



## About Us

### Mission



Our mission is to share God's transforming love in our neighborhood by building relationships, sharing resources, and inviting people to become part of God's family.

### Goals



- 1. Transformed Individuals**  
Individuals in our neighborhood will have the opportunity to be healthy spiritually, mentally, and physically.
- 2. Transformed Families**  
Families in our neighborhood will have the resources they need to be safe, loving, and healthy.
- 3. Transformed Neighborhood**  
Our neighborhood will be safe, encouraging, and will reflect God's Glory.

### Plans



We humbly acknowledge that God is the only one capable of transforming us and our neighborhood. Following Jesus' example, our plan is to follow God's leadership and

- 1) Live in our Neighborhood
- 2) Build Relationships
- 3) Share Resources

The resources that we share are designed to bless individuals, families, and our neighborhood. Examples of these resources include the following:



## Beliefs



## Our Statement of Faith:

We at the Family Center on O'Keefe Street believe that:

- All men and women are created in the image of their Creator.
- The Bible was originally given by God and is divinely inspired, entirely trustworthy, and the only supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- Sin has resulted in alienation, brokenness, pain, and injustice.
- God, because of His great love, sent His son Jesus Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, who came to bring good news to the poor,

proclaim release to the captives,  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed;  
and to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord. (taken from Luke 4:18-19)

- Jesus, who was sinless, took our sins upon Himself and was judged and crucified for our wrong.
- God raised Jesus to new life and made Him Lord over all.
- God gives new life to all who believe and obey Jesus through the Holy Spirit, who comes to live inside the believer.
- The Holy Spirit makes ordinary people part of God's family and gives them the power to continue Jesus' work of building His kingdom, where the poor receive the good news, captives are released, the blind receive sight, the oppressed are set free, and people make Jesus king of their lives.
- Jesus Christ is the one and only way to be saved from sin and death. Through Him, we are given new life and are united with God forever.
- After receiving this new life, God makes us a part of His family, adopting us as sons and daughters. We actively participate in this family by becoming unified and reconciled and by inviting others to be a part of this family.

## Programs

### **Bible Clubs**

Weekly Bible Clubs give kids a chance to play, learn stories about Jesus, and grow in fellowship with one another. Every Friday there is a boy and a girl Bible Club in the evenings, which meet separately. Our Bible Clubs include scripture studies and fun activities. This is a great time for volunteers and children to build deeper relationships with one another. It is also a time for children to learn more about God and how they can live according to God's desires for them.



### **Tutoring + Academic Skill Development**

Our tutoring program runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5-6pm. It is an informal setting where volunteers can make a real difference and impact on a child's life.

Tutoring is a great practical step to help meet our community's needs since many parents cannot help their children complete homework assignments. Some of the reasons parents have difficulty helping their children are: their own limited education, they cannot speak/read English, and/or their work schedule does not permit them to.

In addition to tutoring, we also offer Academic Skill Development for a limited number of children, from 4-5pm every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Each child that participates has math and reading goals, individually tailored to his/her needs. During Academic Skill Development, volunteers help students progress towards these goals.

### **Summer Program**

The summer program gives kids fun and growing activities to take part in during the summer. There are a variety of educational and recreational activities, as well as a wrap-up barbeque and achievement recognition ceremony at the end of the summer.

## How To Get Involved

### **Prayer**

Please join us as a partner in prayer, lifting up the needs of our ministry: for the children, youth, and adults who we serve, for on-going and new funding sources, and for volunteers uniquely suited to implement our mission.

## Volunteering



We have a wide variety of volunteer roles available for people local to our area, including tutoring, mentoring, leading Bible Clubs, teaching classes, prayer walking, and supervising community access hours in the center.

We have short-term summer service opportunities and are looking for additional ministry partners to move into our neighborhood with us.

### Ongoing Equipment Wish List

a: Paper Supplies:

lined paper;

graph paper;

printer paper (white + colored); construction paper (multiple colors);

cardstock (multiple colors)

b: School & Office Supplies: pencils, erasers, pens; markers, crayons, glue, etc.

c: Children's Books (in good condition):

classics,

short or easy chapter books;

early reading leveled books

d: Printer Ink:

HP 54 & 55 (Black and Color)

e: Art & Craft Supplies (paints, scissors, craft kits, paint brushes, etc.)

f: Incentive Rewards & Prize Supplies for children's and youth programs:

candy, stickers, \$5 gift certificates

g: Educational Software:

(all ages & levels) that can be used with both Mac and PC

### Financial Partnership

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to making all of our programs and services financially accessible to low-income families, we rely on charitable giving for the majority of our funding. Tax-deductible donations can be made on a monthly or one-time basis payable to the "Family Center on O'Keefe Street" and mailed to our center at the address below.

For more information about any of these opportunities, contact us at:

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