

SLINGSHOTS

Helping teens hit their target.

Greetings Slingshots Friends

This month Slingshots celebrates one year of our doors being opened for teens. Close to 600 teens have come to Slingshots in our first year. We are so thankful for all that have helped in a volunteer role, financial gifts, prayer support and encouragement. I am also very happy to share that a high school teen boy accepted Christ as his personal Savior. I have known this young man for about a year now and I have had many conversations with him about Jesus. He has read the Life Book that I gave him (The book of John). He came to Slingshots not long ago and saw a piece of candy that had John 3:16 taped to it and started asking me questions about that verse. This led to sharing more scripture and him praying to ask God for forgiveness of his sins and putting his trust and faith in God alone.

We are trying to help teens with education, vocational training, emotional support and spiritual guidance. We are no doubt helping teens on all of these levels and we are thankful that God has opened doors as relationships are being built.



John is a high school student who has been coming to Slingshots for about a year now. John has learned a lot about being a servant and even when to walk away from a situation so that he does not say or do something that he would regret later. I am so thankful for John as a young servant. Every time I ask John to help he is willing. He will ride his scooter in early if needed and get to work. He will help clean, organize, move furniture, stock the snack shop, get the music ready for the day and has a great attitude while serving. Everyone once in a while I take John out to brunch/lunch and have really gotten to know him. John is starting to learn what a “Slingshots Kid” is all about. John has shown great maturity when it comes to conflict with other teens. No doubt John is growing into a student leader and wonderful servant.



Hashim is one of the most polite young men you will ever meet. He has a great attitude and others are drawn to his fun personality. I appreciate how much Hashim participates when we have our daily Bible study. He is a great listener and seems to be a sponge when it comes to retaining things being taught to him. Most days Hashim will ride his bike to Slingshots and when he comes inside others are eager to see him. He loves to play cards, gaga ball, foosball and simply hang out with some of his new friends.

Slingshots Music Room

Slingshots now has a music room where teens can play guitar, keyboard, drums, etc. This room is used every day. If you have any guitar amps, guitars, chords, etc. that you are no longer using and would like to donate please let us know. Many of the teens are beginners when it comes to playing music.



Slingshots Boutique



We have made a lot of progress in putting together a boutique by teens for teens. We are teaching fashion merchandising while we are setting up Slingshots Boutique so that kids in need will have clothes. One need is wood boxes. We are going to use the wood boxes for our t-shirt area. We need about 20 wood boxes. If you have any let us know. When school starts we will teach fashion merchandising every Thursday night from 6:00 to 7:00. If this is something you would like to help with please let us know.

Carpentry: Hammers needed

Once school starts we will begin to teach entry level carpentry to the teens. We will start with some of the basics. We are in need of hammers for the teens. If you have any let us know. Maybe you would like to come and help on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 when we teach the teens some carpentry skills.

200 Envelope Challenge

We have started our 200 Envelope challenge during the month of August. It is simple – You pick a number envelope and donate that amount to Slingshots. We have 37 envelopes taken already. What Envelope Number Do You Want? Let us know and we will mark that envelope as taken. You can then mail a check to Slingshots or log on to www.slingshotschicago.com/donate and use a credit card to make the donation. The numbers that are taken already are:

Volunteers needed after school

On September 8th we start our after school hours. We will be open from 3:00 to 7:00 Monday to Friday. If you would like to volunteer for any of those hours please let us know. You can pick your hours and day of the week by going to www.slingshotschicago.com/volunteer.

Monthly Supporters

We are so thankful for our monthly supporters who generously make donations to Slingshots mission of Helping Teens Hit Their Target in Life. We are still in need of support to continue this ministry as we make an impact on young teen lives in the city of Chicago. Would you consider joining out monthly supporters? Would you consider a onetime gift to Slingshots? We are a 501c3 non-profit organization.



Please pray that God will provide the needed funds. Slingshots depends on the generosity of people like you that want to see the teens of Chicago Hit Their Target In Life!

Serving Him Together,

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