

July 2015

Dear Friends,

It is a great day! **Children's programs continue throughout the summer.** Volunteers from Good Shepherd Lutheran and St. Charles Assembly of God have provided a wonderful Summer Vacation Bible School. Twenty one children came last week. Breakdown St. Louis performed a drama and encouraged the children to use the gifts God put in each of them. This month the children will perform their talent in a variety show in a big celebration at the Backpack/school supply Distribution. They are also learning that God values them and that He has a purpose and plan for their life. One of our partners, Barb Murphy, shared how she was bullied in middle school, but that God has a purpose for her life. It all fit together beautifully with what the children are learning.



*Children helped
through Cardinal Care*

We received an encouraging note from a grandfather we want to share with you:

"I am the proud grandfather of Margie. She is 10 years old and this is her second term with this after school program. I believe in my heart even if I do not live to see it that she will be a high school graduate. She comes from a family of seven other siblings ages 6-24. Not one of the other siblings has graduated from high school. But I know for a fact that this after school program has made a difference in her life. She has grown so much in her school work, her way of speaking, her self-esteem and affection for others. She actually received "Student of the Month" in March. The volunteers cover a lot of different areas in all of the children that attend the center. But most of all they teach the children how to respect themselves and others plus how to show true affection towards one another. Since she started the program every time she sees me she greets me with a big smile and kiss on my cheeks. Can you imagine how that makes a granddaddy feel? 😊"

Your support and prayers make these changes and many more like them possible. Thank you for serving hundreds of people in South St. Louis this year.

Because of your giving and volunteer service, parents are able to put food on their table, adults have access to free professional counseling, and children have a safe place to come for tutoring and guidance.

Every child in your After School Program is moving up to the next grade in school. Because of the program's success and need in the community, we are adding a second day to the program starting this fall. **YOU are making a huge impact on your city!**



*Having fun at the
Easter Eggstravaganza*

Will you join us the second half of 2015 to partner in one or more of these outreaches?

- July 30th Back to School Bash: Backpacks, School Supplies
- August 18th After School Program begins
- November 20th Thanksgiving Food Distribution
- December 18th Christmas Food Distribution
- December 19th Children's Christmas Party: New Gifts & Stockings

Additionally, we hope to provide new coats, gloves and hats to the children this fall.

The cost to sponsor one event is \$50 per person. Your donation of \$50 could supply all school supplies a child needs; an entire holiday meal for a family; brand new gifts for a child to open Christmas morning; or a coat, hat and gloves to keep a child warm and prevent illness this winter.

Please pray and consider sponsoring a child or family for at least one of the outreaches. Also ask your church, small group, employer, child's school(s), or other group to consider partnering by making a financial contribution and/or collecting items. Contact Kay Bach at kbach@crisisaid.org to receive the exact list of items we are collecting for each outreach and the deadlines; all items must be new.

Thank you for all you do for your community. You are not providing hand-outs, but rather you are making an *eternal* impact in South St. Louis. To learn more about how you can partner in this ministry, visit www.crisisaid.org/wings or call 314/487-1400.



VBS Children having fun with "Breakdown St. Louis"

God bless you,

Pat & Sue

Sue, Pat Bradley and Team

P.S. Follow @crisisaid on Twitter or Crisis Aid International on Facebook for more frequent program updates and photos.

Current Programs – 3137 S. Jefferson Avenue –

Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday worship service 10:30am

Wednesday 10:00am Biblical counseling group meeting

Thursday – Children's Program: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Friday – Free Food Doors open: 12:45pm