



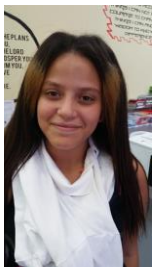
October 2015  
Newsletter

Slingshots Friends,

We had an incredible month at Slingshots in regards to helping teens. We have had some incredible first at Slingshots. We have had our first vocational training in carpentry, our first student leadership training and many more wonderful things continue to happen in order to help the teens hit their target in life.

I want to say a big THANK YOU to all of you who have donated to Slingshots. I am extremely thankful for those of you who give on a regular basis as our monthly donors. The staff and volunteers at Slingshots are doing their best to help impact the lives of teens so that they can be the future leaders contributing to the community that they live in.

## Student Spotlight



### Perla Nunez

**What do you like about SS?** Everything. A lot of nice people here. I always have fun. I like the music room, the games, the food and I like helping out with the snack shop. **What are your hobbies?** Drawing, music, being at SS. **What is your favorite subject in school? Why?** Nothing! Ok maybe Science. I like Science because of the mystery, and mixing stuff; it's interesting.

**What are your goals in life?** Graduate high school, graduate college and I want to bring my dad to Chicago from the Dominican Republic.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Be a doctor.



### Genesis Aguilar

**What do you like about SS?** Having fun, hanging out with my friends, hanging out with Bob and Jenn. **What are your hobbies?** Hockey, gaga ball. **What is your favorite subject in school? Why?** Social studies. Because I like to learn. **What are your goals in life?** Graduating college. **What do you want to be when you grow up?** I want to be a middle school teacher.

## Vocational Training: Carpentry

It was Hammer time in September! Our first two carpentry classes taught teens to use a hammer, read a tape measure, use a hand saw, work with screwdrivers and use a drill. The students have done a great job working with the tools. Many teens are using them for the first time in their lives. The Slingshots carpentry training happens every other Wednesday for all 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.



*Teens learning to use a hammer*



*The first vocational training: Carpentry class*

## Vocational training: Fashion Merchandising



Many teens have been working hard in the Slingshots boutique. We are now ready for teens in need to come and get clothes. Every other Thursday teens stay an extra hour to learn fashion merchandising and put together the boutique so that teens who need clothes have a place to come. A boutique by teens for teens is a wonderful thing to see happen. I encourage you to come and see the boutique.

## First day of school

Last year when we opened two teens came to Slingshots on the first day of school. This year 60 teens showed up on the first day of school. Over the last year over 600 teens have come to Slingshots and many continue to come. Some students come occasionally, weekly and some come just about every day.

## Student Leadership Training

In September Slingshots had our first student leadership training. The goal of this training is to develop leadership skills in the lives of 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our first training taught principles of serving, humility, tenacity and encouragement. Students were involved in a discussion and exercises that helped them learn how to work together practicing these things with their peers.



## Music Room

Our music room is set up for teens to learn how to play guitar, keyboard, drums, etc. We are encouraging teens to try out some instruments to wet their appetite for the arts. Many are learning to play for the first time. We still have a little work to go until this area is finished. We have to install large curtains to cover up the windows in the background and install a door for the music room but we are excited about the progress thus far.



*Teens playing in the music room*

## NEW CALENDAR ON WEBSITE!

We now have a new calendar on our website where teens, parents, community and volunteers can stay informed on the daily schedules. Simply go to our website and click on the calendar tab.

## High school club night

High school students gather just about every other Friday at Slingshots for Club Night. A local youth pastor and youth group come to Slingshots to enjoy fellowship together along with some great Bible teaching. The Slingshots high school students are invited to take part in meeting new friends and learning from the local youth pastor.



## Plan a visit to Slingshots!

I would love to show you what is going on at Slingshots. Call Bob to set up a time to visit 847-873-4762. Come alone or bring some friends. If you have never seen Slingshots or just have not been in a while please stop in to see the progress.

## Financial Support

I am very thankful for all the financial support over the last year. Slingshots is working on a current budget where we raised 31% thus far. We need your help in raising the yearly support so that we can help teens in Chicago hit their target. Please see the image below and consider your part on the Slingshots donor team.

**Note:** You can also go to [www.slingshotschicago.com/donate](http://www.slingshotschicago.com/donate) to give with a credit card or write a check to Slingshots and send to 4839 W. Irving Park Rd. Chicago, IL 60641. Learn more at [www.slingshotschicago.com](http://www.slingshotschicago.com).

## Slingshots is at 31% supported.

In order for Slingshots to be 100% supported would you be willing to commit to one of the following?

50 People needed to give \$50 a month

11 people needed to give a yearly gift of \$3,000

2 people needed to give a yearly gift of \$5,000

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Thank you for being a friend to Slingshots.

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