

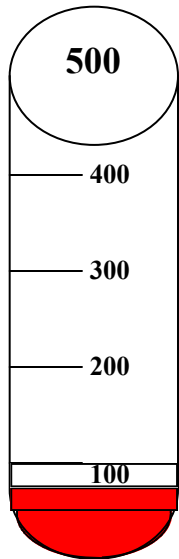


Joshua 6:20

The Wall Youth Foundation

Hello All,

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We have been open for two months now and I have been talking with some of the kids about how they felt about the center closing and how they feel about it reopening. Here are two of the kids' stories.

"When Jim told us the North Area Teen Center was closing I was stunned; it felt like moving away from the place you grew up. All of us felt we wanted to do something to save our Center. We came up with many ideas; carwashes, bake sales, and other ideas flew as those who cared deeply for our center came together but our timing was too late. The final day came and many kids came to say good-bye, those from the past and present; it was a sad day for all. We didn't know then but a plan was already in the works to raise the Center from the ashes. Less than a month later after many hours of work the center was reborn as The Wall. In my eyes the new name is a symbol of all the obstacles we have overcome as kids to get where we are today. I am a senior now and have spent the past 5 years calling the center home. I am very excited to see The Wall Center up and running and my hope is that it will become a home for many more kids to come.

"I was upset when the Teen Center closed; I had just started coming and getting to know new people. I was inviting friends to come and hang out and play games with me and it gave me a place where I could be safe and stay out of trouble. While the center was closed I had nothing to do but I heard kids were working at the center, cleaning and painting, so I showed up to see what was going on. When Jim saw me he asked if I wanted to help. I soon became part of the working crew. Now that the center is open again I come almost every day and my friends are back too. I am excited to have the center back and hope it never closes again."

The Lord has done something awesome in bringing the center back; since our first day we have had over 25 kids a day attending. We have kids involved in Bible studies and many are doing homework in our computer lab. Recently we faced the challenge of helping some of our kids deal with the loss of a friend due to suicide. On November 3rd we start a new class we call Money Quest, teaching kids to create a budget based on a true to life profile they each receive. There will be realistic challenges and temptations introduced throughout the month; those who successfully stay within their budgets will receive a prize. We will also be starting our program called Holes on Thursday nights; this is a program for those who are interested in discovering who Jesus is. The Lord is daily showing us new ways to serve these kids.



Jim & Linda Vargas

I pray every day that the Lord will continue to provide the resources to continue His ministry reaching these kids.

Please be a part of the team and help us not only keep this place open but also to open more youth centers in other communities.

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God Bless
Jim Vargas

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