

A group of young children are sitting on the floor, playing colorful drums. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing more children and adults in a room.

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Letter from the Founder

Dear DREAM family and friends,

In uncertain times, **adaptability, connection, joy, and support** matter.

You and I know this. Many DREAMers are experiencing these things without naming them.

During COVID-19, DREAM is focusing on the positive. We are accentuating what matters in the lives of DREAMers and their families. Our COVID-19 theme is "Food, Family, Fun!"

Our DREAMers have been helping each other and our community by:

- distributing over **900 dinner meals** and **\$5,200 in grocery gift cards**
- delivering school supplies and enrichment materials
- providing face masks and self-care gift bags
- offering online tutoring and enrichment activities

Joy is still happening at DREAM and all around us.

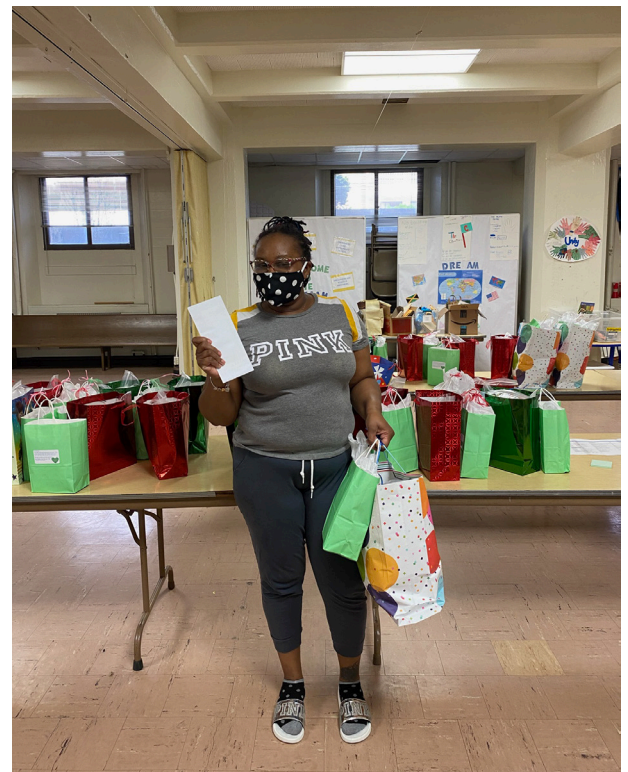
In partnership with **Mahomet Area Youth Club**, we are excited to announce **"SOS – Safe Outdoor Summer."** We are planning Saturday outdoor fun with a focus on recreation, health education, and social distancing. We will keep DREAMers active and learning, while practicing safety and healthy behavior. Our goal is to enjoy the sun while maintaining clear and responsible public health guidelines.

Please stay connected with us through our website, Facebook page, and Instagram.

We will continue to **rock the DREAM House** by greeting each new day with a smile and with gratitude.

Thank you for your support of our boys and young men!

Tracy D. Dace, Founder and Executive Director





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Natan Tinco is in second grade at Booker T. Washington STEM Academy. Natan enjoyed learning about Rosa Parks' "famous stand" during Black History Month at DREAM: "One day Rosa Parks got on the bus, she was very tired from working. A white man got on the bus, but the seats were filled. The bus driver asked Rosa Parks to stand up so the white man could sit down. She refused. The police gave her a \$10 fine for breaking a segregation law. She said the law was illegal. Then they started a boycott. Martin Luther King, Jr. was president of the boycott. Together, they stopped segregation."



DREAMers are READers

DREAM to sponsor "Rock the Read-a-thon" in June

In June, we will hold a community read-a-thon, where children can still rock learning and address learning loss while DREAM's in-person activities are temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are asking children to read for at least **20 minutes per day for four weeks in June**. We aim to read at least **20,000 minutes** across Champaign, Urbana, and Rantoul in 30 days. Parents and friends, we can do it! To encourage our children, we are asking our supporters to consider donating \$20 or more.

We chose a community read-a-thon because we know reading can be powerful and fun for our children. Since March, children have lost out on valuable learning time. We must encourage them to read and imagine even in the summer. The read-a-thon also gives children a chance to contribute to our community by practicing what we hope will be a lifelong habit - READING!

You can support the "Rock the Read-a-thon" by making a donation of \$20 or more at dreaam.org or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 11, Champaign, IL 61824 by **June 30**. Additionally, we would also like to recognize our readers' accomplishments each week with an incentive raffle. If you would like to contribute to these efforts, we would love your support. Contact us at info@dreaam.org or (217) 530-0110 to make arrangements.

Our goal is to raise \$2,500 to support the Safe Outdoor Summer (SOS) Program.



Wish List

Art supplies	Gently used dumbbells & weights
Household items (laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, etc.)	Gift cards for incentives
Saturday male volunteers	Face masks and gloves
	Children's books

DREAM 3rd Annual Fish Fry

Save the date

July 18

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: UniPlace Church

\$12 per plate | Pick-up or delivery

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