

# Southtown YOUTH PROGRAMS FAMILY CENTER

You can help Southtown Youth Programs Family Center provide a safe and caring environment for children so that they may continue to grow socially and emotionally.

- I would like to make a contribution and have enclosed my check:**  
 \$25.00    \$50.00    \$100.00    Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- I would like to make my payments:**  
 quarterly    semi-annually    annually

**Please check all of the programs you would like to have information or application for:**

### Community Service

- Childcare
- Southside Committee
- Opdyke-Belle Rive Committee
- Shoes For Needy Kids
- Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce
- Business Development Classes
- Breakfast Program

### Youth Programs

- Operation Get Down
- Operation Stand-Up
- Excel in Education
- Summer Lunch & Recreation
- Movie Matinee
- Southtown Youth Programs  
(Benjamin Franklin Early Childhood Center Collaboration)

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**“Caring Because Children Are Our Future”**



## **Community Services Programs**

### **Childcare Pre-K**

Our goal is to furnish a safe, caring environment for children by employing trained staff and involving parents. This will provide a program that will help children become more competent socially and emotionally, thus they will be more successful in school and have greater opportunities in life.

### **Summer Lunch and Recreation**

Southtown Youth Programs provides a Summer Recreation Program that is designed to be both fun and educational. The children participate in activities such as swimming, bowling, movies, art and many kinds of games. The children are provided with hot delicious lunches. Special guest speakers are invited to drop in, talk and have lunch with the children.

### **Southside Opdyke-Belle Rive Committees**

Southtown Youth Programs provides assistance with special recreational activities planned by the community committees. We help purchase books and other learning materials for the children and support educational workshops and other learning experiences.

### **Basketball League**

The Southtown Youth Basketball League starts in the spring and is open to males in grades 4th-8th. It is a community based league, we have over 70 youth involved. The teams are sponsored by local community businesses. The focus on the "Family Center" is to build character, establish teamwork, and to promote good sportsmanship.

### **Technology Center**

Southtown Youth Programs has a Technology Center. This center is equipped with computers that have the capability to provide training seminars and teleconferencing workshops. The internet is also available along with state-of-the-art software programs.

### **Shoes for Needy Kids**

This program is sponsored by Southtown Youth Programs to provide families who demonstrate need and opportunity to have shoes purchased for their children.

### **Southtown Youth Programs/Benjamin Franklin Early Childhood Education Center Collaboration**

This is a District 80 off-site Pre-K classroom and collaboration with Southtown Youth Programs. This off-site classroom has a morning and an afternoon session. District 80 teachers are in the classroom using the Illinois Learning Standards.

### **Breakfast Program**

The Breakfast Program provides breakfast every Saturday here at the Southtown Youth Programs Center. The meals are available to all registered youths ages 1 year to 18 years old.

## **Youth Programs**

### **Operation Get Down**

The Male Awareness Project is designed to mentor more positive attitudes, goal responsibility, self-esteem, and respect among the young men ages 8-14. They experience and learn to address vital issues which enable them to become productive individuals in our society.

### **Operation Stand Up**

Operation Stand-up is a female awareness program designed for young women ages 8-14 that allow them to address vital issues, develop positive attitudes, respect, and responsibility. Operation Stand-up provides mentoring, recreational activities, workshops and special outings. Our goal is to help the young ladies to beat the odds by developing positive attitudes that they can carry with them throughout life.

### **Excel in Education**

Excel in Education is a program designed to give pupils in grades 1-8 an opportunity to excel in the subjects of Math, Reading and Science. This program will have qualified tutors to assist in the areas where the youth are having difficulty. Excel in Education will provide the students with the assistance and support needed to improve their grades in the school. The tutors will be providing material relevant to what the students will be doing at his/her school. The tutors will also be networking with the student's teachers to find out where the student is having difficulty and keep track of their progress.

### **Movie Matinee**

The Movie Matinee is a program that will give registered youth an opportunity to view family-oriented movies. The movies selected will be reviewed by a committee to ensure that the movie is appropriate for all ages.

