

# *"Restore's Summer Program & September 2014 Update"*

**JULY- AUGUST  
& SEPTEMBER**

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**Turtle Back Zoo**

Dear Restore Family,

I hope you enjoyed a beautiful summer. We wanted to share our summer and the beginning of the new academic year, 2014 2015.

On July 1st we joined the Presbyterian Churches in Elizabeth for a week of Vacation Bible School. The VBS was lead by Camp John-sonburg's staff. The children and parents along with the volunteers enjoyed the games and activities making for a blessed week.



**ARTS& CRAFTS**



On July 7th Restore's Summer Program started. Because of the successful VBS, Elizabeth Port Presbyterian center partnered with us by providing 19 students and staff. We had total of 40 kids participating this summer.



**DANCE CLASS**



The Program was conducted by Ximena Carrasco - Restore's Program Coordinator, with the participation of Anwar Hargrove Restore's staff (Icebreakers - games), College students Volunteers: Michelle Ramos (Arts-Crafts & Dance class), Henry Badillo (Sport Clinic), Mr. Darryl Gent -E-Port's staff (Free expression activities-games).

The program was balanced between active learning and fun games, including Arts & Crafts (an ample amount of fun projects using the imagination and creativity), Dance Class (based on Latin dances like merengue , salsa and bachata) Sport Clinic (to teach children the basics of soccer and basketball). The kids were divided into groups to practice the skills they learned.



The summer program was filled with icebreakers, small group free expression, life skills survival tips and group games. Most the kids loved the Thursday field trips: (Turtle Back Zoo, Roller Skating, Bowling, Movie theater, Mattano Park, Kellogg Park, and more).

**SPORTS CLINIC**



The last week of the summer program we had a carnival where the children were allow to dressed up and enjoy the wonderful day. We had our end of the program BBQ at Warinanco Park.



# Summer Program 2014

## TRIPS



**Bowling**



**Turtle Back Zoo**



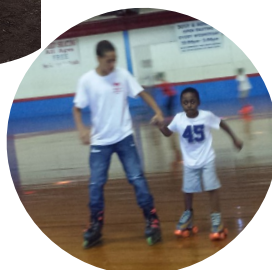
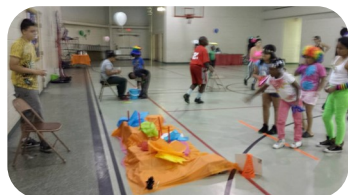
**Roller Skating**

**Carnival**



**End of the Program BBQ.**

**Warinanco Park**



I want to thank all immensely, Mr. Bagby, children, parents, staff, volunteers, and especially my ninth grade volunteers, Jakub, Richard, and Joshua for an intense, fun and successful summer program.

## **SEPTEMBER 2014**

On September 8th Restore welcomed back our students, volunteers and staff for a new program year 2014-2015.

There are 36 students registered and 27 attending every day that we are open. For the first time we are able to create a group for young girls. Our goal is that by December 2014 to have 10 girls. At the moment there are 6 attending. We have also recruited 15 elementary kids, and an additional 21 high school and middle school students have joined so far. I'd like to mention that 4 of them were accepted at Saint Mary's High School in Elizabeth: Jakub, Anthony, Richard and Joshua.

**Kellogg Park**



**Mattano Park**



Good things continue in our Homework Center. Our priority is to provide more tutoring, technology, and all that is necessary for our kids to achieve success in their schools. In October Restore will be an official Federal Work Study site, where we will welcome 3 or 4 College students from Union County College.

So, as you can see we keep trying to fulfill Restore's goals in making it a place for our children to be cared for and loved, a safe haven which is what makes Restore different, not just a program but a home.

**Ximena Carrasco**

## **Upcoming Fall events**

- \* September 8th opening of Restore
- \* Welcome Back BBQ - September 29th.
- \* First Cooking Class - theme Italian October 11th.
- \* Restart our bicycle riding club: On October 13th
- \* Open House - October 23h
- \* Halloween Party- October 30th

**\* WE ARE ON THE WEB!!**

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