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A Note from the Director

Dear Friends,

Recently I was contacted by a local television news reporter who wanted to ask me some questions about homelessness. Her first question was, “What do you think can be done to solve the problem we have in St. Louis with the increasing homeless population?” Without hesitation I answered, “We can’t solve it. We have to prevent it!”

She obviously asked how that can be done and I shared one of my favorite quotes, “It’s easier to mold a child than mend an adult.” We need to work with young people to launch them on a path to success so homelessness won’t be an issue.

I strongly believe that children need to be nurtured to believe in their God-given potential and equipped with the tools they need to succeed in life. And as they grow up and peer pressure can lead them astray, they need continued support and encouragement to stay strong, finish the race, and keep the faith!

When children are loved unconditionally they are able to understand their unique value and worth. When they feel safe and secure because of boundaries and consistent constructive discipline, they develop personal responsibility and a good work ethic. And when their thoughts and actions are affirmed by good caring role models, they have a healthy self-image.

The structure and content of all of our Youth Outreach Programs are focused on teaching and experiencing these principles.

Your generous support of Sunshine Ministries helps us keep our doors open and meet the needs of all the folks that come to us for help each day, but it also does so much more. Your meaningful donations can mold young lives and help them become productive, fulfilled adults who will never need our homeless services!

Sincerely,

Carol Clarkson

Teaching Children Good Character

“GOOD CHARACTER” is the theme for this summer’s Kid’s Club Camp at Eagle Lodge. Each day the kids have a group lesson and a small group time with their “Big Buddy” for discussion, application and learning their memory verses.

Seeds are planted in their hearts and then we pray that God will cause those seeds to grow into good choices.

The children are learning these character traits:

- C is for COOPERATION
- H is for HONESTY
- A is for APPRECIATION
- R is for RESPECT
- A is for ATTITUDE
- C is for CARING
- T is for TRUSTWORTHY
- E is for EXCELLENCE
- R is for RESPONSIBILITY

“... Christ will live in your heart because you believe in him.”
Ephesians 3:17
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Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”

Mark 10:14

Each day is full of friends, fun and yummy food... like the pinata and taco lunch Mexican Fiesta Day!

Creating FOREVER memories.

The children are learning about God from His Word as well as the beauty of His creation!
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I would like to give a gift to help Sunshine Ministries work with those in need today and help young people prepare for a better tomorrow.

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☐ I want to partner with Sunshine with a new monthly gift of $10 ☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $__________
☐ My gift by check is enclosed.
☐ Please charge my credit card ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
  Card Number ___________________________ Exp. Date ___________________________
  Signature ______________________________________ Date ___________________________

Name __________________________________________________________________________
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