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KIDS ALLEY

SPRING 2025

Easter at Kids Alley - Saturday, April 12

We are excited to be able to celebrate Easter with our students and their families. Our day will begin as we gather together for breakfast and fellowship. We will be sharing in creative ways the amazing, steadfast, and endless love of God displayed in His death and resurrection.

Our celebration will continue with an Easter Egg Hunt, games, and family photos with the Easter bunny. The joy will overflow as each child will leave with an Easter basket filled with candy and small gift items.

WE CAN USE YOUR PARTNERSHIP TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

· Needed: 130 filled Easter Baskets.

The baskets can be filled with wrapped candy, books, bubbles, jump ropes, kites, coloring books, nail polish, or other small items for children pre-school through high school. We ask that all baskets are securely wrapped in plastic to ensure the contents arrive home safely with the children.

· Needed: 1500 pre-filled plastic eggs.

Wrapped candy only please!

· **Volunteer:** Partner with us by volunteering to serve at our Easter event. All volunteers should be 14 years of age or older. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:30 am and serve until 1:30 pm. Please contact Jazmine Brinkley at 856-340-6242 or email jazminebrinkley@kidsalley.org.



· **Financial Donations:** This will enable us to purchase the breakfast items needed as well as any other items to make this day special. Donations can be made at kidsalley.org or mail to PO Box 594 Audubon, NJ 08106.

DROP OFF TIMES FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Easter baskets and filled easter eggs may be dropped off at the Kids Alley Campus, 4106 Terrace Avenue Pennsauken, NJ 08109 on **Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10 between 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.**

Blossoming Growth at Kids Alley Learning Center

As the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom, so too does the excitement and progress at Kids Alley Learning Center! Over the past few months, our after-school program has been a place of learning, laughter, and faith-filled community. From the vibrant energy of fall to the cozy winter months, we have seen God at work in the lives of our students, shaping their hearts and minds through the love and support of our staff and volunteers.

One of the greatest joys this year has been witnessing our children actively engage in daily devotion. Each afternoon, classes gather to explore God's Word, reflect on real-life applications, and participate in interactive activities that reinforce our weekly big idea. Scripture memorization comes to life through engaging call-and-response exercises and fill-in-the-blank challenges, helping children internalize God's word in a meaningful way. Fridays hold a special significance as all classes unite for a dynamic group session

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Yes, I want to partner with Kids Alley through my financial support

_____ I am enclosing a one-time gift of: _____ \$250. _____ \$100. _____ \$50.

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_____ I would like to become a monthly supporter in the amount of: _____

_____ Please use my donation of _____ toward the Easter Celebration.

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Please make check payable to Kids Alley.
Donations can also be made at www.kidsalley.org.



REMINDER - Please clip and mail this form to Kids Alley PO Box 594 Audubon, NJ 08106.

...WE STRIVE TO HELP STUDENTS SEE HOW FAITH SHAPES THEIR DAILY LIVES

filled with games, discussions, and musical worship. This season, we are embracing our “Miraculous” theme, focusing on the incredible works of Jesus. From teaching new worship songs to enjoying a SuperBook movie session—complete with popcorn—our goal is to make devotion time not only educational but deeply impactful. Through these experiences, we strive to help students see how faith shapes their daily lives and their journey with Christ.

This year, we introduced new club experiences that have given students the opportunity to explore their interests in fresh and exciting ways and allow students to develop their God-given talents. Art Club fosters creativity, Sports Club encourages teamwork and perseverance, and Reading Club builds confidence and imagination. Our newest addition, Cooking Club, has been a wonderful way to teach responsibility and gratitude while preparing simple meals. Through these experiences, children are learning not just new skills, but also how to support and uplift one another in a Christ-centered environment.

One of the most beautiful transformations we've witnessed this year was in one of our 6th-grade students, Samantha. At the beginning of the school year Sammy was quiet and hesitant to engage with her peers. However, with the addition of clubs, she found a space to connect, express herself, and build friendships without pressure. Art Club has become her favorite, and now, she and her new friends eagerly sign up together each week. Through clubs, Sammy has not only discovered her creative side but has also gained a newfound confidence and sense of belonging. Seeing her excited to be at the Learning Center reminds us of why we do what we do—creating a space where every child feels valued, supported, and loved.



Winter also brought wonderful opportunities to celebrate the beauty of God's diverse creation. Throughout December, we explored holidays from around the world, including Hanukkah, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Santa Lucia, and Las Posadas. Through crafts, stories, and cooking activities, students learned how different cultures celebrate, deepening their understanding of the world while seeing how God's love extends to all people.

Another incredible blessing has been our partnership with The Free Books Project and its founder, Tom Martin. Once a month, our students have the opportunity to visit The Free Book Place, where Tom opens his doors to them, providing a welcoming space filled with stories and adventure. He even invites authors to read their books aloud, and some generously gift their books to the children. These visits not only encourage a love of reading but also remind our students of the power of generosity and the joy of sharing knowledge. Watching their excitement as they pick out books to take home is a beautiful reminder of how God provides in unexpected ways. If you or someone you know has the ability to



bless our center with similar experiences, whether through special trips, guest visitors, or unique activities—we are always looking for new and exciting opportunities to share with our children.

As we enter a new season, we remain committed to helping children grow in knowledge and faith. We are dedicated to helping children finish the school year strong, confident, and prepared for the next grade level. Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement. We look forward to all that He has in store.

SATURDAY LIVE

A Morning of Faith, Fun and Fellowship

Saturday Live is a program that invites children, teens, and adults to gather for a meaningful time of worship, learning, and fellowship. The morning begins with a warm welcome, breakfast, and group worship, where kids engage in uplifting songs and a short group activity.

Following worship, they break into age-based groups for engaging Bible lessons. These lessons incorporate interactive discussions, hands-on activities, and real-world applications to reinforce biblical principles.

After the lesson, children participate in a fun group activity or craft related to the day's theme. The morning ends with a closing song, message, and prayer, offering time for kids to connect with their peers and mentors in a supportive, loving environment.

One of our newest children, **Hasan Green**, recently shared his excitement, saying, "I love this place!" His enthusiasm reflects the joy and sense of belonging that Saturday Live fosters. The back story to Hasan coming is that his mom, **Yamalia was a Kids Alley "kid."**

She faithfully attended Saturday Live with her family for years. As we moved to Fairview and then outside of Camden she lost touch with us. Upon learning of Ms. Vivian's passing, she assumed Kids Alley closed. Recently, she saw a Kids Alley flyer and thought, "No, it can't be."

She called and was thrilled to find out Kids Alley was still thriving. She is attending Saturday Live regularly with her children and is looking forward to joining our volunteer team. She shared with us her first week back, "**Kids Alley had such an impact in my life, and I want my children to have that same experience.**" The love of God transforms lives and forms bonds that remain with you forever.



Introducing the Think Orange Curriculum

This year, we are thrilled to introduce the Think Orange curriculum, a dynamic program that meets children and teens at their unique stages of growth and development. By seamlessly integrating child development principles with theology,

Think Orange provides a well-rounded children's ministry strategy that nurtures strong relationships and deepens faith. Each lesson is designed to be engaging, age-appropriate, and impactful, helping kids build a strong spiritual foundation while also developing character and leadership skills. The response has been overwhelmingly positive—our children are excited about the lessons, eagerly participating, and anticipating what's coming next!



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Supporter

Our program thrives because of the generosity of our long-time donors and volunteers. There are not enough words to describe our gratitude for your support and kindness. Your ongoing support has made a tangible difference in the lives of our families, and we are incredibly grateful.

This Valentine's Day was especially memorable as each child received a special gift of one book and a set of pajamas, donated by Grace Church in Haddonfield, Holy Family in Laurel Springs, St. Andrew's/Andres in Camden and Grace Church in Merchantville. Donations like these remind our kids they are loved and cherished. These thoughtful gifts provided both comfort and encouragement, reinforcing our mission to share Christ's love in every way possible.

Join Us in Making a Difference

We are so thankful for our supporters who make Saturday Live possible. Your generosity allows us to create a safe space where children can grow in faith, build strong relationships, and experience God's love in a tangible way.

HELP US GROW / SHARE OUR WORK

In our year-end letter, we shared the need to reach new people to partner with us through prayer, finances, and volunteering. We want to express our appreciation for the numerous generous gifts given in November and December. They put us on a firm footing into the spring.

However, we are still in need of spreading the mission and work of God here at Kids Alley. Our expenses keep growing, but our financial partners have not grown in comparison. We do not want to keep asking our faithful donors for additional funds.

Consider inviting a few friends and family to your home and we will share the impact Kids Alley is making in the lives of children and their families. Are you part of a church, a rotary, a small group? We would love to come and share the many ways people can get involved and bring hope and resources to those who live in need.



Email brendah@kidsalley or call 856-546-1098 to explore how you can help us connect with new partners.

ANNUAL GALA - SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 8



We will be hosting our **ANNUAL GALA AT THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOAT-HOUSE** on **SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025 FROM 5 PM – 9PM**. This evening is a wonderful time to hear testimonies and updates on the impact of Kids Alley, while enjoying a delicious meal, music, and a basket auction. Tickets will go on sale in April.



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 They are all designed to build community by helping families and children achieve self-sufficiency. Each year Kids Alley delivers asset development, education, character building, and support to at risk children and their families.



THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF ALAN GANSERT.

Alan and his wife Janis both served on the board of directors for One Accord Inc. dba Kids Alley for several years. They supported Kids Alley through their prayers, financial support, and often volunteered at events. Alan was a man of God and his life bore witness to that. We will miss Alan and our prayers and comfort are with Janis, his children and grandchildren.

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