

CELEBRATING A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR @ CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER



SUMMER IS HERE!

It's been a fabulous 2023-2024 school year at COC and now that summer is here, we will be taking a break from our regular Saturday meetings in lieu of some other exciting activities for our kids such as Vacation Bible Study! We will be picking up rising 1st through 4th graders from our Clearwater and Largo routes to participate in this special presentation of "Life Underwater" at Crossroads Baptist from 9 am - 12 pm on July 15 - 17th. Your continued giving is so very much appreciated and instrumental in making opportunities like these possible. Stay tuned for more upcoming summer events and thank you for your continued support of this ministry in reaching children in need for Christ.



Skyler: "I love reading Scripture!"

Say hello to our Scripture ROCKSTARS! These girls, Nijaeh and Skylar, are on their way to becoming mighty prayer warriors. Each week they show up with an enthusiasm to learn God's Word, and memorize the given verse with ease and confidence!



A Message From COC Co-Director, Eileen

When I was asked to be a part of this unique and wild ministry, I had no idea the impact that it would have on my life. Pastor Tim spoke of this ministry with such a passion, that we couldn't help but start off excited. I can hardly believe that we are now wrapping up this first season with Sabrina and I as co-directors of this outstanding program. In pondering the adage of "Where has the time gone?," I found myself in awe of the way that God has showed up and showed off for the children this year. Considering that we are church for many of them, it has been an extreme honor to get to know these kids as part of our "church family." Feeding them food and deciding on the menu, as we chose healthier options and considered correction methods, had us all personally considering the hearts, minds, and bodies of these children. We can't help but know them more intimately now after seven months of personal interaction. Our flow of faithful volunteers brought a flavor of consistency and one on one time so that our kids knew us all, trusted us, and are looking forward to coming back next season! We all have found that certain kids gravitated towards certain volunteers, and that because of the Spirit of God being ever-present during our times together, relationships that fostered trust were born. Another blessing was that Sabrina and I have been able to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Christian Outreach Center, with intentional and somewhat personal lessons in mind for our precious friends. To me, the fruit of this labor is evident in the way we love each other.

This year, we have all had the opportunity to establish relationships that have grown, stretched, and taught us all to love more like Jesus while serving these beautiful children. Each and every one who volunteered has made this experience so very special. I can't think of a better bunch of people to serve our Jesus with! The Lord hand-picked each one for this mission. I'd like to include a special shout out and thanks to our volunteers: Maryann, Sydney, Kenzie, Ally, and Mike C; as well as Paster Drew and his team, and Tabitha and her team. They have truly made a difference in these kids' lives!

Thank you all who have donated and have made this wonderful experience a reality! Stay tuned for our summer updates!

- Eileen

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