



The Dubuque Dream Center was formally established on July 23, 2013. Doors officially opened for services and programs on September 22, 2013. Conceived by Robert Kimble, John Reeves of South Carolina, Jay Schiesl of Dubuque, Iowa, and in partnership with Galena Bible Church, the Dubuque Dream Center was founded to help strengthen the community in the downtown area of Dubuque, Iowa.

Robert Kimble, Executive Director of the Dream Center, has been a resident of Dubuque, Iowa since 1989. Robert graduated from Emmaus Bible College with a degree in Biblical Studies in 1999. Following graduation he joined AmeriCorps Vista and served as Youth Coordinator in East Dubuque, Illinois, from 2000-2002. He held positions including Teen Outreach Coordinator and Youth, Sports, and Family Director at the Dubuque Community YMCA from 2001-2013. Robert also served the Dubuque community as girl's high school and varsity basketball coach at Dubuque Senior High School from 2005-2013.

Inspired by his faith-based education and passion for youth and families, Robert has a heart for the underserved and at-risk as well as a passion to build on Dr. Martin Luther King's dream to *unify and build community*. His background in faith education and in youth and family program development are the foundation for establishing the Dream Center as a community center that provides successful programs to impact lives.

The Dubuque Dream Center is an outreach community center committed to

mobilizing youth and families to build on Dr. King's Dream of transforming communities by embracing, empowering and unifying those who live here.



The Dream Center mission is to:

- **impact youth,**
- **strengthen families,** and
- **build community.**

The Dream Center is not a drop-in facility. The Center provides structured programs and activities where youth and teens build relationships with caring adults, have a safe place to belong, and participate in value-driven programs and activities. All programs and activities offered at the Dream Center have volunteer or staff leaders who have committed to *In Your Life Mentoring*, our strategy to impact lives through genuine relationships with youth and their families. Our goal is to instill character and provide academic support and wise provision for overall health and well-being by building on the foundation of genuine relationships facilitated through our structured programs and activities.

By providing these high quality support systems and making them accessible and affordable for low-income families, the Dream Center strives to impact lives that not only lead to a safe community, but a sense of community as well.



BACKGROUND INFO

PROGRAMS

MEAL MENTORING

Dream Center participants are served a meal each program day. Dream Center mentors strategically engage youth during meal time to build relationships and reinforce values.

DUBUQUE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

The Dream Center has partnered with the Dubuque School District to impact academic achievement gaps at low-income schools. The core of Dream Center programming is promoting healthy school and home environments to maximize student success and providing services designed to bridge the gap between school, students and parents. Our goal for the program is to find solutions for the individual needs of high-risk or underserved students.



ACADEMIC CENTER

The Dream Center provides an academic center with laptops where participants can complete homework assignments, participate in lessons, receive academic assistance and participate in character development curriculum.

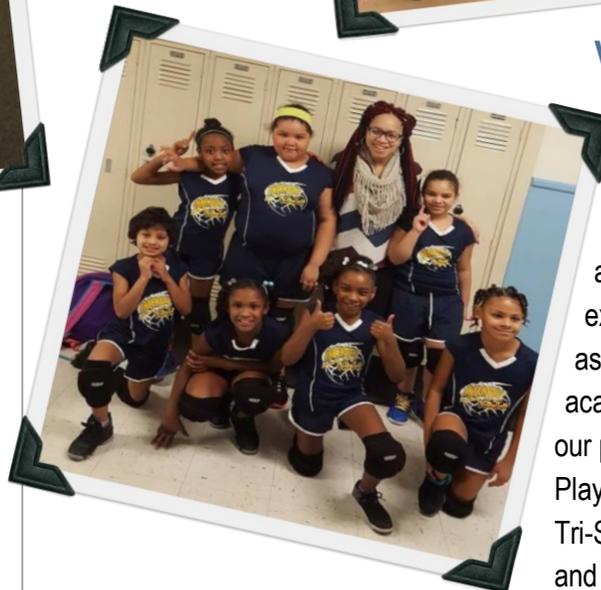
BOYS AND GIRLS INTENSITY CLUB SPORTS TEAMS

Our Intensity club sports program provides quality instruction and opportunities to compete in the Tri-State area. Players must complete schoolwork and work towards academic achievement goals as a part of our program structure. Our basketball teams presently include boys and girls 2nd-8th grade.



DANCE TEAMS

Participants learn fun, creative dance routines with opportunities to perform in the community.



VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

The Dream Center Volleyball Club teaches players the skills to play volleyball, with expectations and strategic assistance towards academic achievements. Players are expected to complete homework assignments and work towards academic achievement goals as part of our program structure. Players will compete in Tri-State tournaments and local leagues.

