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### **News & Info**

## September 2019

#### **From Our Executive Director**

Recently, a CRKM volunteer shared with me why she appreciates serving at CRKM. Before volunteering, she wondered how she could best serve and in what area? She wanted to give back to children but didn't know how. When she heard me share about CRKM at her church, she knew this was the place God wanted her to give her time. She said, "You gave me a purpose."

Our mission at CRKM is to bring Hope and Purpose to children by sharing the love of Christ through serving and mentoring. Our children aren't the only ones experiencing Purpose in Christ, our volunteers are being transformed by the same Love. Whether serving dinner, helping with school work, sharing a bible story with children, or playing games with children our volunteers are pouring into our current and future leaders. Showing love to others transforms both the person serving and the person being served.

I appreciate your consistent giving to our mission because your giving is transforming the lives of children and adults alike. Thank you for making it possible for children and adults to feel valuable to God.

Serving Together,

Tyrone McMorris

**Executive Director** 

Casino Road Kids Ministries

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#### **Prayer Request**

- 1. For the Holy Spirit to renew, restore and refresh my family and I as we prepare for a new school year of ministry and raising our children at home.
- 2. For the 3rd-5th grade boys in our mentoring groups at Horizon. Our hope is to raise up respectful, resilient, and responsible leaders who will know they are valued and will show value to others.
- 3. For our Club volunteers and children that they will experience the peace, love and joy of Jesus every time they are at CRKM programs.
- 4. For God to send volunteers to partner with CRKM to help children with Homework, serve dinner, mentor, and share the love of Jesus to children on Casino Road.

### **Summer Activities**

This summer, we spent time building relationships and providing children with opportunities to grow in their faith through fun activities on and off Casino Road. Here is a snapshot of our summer adventures...

- Vacation Bible School (VBS) on July 8-11, CRKM partnered with South Everett Foursquare to provide a VBS experience for over 80 children at Walter Hall Park. It was great to see some of our CRKM children at VBS. The highlight was seeing some many of our community teens involved in Youth For Christ there leading children in songs and small group leads.
- CRKM Field Trips we spent time enjoying the playground at Forest park, and making s'mores at Mukilteo Park with several CRKM children.



• Summer Camp / Day Camp - five children from our Bible Club went to a week long Day Camp at Cascade View Presbyterian. During 'Camp Cascadia', students cooked lunch over campfire, sung camp songs, and heard stories from the Bible. We also were able to send five students to Day Camp at Cedar Springs Camp with our church partner New Life Church. The students appreciated attending camp to learn about friendship with God, and sharing God's message with others.



• Basketball Camp @ The Bluffs apartments – For the fourth year, we put on a basketball camp for children at the Bluffs Apartment complex. For two hours each day, we played basketball with children teaching basketball skills and playing fun games. This allows us time to connect together and build deeper mentoring relationships. It's great having so many children return from last year. We had a great time playing games, eating snack, and talking with the children about following Jesus.

• Start Out Right & Other back to school events – through our annual backpack giveaway, Start Out Right, and invitations to Horizon and Challenger elementary schools back to school events, CRKM provided over 530 children with a new backpack filled with school supplies. We love supporting our community through backpacks to help each student start the school year out right with the supplies they need to learn. Plus, it feels good to go to school with new stuff!



# **Upcoming Event**

SHOW LOVE – our fundraising event titled 'Show Love' will be on **Friday, November 8th, at Rosehill Community Center @ 6:00 pm**. During the event, you'll learn how you can partner with CRKM to show love to children on Casino Road. There will be dinner, Live Auction items, Raise the paddle, and Dessert Dash. Tickets are on sale now @ \$25 per person; \$200 for a table of 10. Go to https://www.crmkids.org/events to purchase a ticket/table now.