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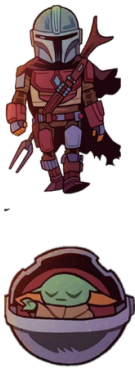
THIS IS THE WAY

THE OBLONG CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN HOME

"Jesus answered I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." - John 14:6

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Our booth at the Oblong Fall Follies was out of this galaxy! Equipped with the full armor of God and the theme “Jesus is the Way” (a nod to The Mandalorian), we shared the Gospel, our mission, and free hot chocolate with the community. The Fall Follies featured shopping, food, and Illinois’ largest nighttime parade, what an incredible day of outreach and fun!



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SOME 'GOURDGEOUS' DECORATING



Fall has arrived, and what better way to celebrate than with pumpkins! Thanks to our friends at 4-H, our youth got their hands dirty learning about these autumn favorites, from seed to sprout to harvest. Beyond pumpkins, they discovered lessons in patience, care, and community. Each planting and carving moment reminded them that growth takes time and teamwork. As leaves turn and pies bake, we're grateful for opportunities that nurture both hearts and hands. Here's to faith, fall, and pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins! ♥



"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." -Galatians 6:9



Two Thumbs Up!

We're giving you two thumbs up! Your generosity and prayers keep our mission strong and our kids thriving. Every smile, meal, and moment of hope is possible because of you, thank you for believing in what we do!

A SPECIAL BLESSING TO...

IN MEMORY

MICHAEL ROBISON IN MEMORY OF DEBBIE ROBISON ♥ PHIL MORNEAULT IN MEMORY OF JOHN MORNEAULT ♥ LEANN SHINN IN MEMORY OF TOM SHINN ♥ CURTIS DANIEL CARTER IN MEMORY OF FRANK & LUELLA CARTER AND LENORE SHAFFER ♥ LORI KEELER IN MEMORY OF LARRY & DONNA KEELER ♥ JOAN MARSH`ALL-SEMEYN, DEBORAH DANNER, DEAN DANNER, DARCY'S DARLINGS IN MEMORY OF PETER MARSHALL ♥ CONNIE JONES IN MEMORY OF DENNIS JONES ♥ NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN MEMORY OF SONNY SCHUBERT ♥ DOYLE & JEANNE STEFFEY IN MEMORY OF TYLER INBODEN ♥ WILLIAM & PHYLLIS GLOSSER, SANDRA COX, AND BRAD & CELIA GARD, STEVE & JULIE NASH, TIM & CHERYL HICKOX, STEVE & SHARON SMITH, SCOTT & BECKY TAYLOR, CHRIS & HEIDI TAYLOR, STANLEY & MINDY MILLER, TERRY & CHRISTA GARD, DALE & MARY ALICE TUCKER, JEFFREY & MARILYN TAYLOR, ANN TITUS, PETER & JAN ELLEN MANUEL, ANDREW & JENNIFER BEALS, RANDALL & KAREN WECK, AND PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH IN MEMORY OF GAYLE GARD ♥ MARILYN KING IN MEMORY OF HAL KING ♥ JERRY & PEGGY SWISHER, JAMES & RHONDA KIRKPATRICK, MERVIN & GEORGIA BENTING, MICHAEL & GENALEE TEVEBAUGH, FRED OLDS, DEREK DAGIT, JACKIE CLARK, TOM CONNOR, SUSAN DAGIT, DON & DONNA BARNES, ROBERT & FAY RUNCK, TOMAS & CRISTINE ANDERS, DAVID & DEANNA LANDIS, GLENN & PAMELA DILLMAN, AND SHARON KRUKEWITT IN MEMORY OF DON WILSON ♥ LYLE & LINDA BAILEY IN MEMORY OF ROGER HAMILTON AND LARRY WAGONER ♥ MICHAEL & JUDY HENRY IN MEMORY OF SUELLEN LEWIS, NANCY LOUISE FLORENCE AND DENNIS PRICE ♥ PAUL & PATRICIA CUMMIN, ANITA NEWLIN, IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE WEAVER ♥ JOAN LAMBERT IN MEMORY OF CLYDE & ERMA WINTER ♥ EDGAR COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #6 IN MEMORY OF DEBRA TRACY

IN HONOR

BIL & VIVIAN HALLETT IN HONOR OF KARA & MASON HALLETT ♥ RON & MARILYN WATSON IN HONOR OF JOE & BETTY MIDDLETON ♥ ROBERT & VADA REISNER IN HONOR OF MARCELLA STREET ♥

COSMIC 5K For The Kids

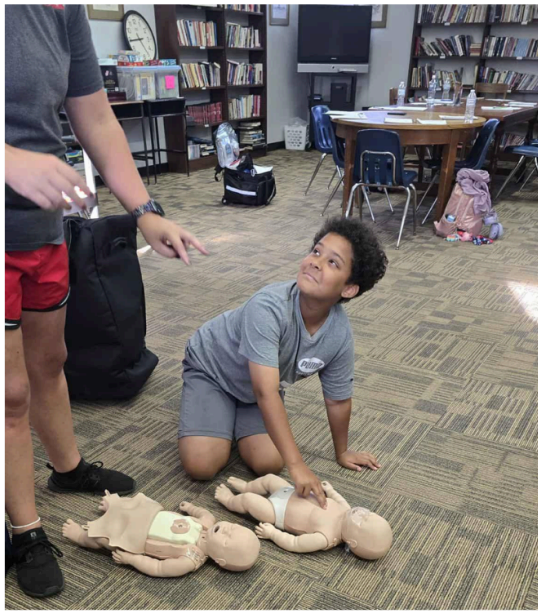


With nearly 100 registrants this year, The Cosmic Run – 5K for the Kids was truly out of this world! From little Padawans in strollers to Jedi Masters sprinting across the finish line, runners and walkers from across the galaxy joined together to support the Oblong Children's Christian Home. The day was filled with energy, laughter, and lightsabers, all for a great cause. As the Force (and faith) carried us through, we were reminded that when we run the race together, nothing can stop what God is doing through His people.



From epic lightsaber duels to creative costume contests and galactic photo ops, the Cosmic Run was bursting with fun! Families of all ages joined the adventure, celebrating faith, fitness, and a galaxy full of joy.





Youth at the Home learned CPR thanks to a special training session led by Kelsey McCastin from New Hope Christian Church in Bridgeport. The hands-on class equipped our kids with life-saving skills and confidence to act in emergencies.



A Time for Thanks!

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Hold Your Horses!



Our 3rd Annual Hold Your Horses Youth Open Show was a huge success, filled with smiles, ribbons, and unforgettable rides. Congratulations to our amazing young riders and sponsors for making this day truly special! Join us next year, September 19th, 2026.



A big thank you to The Rad Riders for an amazing opening ceremony, Larry Corder of L & D Leather Works for your support, and our judge Wayne Herdes for your time and expertise!