



FIRETREE PLACE

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Let's Get Acquainted



Many thanks for taking a minute to get to know us!

Firetree Place is a licensed nonprofit community/childcare center located in Williamsport, PA. Our center focuses primarily around youth and their development into successful adulthood. Our programs are crucial for keeping at-risk youth safe, guiding, mentoring, and empowering them to reach their full potential by creating and providing positive and attainable opportunities which ultimately help reveal their talents, passions and goals. Our mission is to help give every child that comes through our doors the best possible chance for a happy, healthy and successful future as we can. If ever there was a time to invest in our youth, it's now. They're counting on us! Our vision is to build stronger communities by helping build strong, healthy, responsible and successful youth.

If you too have a heart for children and would like to support Firetree Place's efforts, you can do so by subscribing, sharing and/or donating. We would not be here offering these services without the continued support of outside groups and agencies as well as members of the community.

Again, thank you for your time, and please, keep reading!

Mission Statement

Firetree Place is a non-profit organization that engages the community through enrichment activities and provides resources that will strengthen the community as a whole. Firetree Place ensures the educational and personal enrichment of our area's youth, families and seniors by providing comprehensive programs, camps, workshops and seminars.

It Takes a Village

According to a study done by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting, the peak time for juvenile crime in Pennsylvania is between 2-6pm. In accordance with this fact, across the United States, 9 out of 10 adults agree that afterschool programs are essential in their communities. Afterschool programs are critical to many parents and guardians not only in our community but across the entire nation. Programs like ours are relied upon by countless families and the communities they live in to keep their children safe and out of harm's way but also to help guide their children in the direction of happy and successful futures.

Afterschool programs have been shown to improve school attendance and behavior as well as lowering the risk of juvenile crime in the community. These programs offer diverse, structured and consistent activities that help youth develop skills such as building healthy relationships, improving behavior and work habits as well as developing strong social skills. Many programs also offer homework help, tutoring, warm meals and fun activities focused on positive youth development. In Pennsylvania alone, over 800,000 students are on waiting lists to get into an afterschool program. That number is plain unacceptable and really, there is no good reason for it. There are families in your community in need of this critical support, not to mention the peace of mind afterschool programs can offer them. If this topic is as important to you as it is to us, we urge you to find a way to get involved.

Our youth are the future and it really does take a village.



Get to Know Our Staff



My time at Firetree Place has been an enjoyable & exciting experience. I have seen the organization's growth over the years and look forward to continued growth. We have a great staff who make it possible to fulfill our mission of providing programming for youth & the community.



~Executive Director, William (Billy) Dayton III~

Billy has been with Firetree Place since December 2015. He graduated from York College of Pennsylvania. Prior to leading Firetree Place, he worked for the Athletic Dept. at Northwestern Lehigh School District and was an assistant baseball coach there as well. Billy also worked in the Athletic Dept. at the University of Pennsylvania for two years. When Billy first arrived at Firetree Place in 2015, he began as the center's Recreation Coordinator, but was promoted to Executive Director within just a few months.

First Quarter Donations

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