OUR CLUB

Meet Jacob, Joshua, and Tre

Building Robots with Harding Academy

Learning to play in Music Club
Jacob, age 7, Joshua, age 10, and Tre, age 13, started attending Our Club after they moved into a nearby shelter. All three brothers are sincere, lovable, and compassionate, but they have had their share of challenges. As Joshua stated, "I used to not have a home." Their positive attitude, faith, and encouragement from their parents and from Our Club have helped them flourish into confident young men. In order to help them keep that confidence through a time of transition, we encouraged Jacob, Joshua, and Tre in activities at Our Club including homework help, basketball, music, visual arts, STEM, and Tre's favorite part of Our Club, "the incentive parties and pizza parties and playing with Our Club students." While all three boys are enjoying Our Club right now, they are also thinking about their future...
Prentis Jones
Youth Programs Specialist

Team Member Since: 2014
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Prentis earned a B.A. in Sociology from Hendrix College and served as an Army Reservist and a page at the Texas State Capitol before joining AmeriCorps and serving at Our House. After two years as a Youth Programs AmeriCorps, Prentis became a full-time Youth Programs Specialist at Our House where he currently leads Green Team and teaches music lessons in Music Club. He enjoys being a "bridge" for his kids and takes an open-minded approach that allows the youth he works with to express their emotions in an impactful way. In his free time, Prentis enjoys playing music, songwriting, and photography.

"It's been a true pleasure working with Joshua, Jacob, and Tre. I've gotten to see them all grow and meet expectations head-on since I started working in Our Club. Their love for one another and positive spirit is a great example of the support our kids can provide one another even when they are in different teams and age groups. It can be hard sometimes to show our loved ones how important they are to us, especially when we are going through hard times. Joshua, Jacob, and Tre show us that every day they are with us, in ways both big and small."
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Music Club

When asked to describe his favorite aspect of Our Club, Joshua simply stated, “Everybody helps you.” One way that happens is through Music Club, which Joshua has been selected to participate in because of his strong leadership skills. Each week he receives piano lessons from dedicated staff and volunteers. With the help of Music Club, Joshua understands that he is a valuable member of the Our Club community and is progressing his piano skills quickly through the lessons.
Since Jacob, Joshua, and Tre began attending Our Club, they have become leaders among their peers. With the help of the Our Club Team, they now not only have the opportunity for engaging enrichment activities, but they also have more advocates for them to achieve their educational goals. Tre, Joshua, and Jacob are learning a lot through their challenges and are looking forward to a bright, successful future in their new home. Joshua says, "We used to have a lot of money and then we didn't have any money. But now, now we're coming back up."
PARTNER APPRECIATION

Harding Academy Robotics Team

For the past three years, the Harding Academy Robotics Team has visited Our Club (all the way from Searcy!). Each fall, the Robotics Team presents dynamic robotics programming to our youth. We are grateful that Harding Academy strives to produce young people who are passionate about service and education. Through this partnership, youth like Tre, Joshua, and Jacob, are able to participate in engaging STEM programming.