

TIMMY

The volunteers and staff are so happy when, against all odds, our kids grow up to become productive adults. They change their lives to be different from what they knew growing up. We believe it is because of Christ in their lives and knowing someone cares and takes the time to pour love and kindness into them.

One of our many success stories is Timmy. Timmy and his sister first came to Rock House Kids when he was seven and she was five years old. Their Mom always had boyfriends and the kids referred to each as their “Now Daddy”. The kids’ lives were controlled by what “Now Daddy” was involved in. Timmy was pushed through school, never getting beyond a fourth grade reading level. Often, he was seen hoarding food in pockets of his winter coat or sweatshirt when the weather was warm.

One time, when Timmy and his sister attended our annual weekend summer camp, their permission slips were all they brought with them. Both took me aside and asked if we could help them with the items they needed. We did. Even a change of clothes and underwear were provided, because they had none.

Throughout Timmy’s life, he was taken away from his mom and then brought back, while his sister was put into a good foster home, where she thrived. Timmy was not so fortunate. However, wherever he was, he made sure he got to Rock House Kids, no matter what it took to get here. Once, when his mom had both children living back with her, his sister came to Rock House and shared with me that a guy had been shot in their apartment. She and Timmy had witnessed it and ran. Once again, they were removed from the home.

I remember a time when we took him and a few other teens to a special banquet.

Timmy’s eyes were so big when he saw all the utensils on the table. “Why is there so much silverware on the table?” he asked. “I’ve never seen so many plates for one person before.” Although he had never experienced anything like this, on that day, he enjoyed all the meal courses placed in front of him.

When Timmy was in high school, he was always happy if I showed up for any of his special events. We discussed what he was going to do when he got out of school. During the four years he was in high school, he had moved three times. When graduation day came, Rock House Kids had a special gift for him along with many “Congratulations” included!

He came to us for help with job applications and clothes necessary for interviews. We were so happy to be one of his references. Now at age 19,

Timmy has a good solid job. He even volunteers at Rock House Kids and helps other kids succeed. We are proud of whom Timmy has become; he has risen far above just being another statistic!

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The annual *Applebee’s Flapjack Fundraiser* is here! Join us for breakfast on **Saturday, May 20th** from 8-10 am at Applebee’s, 6845 E State St, Rockford, IL. Just \$5 for a great meal and proceeds benefit Rock House Kids. Tickets can be purchased at Rock House Kids office, or online through their website or at the door. You won’t want to miss our perennial plant sale too (in the parking lot) Always a great way to get your garden started and support a great cause!

Enjoy a meal on **Thursday, May 25th** Backyard Grill & Bar, 6473 N 2nd St, Loves Park, IL between 5-8 pm & a percentage of your meal goes back to Rock House Kids. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 can help with silent auction items.



CURRENT NEEDS

Toiletries such as deodorant and or body wash-all sizes will be appreciated!

GO DIGITAL

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email? Send an email to barb@rockhousekids.org and we will set you right up!



ARE YOU THE 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 or call 815-962-5067. Thank you so much!

Combination bike locks and helmets are also needed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT.



BECAUSE OF YOU, WE CAN CARRY ON!

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Rock House Kids loves their volunteers? We celebrated three of them during a special AFP (Assoc. Fundraising Professionals) luncheon in April: Pictured above are (from left to right): Paul Iverson, Stan McCord, & Rich McLaughlin. They work so hard for us! Thank you, Paul, Stan, & Rich!

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