will also be engaged in various workshops and projects that will be offered through the programs.

Cicero West Elementary School
Service if offered: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Times offered: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Columbus East Elementary School
Service if offered: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
Times offered: 3:00pm – 5:30pm

• Field Trips: Youth and staff together plan field trips throughout the year – educational, cultural, and fun field trips.

• Food/Cooking: Daily, each participant receives a hot meal. Monthly youth and staff prepare snacks together.

• The FUERZA Institutes: Institutes are designed for more hands-on, intense, experiential learning. Examples of the FUERZA Institutes include the Culinary Institute, Wellness Institute, Fine Arts Institute, Indy Institute and the Young Authors Institute. VidaFit is a fitness program for youth of all ages and meets weekly. Group exercise classes, strength training and nutrition are core components.

• Recreation: board games, pool, foosball, video games are just some of the daily offerings youth have to choose from.

• Special Events: Open Mic Night brings lots of new faces to the center where young people take control of the stage and perform poetry, hip-hop, music and spoken word to an audience of their peers; Poetry Slam is another venue for youth to bring their friends and perform their literary pieces they have created.

• FUERZA de Mujer: This is a girls program designed to address the issues that confront girls. The program meets weekly and has special events and field trips.

Service if offered: Monday through Friday
Times offered: School Year: 1:00pm – 9:00pm
Summer: 11:00am – 7:00pm

AFTER SCHOOL BLAST
21st Century Community Learning Centers
Corazón Community Services offers after school programming in Cicero West Elementary School and Columbus East Elementary School. Programming targets children in grades 1-6 and provides tutoring, mentoring, arts, team building and much more. Parents

Service if offered: Monday through Thursday
Times offered: 9:00pm – 6:00pm
Friday, 1:00pm – 10:00pm

Cease Fire hours change according to need in the community and may include Saturday hours as well.
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Services Offered

Information and Referral
Corazón Community Services offers assistance to families by providing information on available services offered by other agencies and programs across the city and suburbs and makes appropriate referrals as needed. Corazón Community Services can also screen applicants for all public benefits through the Real Benefits web-based system. The screening applies to the following benefits:

Food Stamps
All Kids/Moms & Babies/FamilyCare
EITC
Medical Assistance for Seniors/Disabled
Medicare Cost Sharing Plans
Help with Medicare Drug Plan Costs
Illinois Cares Rx/Circuit Breaker
Breast and Cervical Cancer Program
Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP)

Once screened, if applicants are eligible for benefits, the completed applications will be printed and faxed to the local DHS office and a copy given to the applicant. This reduces the amount of wait time in completing the applications.

Service if offered: Monday through Friday
Times offered: 9:00am–9:00pm
What to bring: rent and utility bills, check stubs from employment or other sources of income

Community Technology Center (CTC)
The computer training and services that are provided in Corazón’s CTC, Monday through Friday, include:

Basic Computing 101: participants will learn common technology terminology and equipment basics. They will also learn how to use computer software mastering basic functions and document creation, saving, moving, copying and deleting electronic files. Lastly they will use the computer to transmit and gather information from the internet. Students will create individual email accounts.

Service if offered: Monday through Friday
Times offered: 12:00pm – 3:00pm and again from 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Advanced Computing: participants will gain additional skills as it pertains to their level of knowledge and expertise. All applicants are given an assessment to determine their level of skill instruction needed.

Service if offered: Monday through Friday
Times offered: 9:00pm – 7:00pm

College/Career Exploration and Preparation: participants will learn how to access the internet to get information on colleges, download applications, enroll for courses and research financial aide. Participants will also learn how to search for jobs on-line and post their resumes. All participants will create a resume.

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Times offered: 3:00pm – 5:00pm and again from 7:00pm – 9:00pm

General Community Use: Corazón Community Services will schedule “open-time” for community residents to access the computer lab for personal use.

Service if offered: Monday through Friday
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