

What a beautiful corn “crop” we have this year! “The corn is as high as an elephant’s eye....” As you can see, the kids are really getting into the gardening act. We have lots more garden pictures on our web site, [www.cherrystreetyouthcenter.org](http://www.cherrystreetyouthcenter.org). Our produce stand will be open July 21st, 22nd, and 23rd from 9am to 11am at Cherry Street West on North Garfield. We hope you will stop by and meet some of the children and pick up a cucumber or two! We hope to have cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, okra, corn and squash for you to pick from. Kevin Olson, our gardening teacher, taught the children to make pickles last month. Today they got to eat some of them and they really thought that was something! One addition to our garden supplies this year was the purchase of boots so that the children could be in the garden when it was muddy — boy have those boots gotten a workout THIS year! Thanks to all who contributed to our “Boot Fund!”



## ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, July 27th

Our annual meeting is fast approaching! The meeting will be held Sunday, July 27th, at 2 PM, Cherry Street West, 719 N. Garfield. Delegates from each Church will vote on the Board of Directors, learn what Cherry Street has been doing as well as what we are planning for the coming year. If you would like to be a delegate from your Church, please contact your minister immediately! Time is running out! Delegates play a vital role in the success of the Center. They are the pathway of our communication with their Church. Without the prayer, financial assistance and volunteer support of our churches, Cherry Street would cease to exist. Please make sure **YOUR** church is sending delegates on July 27th!

## Garage Conversion Begun

Work has begun on converting the garage at Cherry Street West into two classrooms. Wayne McDaniels (left) and volunteer, Anthony, as well as many others are doing a great job and of course, Walter Aday keeps everybody on their toes! Like a lot of our Cherry Street graduates, 11-year old Matthew (below) wanted to continue to be a part of Cherry Street as a volunteer. Turns out, he knows construction and is a really big help!



There is still time for you to volunteer your services! Call Wayne at 431-2818, or simply stop by Cherry Street West on Garfield! In less than 2 months we will have children filling our two new classrooms, and what a blessing those two new rooms will be!

We have received \$6,125 for our garage conversion and so are more than half way to our goal of \$10,000! Want to help? Send your donation to Cherry Street Youth Center, PO Box 414, Chanute, KS 66720.

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### Cherry Street Growing Again

We are continually trying to improve our programming to meet the needs of the children we serve. Each day volunteers and staff become more compassionate and sensitive to the children, and every day there are new opportunities to grow spiritually in our ministry with these children. Once again, Cherry Street will be stepping out in faith. With the new 2008-2009 school year Cherry Street Youth Center will increase its programming to five days a week. This will give us approximately 30 more days during the school year to touch the lives of these wonderful children with God's unfailing love. What a wonderful opportunity lies ahead of us!

With every opportunity, comes a few challenges! Burnout among staff is a possibility, volunteers unwilling to work on Fridays is a possibility, increasing our budget to accommodate an additional 30+ days in a down-turned economy presents a challenge. We hope you will pray for these concerns as well as the "unknowns" of a 5-day-a-week Cherry Street. We have come a long way since 1995 when we were open 2 days a week! **BUT** through it all, we know who has been leading the way and holding our hand. We do indeed serve an awesome God. Keep up the prayers — IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD!

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE  
[www.cherrystreetyouthcenter.org](http://www.cherrystreetyouthcenter.org).  
Kevin Olson has done a great job  
designing the site.

*Blessings to each of you! Barb Prier, Director*