

VINEYARD OUTREACH MINISTRY

AN ECUMENICAL, LOCAL CHARITY

BASED IN THE INNER-CITY NEIGHBORHOOD OF VINE

October

Newsletter

2011

Math help, sandcastle art, group games, handling snakes, Air Zoo field trips, gravel pit exploration, warm water floats, and birthday celebrations are only a few of the simple joys that your donations and volunteerism make possible for the adults and children in our neighborhood programs.



Throughout the years, we have learned that these simple pleasures haven't been experienced by program families. Surprisingly, we've met children who have never tasted bacon, rye bread or strawberries, seen Lake Michigan, walked a nature trail, or identified a dragon fly. Some adults and children have never had a birthday party, thrown a bowling ball, or visited Chicago's Science & Industry Museum. Others can't read, multiply or divide, count change or tell time. Many teens came to us without knowing how to sweep a floor, fry an egg, or measure flour for a cake or cookies.

Now - thanks to you - *all* of them can say they've done those things and more.

Catherine Dance, Director/Pastoral Worker

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"...for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked
and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited
me. I was in prison and you came to me."
(Mt.25:35-36)

2011 BUDGET & RECEIPTS

Total Budget - \$148,088.00

Y-T-D Receipts - \$ 54,455.10 thru August, 2011

PUTT OFF FUNDRAISER RESULTS

Board, staff, donors, corporate sponsors and a matching grant from Thrivent Financials for Lutherans helped us raise a net profit of \$8530.24!! Thank you!!!!

PROGRAMS & SERVICES in 2011

Community Resource & Referral Services, Community Service Opportunity. Computer Access Copier & Fax Use

Emergency Assistance

Pastoral Visitation to Vine residents in their homes, hospitals, jails and prisons

Daze Away for Mothers & Hope for Moms Programs

Family Outings & Holiday Celebrations

Fun in the Sun Recreation Program

Graduation Banquets & Holiday Celebrations

Hope for Teens

Kids Klub Supper Hour

Kids Playtime

Kids Summer Fun Arts Program

Sunday Prayers & Dinner

Spiritual Growth Groups

Transportation Assistance for Program Families

Tutoring

Women Faith Writers & Writers in Recovery Groups

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- 1. Board Members responsible for fund-raising, publicity and staff support: 3to5 hrs per mo*
- 2. Clerical, holiday pecan fund-raiser, maintenance and program volunteers*
- 3. Receptionist, outreach assistants*

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Chris Middleton, President & Treasurer

Margaret Fleckenstein, Vice President

Mandy Sutton, Secretary

John Huizinga

Bruce Shurtz

CURRENT PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS: Marie Belleville, G R Bentley, Nate Boyer, Carole Darby, Patrick Dumler, Joan Herbon, Melissa Keilen, Gloria Henrich Meekhof, Ken & Nancy Rathert, Alex Sall, Jeremy Shaffer, Charles Stroh, Mandy Sutton, Dick & Betty VanderMolen

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