



Hello Slingshots Friends!

April was a great month for Slingshots!

We are very thankful to many people who participated as volunteers, contributed to our "Big Sale", and of course, to those of you who have helped fund the mission of Slingshots.

This month we have gained two local churches as supporters of Slingshots: Christ Our Savior Church on N. Lavergne and The Branch on Foster in Chicago. Both churches are located very close to Slingshots. We look forward to partnering with them over the years in helping teens and families.

Big Sale Report

In case you did not know, Slingshots was given an estate. This estate sale turned into an estate/garage sale at my (Bob's) house in April. Many people contributed items to be sold and along with the estate items almost \$4,000.00 was raised for Slingshots. We still have a couple items to sell. One is an odd item that is a bit challenging to sell. It is an Hoyer Lift. The lift takes up an entire room. If you know of anyone that needs this or have any insight on how to sell one of these, please let us know.

Meet Two of our Teens



Kemon



Gustavo

This is Kemon! A sophomore at Schurz High School who comes to Slingshots almost every day after school. Kemon has a great attitude and a fun spirit. He likes to challenge students as well as Bob and Jenn at ping-pong, basketball, foosball, and carpet ball. He is a very good student and a wonderful student leader. Kemon has a servant's heart and is always willing to help out another student, work the snack shop, or even clean up. Kemon loves to play UFC on the Playstation. We have a friendly competition most of the time. Not long ago he challenged me to this UFC video game. If I won, he had to help clean up Slingshots, and if he won, the entire crowd at Slingshots would get pizza that day. Well, Kemon was the hero that day as all the students got to eat pizza due to my loss. Kemon's brother, a junior, also comes to Slingshots and every once in a while his little sister will visit.

This is Gustavo! He is a freshmen at Schurz High School who never sits down. He is always moving around doing something. He makes us laugh with his silly antics. You will find Gustavo wrestling someone on most days using an extra-large bean bag as his wrestling mat. He plays guitar, the saxophone, and a few other instruments. Gustavo recently came up with the idea for Slingshots to have an art show where teens can share their art work. On May 28th his idea will become a reality as we have our first Slingshots Art Show. Gustavo's younger brother also attends Slingshots most days after school. He is learning to play ping-pong and has become my (Bob's) doubles partner as we challenge others to a friendly game. Gustavo will no doubt be a great leader someday. I look forward to seeing how he matures and grows as a contributor to the community.

Slingshots is a fun, safe place for teens to come after school. Our mission is to "Help teens hit their target." We have the opportunity to help teens develop their character as we help them navigate conflict, family problems, school problems, and all the other things that life throws at them on a daily basis. We are a source of encouragement and motivation to teens as they take one day at a time to become the man or woman that is needed in our world today.

Every day we have a Bible study with all the teens that come to Slingshots. Teens do not have to stay for this but almost all of them do. We stop at 5:00 to have a short Bible study and this has proven to be a very valuable time as we teach what God has to say about the different issues teens face. We call it "5 @ 5".

Your continued support is more valuable than you may realize. Below are some ways you can help Slingshots continue with their mission:

Volunteers. We are in need of adults that would like to invest in the lives of teens to help bring them along with their character and grades. www.slingshotschicago.com/volunteer

Funding. Slingshots is in need of monthly supporters as well as one time gifts that will help us continue to impact the lives of teens, families, and communities. www.slingshotschicago.com/donate

Prayer. We covet your prayers. God knows what we need better than we know. Pray that God will give us the wisdom as only He can give. Pray for students that they would be open to learn more about Him.

Serving Him together,

Bob Anderson & Jenn Sydow

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