

NEW AND IMPROVED

Rock House Kids has once again expanded our facility and we are excited to announce our latest addition. A new and safer front entrance now allows our kids to exit at a crosswalk on the busy road.

The new addition also allows our COO, Dee Lacny, her assistant, and me to move into newly created offices; we were so cramped before! Moving into our new offices has created a conference room and staff lounge.

A larger area was constructed for our volunteers and includes lockers to store belongings. A new and bright entryway includes a bathroom and a sign up/sign in area. We have had



an increase in signups for our free programs, so we have added four more classrooms in the Pebbles area (for first and second graders). With this additional influx of children, we have created a new cafeteria area, also for the Pebbles. Our Pebbles' large group area/Chapel has been reconstructed as a place to learn moral character



traits, Bible verses, and sing songs. New sound equipment has been purchased for this special area, too.

We've added new flooring for the office entry and to the hallway to the Stones' (students in 3-6 grades) classrooms where basic life instruction is taught. The Pebbles' cafeteria and the existing cafeteria have received much needed



new flooring, also. The existing cafeteria will now create more space for the Stones and the Boulders (7th-12th grade) to eat and hold special events.

These changes could not have been made possible without the help of our community! We are honored we have received grants from Club Blue and Woodard Charitable Trust for the construction of these new areas. We thank the Mill Foundation for the Pebbles' sound equipment, GKN Foundation for new sign in equipment, Alpine Kiwanis for security cameras, and Swedish American Foundation for a burglar alarm system to keep us safe while in the building. We are grateful, with the ongoing help of our supporters, we can continue to grow and serve more and more children in our community.

— Dola Gregory, Founder and CEO

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop”

Mother Teresa

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 10, 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!



Thursday, November 2, Annual Streets and Sweets Fundraiser to take place at UIC College of Medicine, 1601 Parkview Ave. Rockford, IL 6-8 pm. Tickets just \$15! Available on line, at the Rock House Kids office or at the door. An amazing silent auction, wonderful desserts, Rock House Kids Mime and Dance Teams to perform, guest speakers Assistant Deputy Chief Mike Dalke and CEO of Rock House Kids, Dola Gregory, and so much more! Make plans to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

CURRENT NEEDS

For the month of September, we need help with flashlights and shoes. Flashlights are needed to help children be safe while walking home at night and we have a need for shoes sizes 13 to adult. Thanks so much!



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ARE YOU THE MISSING PIECE?

Each night of programming, we serve the children a hot meal. If you are interested in providing a meal, please contact barb@rockhousekids.org, for more information and to set up a date. Individuals, churches, businesses, and civic groups have provided food for our on-going hot meal program.



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We are welcoming a new Board Member: **Bryan Selander!** Bryan is associated with Viking Chemical and will add his expertise with legal issues. Please join us in welcoming Bryan to the Board!



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