

Dream Center Peoria

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Mission

Impacting families living in poverty starting with kids and youth.

In The News

In 2018, Dream Center Peoria is launching an after-school trades program for students who are in junior high and above. This all started because of one 14-year-old young man who was having trouble in school but liked to take apart his radio and put it back together. Two years later, Dream Center Peoria is expanding its afterschool skilled trades program so the hidden talents and passions of kids like Isaiah can be discovered and cultivated.

How to Help

To sign up to volunteer, please visit our website dreamcenterpeoria.org and click "Get Involved" and our volunteer outreach team will be in touch with you. If you would like to give online, you can visit our website and select "Donate." For other questions, feel free to contact us by calling (309) 676-3000 or by emailing info@dreamcenterpeoria.org.



Dream Center Peoria is a faith-based, not-for-profit organization located in downtown Peoria. Founded by Riverside Community Church in 2002, our mission is to impact individuals and families in poverty, starting with kids and youth. We accomplish this goal through a three-pronged approach:

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

We offer a 24/7 emergency shelter for single women, parenting mothers and fathers, and married couples. We currently offer transitional housing for those who are looking to break the cycle of poverty and get a new start on life. Our shelter houses over 60 guests a night with the average age being 9 years old.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

We run a vibrant afterschool program and summer school program for inner-city students. We incorporate a social enterprise program to show a way out of poverty through business, a creative arts school to teach young people the importance of learning the arts, and a mentoring education piece to help kids do well in school. We also have a trades program for students in our programming to help them get started with skills that can keep them out of the cycle of poverty.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This division is where we see our community come together to impact families living in poverty. More than 20,000 people are impacted by Dream Center Peoria each year, and over 200 volunteers are involved at Dream Center Peoria every month.

Backpack Peoria

One of our most visible programs is Backpack Peoria. Each year, we partner with Peoria Public Schools to give out 2,500 backpacks

loaded with school supplies, helping children in need start the school year right.

Serve The City

Twice a year we join with different churches in the area to *Serve the City* and do service projects at different sites throughout Peoria and surrounding areas.

Mission Peoria

More than 300 young people from dozens of church youth groups around the country come to Dream Center Peoria for Mission Peoria, a mission trip to impact Peoria and the children in this community.

Promise Of Hope

Each prom season, we give out more than 100 prom dresses to young ladies who thought they would never get the chance to go to prom due to the cost of a dress. Every spring and fall, Dream Center Peoria equips over 400 people to impact the Peoria area with acts of service.

Signature Events

Lunch & Learn

Third Thursday of every month

Leaderscast

May 4, 2018

Poverty Simulation

May 17 & 19, 2018

3rd Annual Bike Challenge

June 9-10, 2018

Backpack Peoria

Summer 2018