



CHILDREN'S SUMMER PEACE CAMP

A three week summer day camp builds community and offers enrichment in the areas of art, music, dance, poetry, peacemaking skills and conflict resolution. Guest performances and field trips are also included in these three weeks. Separate sessions are held for different age groups.

LEADERSHIP CAMP

A weeklong camp for the 12-17 year old participants during which topics including relationships, professional development, sex education & spirituality are discussed.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

A three week program designed to provide youth participants with 1 on 1 tutoring in math and reading.

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*****The Rosa Parks Children and Youth Program families also have access to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen food service, literacy classes, social work, and chaplain services*****

The Rosa Parks Children & Youth Program

Sponsored by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen



Mission Statement:

The mission of the Rosa Parks Children/Youth program is education, creativity, and imagination. We strive in everything we do to help our children love and care for themselves and the entire Earth community. We work to help our participants think clearly, make choices wisely and learn alternatives to violence. Our emphasis on the arts helps to foster creativity, stretch imaginations, and to offer safe expression of feelings and values. The foundation of all we do is respect for the child and support for their families.

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The Rosa Parks Children and Youth Program of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen was initiated in the autumn of 1999. The program strives to nurture each child's being, stretch each child's imagination, and support each child's quest for a better future. We believe that exposure to creativity and beauty; respect and affirmation; art, education, peace camp, support groups and gardening are effective antidotes to the violence which permeates this city's east side. Our foundational philosophy is respect for each child.

Our program depends on a large array of volunteers. These mentors and volunteers represent a deliberate array of various cultures. Some are retired teachers, some are college students seeking community involvement and all of them love working with our children. In addition to our many volunteers, many of our teens and our parents offer help and support. All together, nearly eighty volunteers support the Rosa Parks Children and Youth Program each week.

ROSA PARKS ART STUDIO

After School Art Therapy/Creativity Groups are held three times a week to utilize creative expression as a constructive way of processing conflicts, expressing feelings and enhancing self identity. Individual sessions are also offered in times of special need for a child.



ROSA PARKS CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

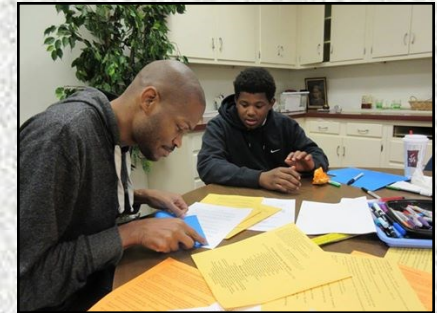
Open only to our participants, the library is well stocked with both pre-school books and books suitable for Grades 1-9. An impressive collection of multicultural books has been acquired. Weekly story reading sessions are also scheduled. The library also uses educational games and puzzles.

TUTORING PROGRAM

Four afternoons a week, a tutoring/computer program is available for children with a need for special help in certain subject areas. Great effort is made to assist the child in collaboration with his/her parents and teachers at school.

**TEEN BOYS / GIRLS SUPPORT
GROUP**

We conduct weekly support groups for adolescents led by trained professionals. Format includes the many challenging issues that teens face regarding family, substance abuse, sexuality, spirituality, violence, school situations and healthy relationships.



CHILDREN'S PEACE GARDEN

From April through October, interested children plant, weed, water and harvest numerous vegetables and flowers—and share the harvest of their work with their families. Participants strive to learn teamwork and other good work habits. Nutrition and cooking classes accompany the garden sessions.

