



Slingshots *November 2015*

Hi Slingshots Friends,

We enter the fall season with great anticipation as teen lives are being helped and changed! It is really amazing to see what has been happening at Slingshots over the last month. We are so thankful for those who continue to volunteer to help teens hit their target in life. We are also thankful for new volunteers and partners of Slingshots. All this could not be done without the grace and provision from God.

The end of the year is fast approaching and Slingshots would like to ask you to consider an end of the year gift. Slingshots is a 501c3 non-profit organization. If you would like to do this, please send checks to Slingshots: 4839 W. Irving Park Rd. Chicago, IL 60641. You can also donate via our website at: www.slingshotschicago.com/donate. Be part of the team and help teens hit their target in life.

Slingshots students

Anai Guadarrama - 6th grade

What do you like about SS? *It's fun and you can see your friends. You get food. If you stay for 5@5, you can win prizes.*

What are your hobbies? *Draw, come to SS, and sing.*

What is your favorite subject in school? Why? *Science. Because you get to experiment with things.*

What are your goals in life? *To pass 6th grade. And to help people that need help. (How so?) To be something when I grow up that is going to help me pay stuff for my family.*

What do you want to be when you grow up? *Clothes designer.*



Brian Villalobos - 10th grade

What do you like about SS? *Meet new people, like playing his band instruments, gaga ball, and good video games.*

What are your hobbies? *Skate, play instruments, play soccer, talk to friends.*

What is your favorite subject in school? Why? *Chemistry, took a lot of labs and it's fun.*

What are your goals in life/ what do you want to be when you grow up? *Become an architect, graduate from college*



This is Elijah. He attended one of our carpentry classes where we decided to take a break and do a project. He made the Michael Jordan outline for his project. Many students attended this class and made some great artwork using a board, hammer, nails and string.



Vocational Training: Carpentry. The vocational training in carpentry has allowed teens to learn about tools and use them for the first time. We have many projects at Slingshots that need to be done. The teens get to learn carpentry skills while helping Slingshots look nicer.

Pictured to the right is board member Tom Madalinski. Tom is helping with carpentry class. Tom showed teens how to install an interior door. They cut the hole in the wall, installed supports, installed door, put new door knobs and locks, put mud on the walls, sand and install the trim.



Vocational Training: Fashion Merchandising. Slingshots boutique is created by teens for teens. We are teaching fashion merchandising to teens and the donated clothes go to help teens and children who have a need. Every other Thursday, teens stay an extra hour to help with the boutique and learn more about how to merchandise clothing and shoes.



Boy's jeans needed for teen boys. If you have new or gently used jeans for boys, please consider donating them to Slingshots.

Tuesday Bible study and root beer floats. Teens are learning that if their life differs from the Bible, then a change needs to take place.



Club night happens about every other Friday night. Club night is for 9th – 12th grade students. We are thankful for the Chicago Church of Christ that comes to lead the Bible study for teens.

Pictured to the left is Sr. Pastor Bill from CCC teaching the teens Bible study for the night.

Do you want to volunteer?

Slingshots needs volunteers to invest in the lives of teens. Pick your hours Monday to Friday from 3:00 – 7:00.

www.slingshotschicago.com/volunteer

End of the year gift to Slingshots

Please consider supporting Slingshots with a gift this year. Slingshots is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Your financial gift will

help teens hit their target in life. Your gift will help the team at Slingshots continue to help teens with education, vocational training, emotional support and spiritual guidance.

Monthly Supporters

We are thankful for our current monthly supporters. Would you want to join those that are making a donation on a monthly basis? This can be set up as an automatic withdraw or you can send in a check monthly. Let us know if you want to become a monthly supporter.

Dessert Night – December 6 at Slingshots 6:00 p.m.

Email slingshotschicago@gmail.com to RSVP by December 3rd.

Please come and see what has been happening at Slingshots. Hear from some of the students and listen to plans for the future.

Sincerely,

Bob Anderson – Director of Slingshots

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Devon Blessman - Volunteer Highlight

What do you like about SS? *SS is a joy to be a part of, because they are not fake.. SS gives me the opportunity to be exposed to the realities of city kids. SS gives students a safe place to be and have fun, while also learning many things.*

What are your goals in life? *The most important goal I have is to glorify God with all my actions and words. I also hope to either join a ministry or start one of my own that works in a foreign country to spread the gospel.*

What do you want to be when you grow up? *I want to be a missionary. My goal is to live life with others, living like Jesus would, and blessing the people the best I can.*

Why should other people volunteer? *I enjoy volunteering with SS, because the people are wonderful. Both the students we hang out with and the volunteers are such an encouragement each week. Bob and Jenn have set up a program unlike any other that I have seen. I respect them, because they encourage growth yet do not expect perfection. Others should volunteer simply because it is worth it. It is worth the hard times to see one teen learn a new life skill. It takes the hard work of multiple volunteers to change a generation's way of thought.*