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DYNAMITE!

Well, if you haven't stopped in lately you're missing it! Open Arms is exploding like fireworks on the 4th of July! We are having a nice growth in enrollment which is requiring more staff to be hired, more help in the kitchen, and more rooms to be opened. By the first part of July we will be opening up four new rooms and adding at least eight to ten new staff! Be sure to take a gander at our "Staff" board so that you can keep up on all the new hires. If you ever thought about volunteering at Open Arms, NOW is a great time to take that step. We'd love to have you join us!

What you should know if you'd like to become a regular volunteer, meaning you would come more than just 2 times.

- All volunteers must have a short orientation with the Director and are given a "Volunteer Information Packet"
- All volunteers must be checked against the Central Registry Background Screening
- All volunteers must be fingerprinted to check for felony related incidences
- All volunteers must be checked against the Sex Offender Data base of South Dakota
- All volunteers must provide 3 character references

This process is easy and quick and doesn't take much time at all to complete. This is a one time process for our volunteers and it fulfills the State of South Dakota Child Care Licensing laws. All items except finger printing is done in the Director's office and takes only about 30 minutes or less. Open Arms is required by the state of South Dakota to have all of these items on file for inspection by our Child Care Licensing agent when ever they choose to stop in and inspect our Center. Please prayerfully consider becoming a regular volunteer with us, positions in the classrooms and kitchen are always open and sometimes in the office as well. If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to become a volunteer please contact Stacy Maier.

Our Sonshiners have gotten to enjoy the Open Arms van. The Sonshiners are gone Tuesday thru Friday afternoons. Their trips have included Dairy Queen where they got to dip their own Dilly Bars after the tour, Godfather's Pizza where they got to make their own personal pizzas, the zoo, the library, and swimming every Wednesday and Friday. They hosted a Father's Day lunch on June 21st for their Dad's here at our Center and also had Mr. Houma Maka from Maka's Taekwondo school in Tea come and do work outs with them. Their community service project for June was for the 2nd Chance Pet Rescue Center. They collected shredded paper and animal supplies such as food and toys to donate to the Rescue Center. They were then able to tour and bring their donations to the Rescue Center on June 24th. July's community service project is collecting items for the Children's Inn. They will be collecting coloring books, crayons, and toys for boys and girls of all ages. If you wish to help support their project please drop off items to the Open Arms office and mark them for "Children's Inn".

Tending His Lambs,

Stacy Maier—Director
