



Join me in the excitement of summer!!!

By: Mark Drake, Executive Director

Summer! What an exciting and opportune time of the year! Each spring I start getting excited about our eight weeks of camp and summer outreach! Special children's summer programs, youth clubs and special trips! So many lives being touched with fun, great relationships and learning about the Hope of the world!

Just yesterday I heard our college summer camp counselors express their hearts and excitement for the summer. They have plans to touch the lives of many campers this summer! Their vision and enthusiasm energized me up even more! We truly are going to have an amazing summer this year, and you have a big part in making it happen! Thanks! I look forward to sharing with you the impact we have had together at the end of summer!



MEET OUR NEW CAMP COUNSELORS

Liz Tessiatore



Liz is excited about the challenge of camp and is looking forward to what God is going to teach her this summer.



Tyler Curtis



Tyler has an incredible passion for our kids and will bring an exciting dynamic to

Sarah Blomquist



Sarah wants to be a positive leader and friend to our students while pointing them to

Gary Firak



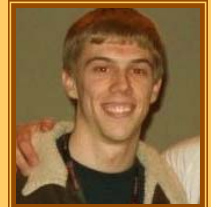
Gary has felt a strong calling to serve at camp this summer. He enjoys playing basketball and just plain being outdoors.

Megan Curtis



Megan is very excited about camp and sharing Christ with stu-

Ramo Stott



Ramo has felt God's call to serve at camp. He is excited for what God will do with him

Youth Spotlight!

Each month we will be spotlighting a youth and his or her testimony as a reminder for you to continue to pray for the unreached youth among us.



Tiana

"CF has made me better because I used to fight, argue and be disrespectful to staff and others. But CF helped me to become a better person by helping me read the Bible. The greatest moment at CF was camp. Camp was a fun place to learn about God."

Three good reasons to invest \$175 in a low-income child to go to



When youth are at camp, they aren't on the streets drinking, going to parties, fighting, being tempted, etc.



Each week at camp, kids are given love, hope, encouragement, and they create life-changing fun memories.



We have already had many youth accept Christ as their Savior! Camp helps them to grow and trust God more intimately.

Thank you for your faithful sponsorships!!

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YES!

Carlos takes full advantage of programs at the Rock Island Center. You can expect to see him just about every day after school, finishing homework before he bolts onto the basketball court for some pick-up games. He has recently linked up with the Hip Hop Academy dance team. He once told me with a smile, "I can dance but I've never learned any choreography. This is fun!" On Saturday nights he practices with his friends some new dance moves and tries to perfect his craft. His upbeat nature is contagious. He's respectful and well-mannered. Carlos is a very likable guy.

Although most of the time Carlos is all smiles and a lot of fun, after a gospel message one night he did not seem himself. I saw him sitting by himself as I talked and prayed with another teen. Carlos got up and began to make a move toward the door. I quickly whistled at him and told him I wanted to chat with him. Up to this point in our relationship, I had never directly asked Carlos what he thought about all the "God stuff" we talk about during message time. So I boldly asked him, "Carlos, you've been coming for a while now. What do you think about Jesus? Have you ever thought about living your life for Him?" Without blinking he replied, "Yes!" I quickly responded by asking him "Did you know that you can accept Christ anytime? You could even do it right now! Do you want that?" With the signature Carlos smile, he says, "Yes!" That night Carlos was made new in the eyes of his Creator, and he left the youth center with the hope and light of the world! These priceless moments would never be possible without supporters like you saying, "YES!" to generously supporting the efforts of this ministry. Thank you so much!
-Chris Britton, RIYC Youth Director

Thanks to our many tutors who come and volunteer twice a week in our Moline Center. We appreciate your dedication. Some of our tutors are retired, some



couples, some college students, and some high school students. Call the Moline Youth Center if you would like to help tutor next fall!

FOOD PANTRY

Our numbers for the month of

April were:

254 Families = 820 People

May were:

227 Families = 722 People

The need for food has increased 28% in our area. Thank you again for your generosity that helps to serve underprivileged families in times of need.

**Come in and pick up your
Birdies for Charity Pledge form
at our Moline Youth Center.**

Can't stop by?

Just give us a call at

(309) 762-4577

and we will mail one to you.



WANTED:

- * Picnic tables for our Moline Youth Center's summer programming
 - * A wood splitter for Camp Summit
 - * Tupperware and spoons for camp
- If you would like to donate please call the Moline Youth Center.