Director’s Report for November 24, 2014

1. It has been a great month for donations. Angie Riley and family donated six huge bags of new toys, games, puzzles, etc. for the child care programs. The estimated value of her gifts were $650.00. Angie donates so much and is so generous! Other families have also been cleaning closets in preparation for new Christmas toys and we have been the recipients of a PS2 system and 20 games valued at $200.00 and many other smaller donations of games, toys, clothes, etc. We even had a gentleman bring in cilantro from his garden.
2. I had to call our Handyman, Dave Dinsmore, to repair a section of flooring in the kitchen area. I had ServiceMaster wax all the floors on 2nd floor and in the process some cracked and broken tiles in the kitchen really soaked up the water and chemicals and heaved up to become a tripping hazard. It turns out just the underlayment was damaged so Dave will be able to replace a small section of that and a few tiles and we will be good to go. It really needed to be replaced anyway and now it will be taken care of.
3. Five representatives from US Bank came and toured the building on October 27th. They were Steve Erwin, Robert Balfany, Barry Gates, Alyssa Brutty, and Eddie Sitzman.  I showed them everything and answered alot of questions.  I hope that they were impressed when they left.  Sarah Reinke, Willard's Program Director, and I sat down and talked to them about offering financial literacy programs here at Willard for adults and children.  I am very excited about the possibilities.  I told them to also drive around the neighborhood and check it out.

Representatives from West Gate Bank will be visiting and touring on November 18th.

1. I gave a presentation to the Next Gen Grant Group on Oct. 30th for the grant that we wrote for $6200.00 for the Willard Pre-K House. It was a great event! I was able to show off the wonderful video that our staff, Wes Gorans and Erin Butcher, made about Willard and the Pre-K House. Kassy Knudson and Katie Hazard made Wes, Erin and me feel very comfortable and special as we were on the 20th floor in the Nebraska Club with delicious snacks and beverages. After the event Kassy and Katie donated the left over treats and decorations to the Willard Teen Program for their Halloween party the next day. Thank you again for everything ladies! The group will make a decision about grant funding the first of December.