-12) will take place every Thursday! Tuesdays was just not enough! Same great hours from 5-8 pm with a hot meal served and mentorship! We need volunteers who want to work with teens! Contact our office for an application 815-962-5067 or email dee@rockhousekids.org. Can you provide a hot meal or how about serving in our kitchen? Orientations are scheduled at our facility. Check out our website or Facebook page for dates and times.

ENJOY THE STREETS AND SWEETS FUNDRAISER 11.02.17

Tickets are still available! Make plans to attend Rock House Kids “Streets and Sweets fundraiser” November 2nd from 6-8 pm at UIC-Health Science campus, 1601 Parkview Ave, Rockford, IL. Tickets just \$15! Wonderful desserts, insightful speakers, RHK mime and dance teams to perform, not to mention a fantastic silent auction. Don’t miss out on the fun & learn about the great things happening at Rock House Kids! We look forward to seeing you there!

We are delighted to have the support of Dr. and Mrs. Alex Stagnaro-Green, Benson Stone, Mary’s Market, and B103 for this fundraising event!



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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

This month we want to highlight two of our fantastic volunteers!



Both Janell Nelson and Janelle Procopio began volunteering with us in 2013. On Monday nights, Janelle Nelson (left) works as a fourth grade leader and Janelle

Procopio (right) works with our sixth grade girls. We are honored to have such faithful volunteers to lead our kids!



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