



Summer Newsletter 2016

**KNOWLEDGE
ROCKS!**
an Open Door program

Can you believe it's almost time for the new school year to start? Right now hitting the books is probably the farthest thing from children's minds as they are busy enjoying summer sports and activities. As parents know, however, the first few weeks back are vital as students are building a foundation for learning for the rest of the year.

KNOWLEDGE ROCKS at Open Door offers free tutoring for K-12 students in the Upper Sandusky EVS or St. Peter's Catholic districts and is designed to help children build skills and the confidence they need to become successful in school. For example, not often do you hear of a student going from failing to being honored for academic excellence, but

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that's just what happened to St Peter's student Emma Mawer after she began attending sessions with her KNOWLEDGE ROCKS tutor Paula Fischer. Mawer was so proud of her turnaround that she invited her tutor to attend her honors assembly at school. Congratulations Emma and Paula! If you would like to make this kind of difference in a local child's life, then we may have just the opportunity for you! Tutoring positions for 2016 are available. Find more information at www.opendoorohio.org/knowledgerocks.

Our Mission

Open Door is a faith-based organization that demonstrates the love of Christ by connecting Wyandot County families with short and long term resources, and by giving them hope and direction for the future.

WE VALUE Education *Continuous learning is vital for a strong community. (Proverbs 18:15)*



Once again this year, *The First Citizen's National Bank is supporting our annual school supply drive* by posting signs and a donation box to encourage their clients to give. Supplies collected during this drive will then be given to parents on August 9th from 10AM to 2PM at Open Door. In addition to necessities like scissors, crayons, markers and glue, Executive Director Kris Joseph is encouraging donors to think about giving backpacks and Trapper Keeper style notebooks. Often parents struggle to afford these items which can be expensive especially when they have multiple children.

There's No app to replace your Lap!
Read to your children at least 20 minutes per day



WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Snacks Needed for KNOWLEDGE ROCKS Students*

- Bananas
- Apples
- Baby Carrots
- Snack Bars (without nuts please)
- Juice

*Knowledge Rocks! begins September 26th



For the sixth year in a row, Open Door hosted a walk/run fundraiser. This year's event, entitled Color Blast 2016, was



held Saturday June 25th at Harrison Smith Park in Upper Sandusky. 75 runners of all ages enjoyed challenging each other to see



who could finish first or be the most colorful. AJ's Heavenly Pizza, Beca House, Bookie's Lawn Service, Bud's Bicycle Shop, Caine Photography Creations, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Shuster's Flower Shop, Steph's Gym, Subway, and

Westbrook Assisted Living provided items for a Silent Auction. All told **about \$2,500 was raised to benefit the work we do for Wyandot County families.** A big thank you goes out to Commercial Savings Bank, First Citizen's National Bank, Schmidt Machine Company, Shootaway, and the Upper Sandusky Area Ministerial Association who sponsored ColorBlast 2016.

WE VALUE COMMUNITY *Ultimately, we can only be successful by partnering with other like-minded individuals and organizations. (Hebrews 10:24-25)*



Often we think of community service as the domain of adults, but below are 2 examples where Wyandot County children are proving they can lend a hand as well. First, The Wyandot County Shepherds 4H Group (pictured left) held a candle sale fundraiser to support Open Door. Thanks to the group as well as Head Adviser Amy Amert and Advisers Tiffany Kline and Sarah Weyand.

"Everyone should hear about Jesus"

Upper Sandusky 9 year-old Natalie Schuck (pictured above right) has also had a busy summer. Schuck organized and ran a lemonade stand and bake sale in front of Practically Perfect Children's Boutique on Friday July 15th. All proceeds from the sale benefitted Open Door. Natalie said she chose Open Door because we "share Christ with the people we help and everyone should hear about Jesus" Thanks Natalie!

We're ALL IN THIS Together!

Give today to support the work we do at opendoorohio.org/donate

Getting AHEAD

in a Just-Gettin'-By World



In February of this year, Open Door began offering Getting Ahead workshops to people in Wyandot County who are interested in improving their lives and are motivated to do

something about it. A

recent Getting Ahead graduate her current strengths and weaknesses and developed a plan to move forward. "Getting Ahead really forced me to think about things that I hadn't for a long time," she said.

This included her long-term career goals. "I've been wanting to go back to school to get my bachelors in nursing" she added "but the whole process seemed too time-consuming and overwhelming. Getting Ahead motivated me to make a change in my life for the better. It helped me to realize that time passes anyway so I might as well use that time to make my life better."

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Meet our 2016 Board

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*Thanks, Dave for 3 years of service as Board President!



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WE VALUE FAITH - *Jesus Christ lies at the center of all we do. (1 Corinthians 3:11)*



Lois Walker says she began volunteering at Open Door because she "needed something meaningful to fill her time." Walker (pictured above along with fellow volunteer Stephanie Book) believes she has found just that here. One of her favorite things about giving her time at Open Door is the emphasis that is placed on faith. ***"I love that we pray with people and really look for solutions to their problems"***

she said. Walker has a message for people that have been looking for a place to put their God-given gifts and talents to use for the Kingdom, "I would say give volunteering a try. Don't let fear hold you back." Walker believes it's been a blessing for her to work at Open Door because at the end of each day she knows she's "done something worthwhile!"

To learn more about volunteering at Open Door visit:

opendoorohio.org/volunteer

or call
419 209-6736
to schedule a tour

We loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well
1 Thessalonians 2:8



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WE VALUE Compassion *Love for others*

drives us to give our time to help. (1 John 3:17)

***Giving to Open Door is
investing in the future
of Wyandot County!***

***Thanks for partnering
with us to serve
our community!***



2016 Calendar

School Supply
Giveaway
August 9th

Getting Ahead
Session 3 begins
September 12th

Knowledge
Rocks tutoring
begins
September 26th

Be Nice
Fundraiser
December 5th

Our Vision

*When
we are
successful
Wyandot
County will
be a safer,
stronger,
more
sustainable
community
that is closer
to God.*