

### CHILDREN'S SUMMER PEACE CAMP

Three one week summer day camps building community and offers enrichment in the areas of art, music, fitness, STEM, peacemaking skills and conflict Resolution trough hands-on activities and field trips. Breakfast and Lunch provided.

#### LEADERSHIP CAMP

A weeklong camp for high schoolers. Topics including relationships, professional development, sex education & spirituality are discussed.



#### ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

A program designed to provide youth participants with 1 on 1 tutoring in math and reading. Program is held during the day and enrollment is limited.

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## The Rosa Parks Children & Youth Program

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#### **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.

#### LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

On Fridays we offer hands on fun activities for the children. Library activities range from playing with Snap Circuits, to movies nights, to cookie making to pumpkin carving, to scavenger hunts, to black history month themed Jeopardy! We allow the children's interest drive the direction of our activities.



#### 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 team work and other good work habits.

Nutrition and cooking classes accompany the garden sessions.

