

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Fun and Games with Downtown WyldLife



October 19th marked the first *Downtown WyldLife* event at Open House Ministries. Our middle school students have been joining in the fun with this program on Tuesday evenings running through the end of May. Pizza, games, and prizes are just part of the highlights organized by the club with Norma Seeley, volunteer coordinator for Open House Ministries. Theme nights are often on the calendar of events and kids have been participating in everything from pumpkin bowling to a neon disco party, laughing and making new friends.

"WyldLife is part of *Young Life*, geared for Middle School Students. Their mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith," states Norma. "*Downtown WyldLife* is a new club in connection with Clark County *Young Life*, focused on the Discovery School community, although we welcome middle school students from all over the area."

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

All of the Time

There is a contemporary call and response which follows: God is good. ALL OF THE TIME. All of the time. GOD IS GOOD. This is a chorus that echoes from across the pages of Scripture. We hear the psalmists boldly declare, "God is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Likewise, James writes, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Yet, what does it mean that God is good ALL the time? It means that even when things fall apart, we have this assurance that in *all* things, God works for the good of those who love him. It means that even when the answer to our prayers is *no*, all the promises of God remain *yes* in Christ. It means even when we break our world, there is hope that where sin abounds, grace much *more* abounds. It means even when all is lost, God is with us. It means that even when the darkness threatens to swallow us whole, we look to the cross and see that death is defeated, our King is alive, and one day all this suffering shall end. So let us continue to declare in faith, God is good. *All of the time.* ●

Chaplain Jon Nichols

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Neon disco with balloons held in January

Our resident kids have been grateful to share this time with other students and the *WyldLife* team. Providing activities in the McClaskey Family Resource Center at Open House Ministries gives our students time to relax and have fun in a welcoming environment. Having a chance to build new memories and learn more about Christ helps build a strong foundation

for their faith and gives them an opportunity to make new friends at a crucial age. We are grateful for the leaders and representatives of *WyldLife* for their dedication and time shared with the middle school kids at Open House Ministries.

If you know of a middle school student who would like to join us for a fun evening of pizza, games, and prizes, please contact Norma

Seeley at norma.seeley@sheltered.org. *WyldLife* nights run every other Tuesday through the end of May. Our next gathering will be Tuesday, April 12. Students do not need to RSVP, just drop in at the McClaskey Family Resource Center at 905 W. 13th Street in Vancouver. We would love the opportunity to share Christ with more students in Clark County. ●



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

April is National Volunteer Appreciation month. While we celebrate you every day, we will be hosting an open house

April 18-22, to thank you in person during Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Mark your calendars to stop by the MFRC lobby any day between the hours of 11:00 am and 12:30 pm.

Thank you for all you do to support Open House Ministries!



Direct Fairways volunteers serving breakfast for resident families

GENEROUS GIVING

A Lasting Legacy

Making a planned gift to Open House Ministries isn't just for the wealthy or for those trying to minimize taxes. It's a wonderful way to leave a legacy and continue a lifetime of support for an organization you believe in. There are many ways to do this through the use of non-cash assets such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, IRA's and real estate and these can enable you to both avoid income and capital gains taxes and even provide a lifetime income.

After providing for family, friends and others, many individuals also choose to remember charitable organizations that are important to them by including them in their will or trust. If you believe in the mission of Open House Ministries, this can be a significant and lasting way for you to help ensure we have a strong financial future and continue to provide families with life-changing assistance.

Planned gifts can provide many benefits and we would be delighted to discuss the various options that might be best for you. We have the expertise and information that will help you decide if this might be a way for you to make a gift and assist in getting your financial affairs in order.

Please contact Jean LaCrosse at 360-737-0300 or email merritt@sheltered.org for more information. Thank you for giving to Open House Ministries. ●

Please consider including Open House Ministries in your will or estate plan.

JOB OPENINGS

Bicycle Shop Staff
Full-time position available

Child Care Worker
Part-time position available

Contact careers@sheltered.org for an application

SHELTER NEEDS

- Paper towels
- Industrial size powerwasher
- Men's gloves
- Gallon size zip lock bags
- Pull ups of all sizes

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Thursday May 19



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