

During the last week of July, I met with four young ladies (pictured below) and told them to write about their experiences at Cherry Street this summer. I was surprised when all four girls also wanted to write about the staff and volunteers who provide the activities. After thinking about it, I realized how we become an important part of their lives. So, I want to send out a big THANK YOU to all of you who make it possible for people like me to be an important part of so many kids' lives.  
-Kevin Olson

### **Austin Tait - Recreation**

Austin Tait, better known as 'Tater Tot,' is our P.E. instructor. His nickname came from his last name, Tait. He has been working at Cherry Street for around a year. He didn't start out as an instructor, he started out as a helper. This summer, he planned a water day, where we came in our swimming suits and brought towels, because we got REALLY wet!! Most of the kids at Cherry Street like the games Dr. dodge ball, 4-square & soccer. That's it for now! -Rylee Bennett

### **Lavon Leake - Nutrition**

In Nutrition we make lunch on Monday. Lavon is one of the favorite helpers. We all love nutrition. We cook using the veggies out of our garden. We made pickles, green beans, corn, and a veggie tray too. -Miranda Bockover



Our August Newsletter Crew: Ashley King, Jaymi Lawrence, Rylie Bennett, & Miranda Bockover

### **Kevin Olson - Gardening**

The reason why Kevin wanted to help is because he felt it was important to help other people. Kevin is also our garden teacher! His parents and grandparents are farmers. As a kid he helped them in their garden at home. He wanted to grow a garden because he knows kids like to learn how to grow things. He thinks it is very fun!!!

Some of the things we grow are: corn, okra, cucumbers, cantaloupe, banana peppers, green beans, potatoes, watermelon, squash, sunflowers, carrots, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, zucchini, celery, and flowers. Some of the things we do with the produce is: Setup a veggie & lemonade stand and sell them, give them to the families of Cherry Street, and we cook them and have them for lunch at Cherry Street. -Ashley King

### **Bev Christmas & Sumer Harrison - Cooking and Art**

Beverly and Sumer are the cooks of Cherry Street. Sumer is a volunteer cook. What they do here is cook food. They both teach arts and crafts also. We need to thank them because they make breakfast and lunch. Summer goes to each kid and asks what they want. Then she'll serve us. Sorta like a mini restaurant. Beverly is the best dynamite cook ever. In art we make a lot of things. Like place-mats, necklaces, and color sheets. You know stuff like that -Jaymi Lawrence

### **Circle Time - Carolyn Hurst**

At circle time we do a couple of skits. We also sing some songs that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders lead. We have prayer and then review the ten commandments. Carolyn likes leading circle time because it teaches the commandments in a easy way. Gail also taught us sign language to help us remember them. -Miranda Bockover

### **Garden - Parker Klaassen**

Parker is a teenager who used to attend Cherry Street. He is now a garden helper. He roto-tills the garden, waters, pulls weeds, and plants plants.  
-Tennisyn Hall & Ashley King

We hope you enjoyed our August Newsletter that was written especially for you by some of our Cherry Street children!

Sign up for the new school at Cherry Street was Tuesday evening. We had set up over 60 chairs and they were all full—we then had parents sitting on the floor—we then had parents standing up—we even had a bunch at the doorway trying to get into the gym! What an amazing turn out. When all the rules and expectations were shared with the parents, we then handed out registration forms to be filled out and we ended up with 145 children!!!! We are still not quite sure what we are going to DO with that MANY children, but we are sure God has a plan for us!!!! We also handed out 139 bags of school supplies to those who needed them. What a night!

God Bless You,  
Barb Prier, Director

WITH OUR LARGE REGISTRATION THIS YEAR,  
VOLUNTEERS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN  
EVER! VOLUNTEER TRAINING MEETING IS 6:30,  
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AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A  
CHILD THIS YEAR! THE KID'S NEED YOU!

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