

Freedom Outreach Newsletter

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Get Involved!

Pray:

We appreciate & need your prayer! Please contact us if you would like to receive our monthly prayer updates.

Volunteer:

We would love for you to partner with us. Current volunteer opportunities are listed on the back.

Donate:

Our events and outreaches are funded by the generous donations of organizations and individuals. If you would like to support us financially you can make checks payable to Freedom Outreach and mail them to 3224 Appleton Rd. Landenberg, PA 19350 or donate on the website.

All donations are tax deductible.

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**Thank you for partnering
with us!**

Reflections on the Christmas Party

By Anna Altemus, a Freedom Outreach Volunteer

Meet Najae, the entrepreneur of Riverside. She's an 8 year old girl I've had the privilege of spending time with over the past year. On Tuesday afternoons she comes outside with a friendly smile and sharp eye on her little brothers. She's helpful with turning the ropes so the others can jump but most often she'll park herself atop the electrical box and weave her bracelets. With a big smile, she'll proudly show me the new designs she's figured out. She finds the rubber bands on the ground, carelessly discarded by other children. After collecting enough, Najae makes her bracelets and then sells them for a dollar.

When I heard Najae's story, I was impressed by her joyful self-confidence and ingenuity. She's using what's in front of her to the best of her ability. It's a good reminder to me to make the most of life with wonder and gratitude. Let's strive to be a people who notice and don't despise even the smallest blessings from God.

Oh and end of the story? We gave her a loom and rubber band supplies to work with for Christmas thanks to the generous donations from the Giving Tree program.



“Do your heart <3 some happy and sponsor a child from Freedom Outreach”

By Carol Buckland, a Freedom Outreach Sponsor & Volunteer

I personally believe that the impact of this ministry is going to be far reaching and bigger than we can imagine. The joy that I get from investing in the life of my child is just, too big, for words.

Please prayerfully consider this tremendous opportunity to impact the life of a child and bring glory to the Father.

(Carol has been sponsoring, praying for and finding ways to bless Shay Shay since the Fall.)

Volunteer Opportunities

- Drive a van of kids to or from church on Sunday mornings. We will ride with you until you are comfortable. It is a great way to meet and minister to kids.
- Become a mentor or prayer partner.
- Play in the park in Riverside, Tuesday at 4:30pm.
- Bake a cake for a child's birthday.
- Help deliver cakes & meals to families in the city.
- Get involved in our annual events & fundraisers.
- Become a Freedom Outreach prayer partner. Contact us to receive our monthly prayer updates.

Camp Josiah Winter Retreat

By Judy Palkovitz, a Freedom Outreach Volunteer

Camp Josiah enjoys having a weekend together for the kids and staff that went to camp the previous summer. We have always gone up to the camp in Port Jervis, NY, for a weekend, in the past. This year we decided to try keeping it local, and it turned out to be a great idea! We saved a lot of expense, and traveling time, and really had a wonderful time.

We were able to have 26 kids, and most of our summer staff come together for a unique and exciting time. The Little Barn was our home base. We met there for meals, games, craft projects, and 'chapel' times. Five families opened their homes for groups to sleep in, and have breakfast together on Saturday. It added a personal touch for the kids to get to see the people that care for them, and be welcomed into their families.

Saturday we spent most of the day at North Bay's adventure camp. The kids summoned their courage to challenge themselves on the zip line, high ropes course, giant swing and climbing wall. The day was well named, because it certainly was an adventure!!!

Rod came one night and took time to speak to each one individually, words of affirmation and hope.

Rob taught truths about 'building your house on the Rock' with an unforgettable visual demonstration.

Thanks to the many people who contributed time, love, energy, food, transportation, and lodging!!

We are deeply blessed, and truly grateful.



Zip Lining at North Bay



Save the Dates for our Summer Parties in the Park!

Riverside: Sunday, June 29th, 2-5pm Southbridge: Sunday, August 17th, 2-5pm

Join us for a church-wide outreach in the city of Wilmington.

We will have a cookout, games, face painting, beads, a prayer tent & more.

We want to bless the families in the city!