Neighborhood House of Milwaukee

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

In the last 65 years, since its founding in 1945, Neighborhood House programs have helped improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of children, adults and refugees in Milwaukee.

The year 2010 marked Neighborhood House's 60th year as a United Way agency. Neighborhood House became a United Way agency in 1950 and is one of the oldest United Way agencies in Milwaukee.

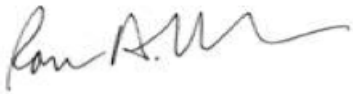
Perseverance

"Congratulations to Neighborhood House for more than 65 years of working on the front lines in Milwaukee's most challenging neighborhoods to help children and families succeed. NH makes a difference in keeping kids in school, giving children healthy beginnings, and nurturing stability in central-city families. NH has been a pillar of hope and stability in our city center since 1945."

TOM BARRETT
Milwaukee Mayor

Welcome to Neighborhood House

Perseverance. Our children and families have shown it through these hard times. And so has our staff. This economy has been hard for nonprofits and the at-risk families we serve. Neighborhood House was especially hard hit in 2008, enduring deficits and significant fiscal challenges. Through stream-lining and cost-savings (without cutting back our services), as well as aggressive fund-raising and new donor development, we cut that deficit in half the following year, even during the toughest economy our agency had ever survived. The third year—our fiscal year 2010—we eliminated the deficit finishing with a budget surplus! We're not going to lie. It's been a hard road. But we have been mindful that many of the children and families we have served for decades have been used to seemingly insurmountable challenges as part of their daily lives. We know that many of our donors have continued to give generously, even when they have been hard hit too. Thank you all for sticking with us. We constantly remind ourselves that these tough economic times will pass. But poverty, hardship, poor healthcare, violence, and lagging educational and professional opportunities for many of our families and children will remain. In fact, the aftermath of this downturn has already taken a heavy toll and will continue to plague future generations. That's why your continued support of the children, families and refugees served by Neighborhood House is more crucial than ever now.



Roman A. Draba
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Richard C. Cox
Executive Director

Neighborhood House OF MILWAUKEE

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United Way of Greater Milwaukee

Milwaukee has some of the highest rates in the country for urban poverty, infant mortality, teen pregnancy, domestic abuse, obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. The various centers of Neighborhood House are located on the "front lines" of these challenges – at the heart of Milwaukee's most at-risk neighborhoods.

In 2010, our Community Health Improvement for Milwaukee's Children (CHIMC) program joined forces with Children's Hospital to produce a citywide social marketing campaign for childhood immunizations. Neighborhood House also hosted the City of Milwaukee Health Department Flu Kickoff Clinic in the summer of 2010.

Healthy Choices

"The Medical College of Wisconsin chose Neighborhood House as a partner because of its long history of making a difference in our city's urban core. Neighborhood House's main facility and its other centers are located at the heart of our city's most distressed neighborhoods. NH is directly serving the children and families who suffer most from high rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, poor vaccination rates and unhealthy living habits. Together, Neighborhood House and Medical College of Wisconsin's CHIMC program are educating and improving the health of Milwaukee's most at-risk children and adults."

T. MICHAEL BOLGER
Medical College of Wisconsin
President & CEO

Learning to Live Strong Means Learning To Live Healthy

Neighborhood House (NH) is first and foremost a safe haven and healthy environment for urban children and families to thrive. That's why NH programs have been on the front line in addressing lifestyle and healthcare issues of urban children and families. Our **holistic "wrap-around" approach** aims at improving the physical and mental health and health literacy of families both at Neighborhood House and in their own homes. Powerful partnerships with organizations such as the **Greater Milwaukee Foundation, United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Jewish Family Services, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH)** dramatically increased the reach of our mission.

A mainstay of our health initiatives is the **Community Health Improvement for Milwaukee's Children (CHIMC)**, an eight-year, multi-million dollar partnership with the **Medical College of Wisconsin, funded by the NIH-National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities**. Since its inception in 2005, CHIMC has worked with the families of more than 900 Milwaukee children to eliminate vaccine-preventable childhood diseases.

Many of our programs, like **Safe & Sound, Violence Prevention Initiative, Fighting Back, and United Way's Healthy Girls**, stress learning healthy lifestyle practices and making healthy choices. Other programs, like our **Cal Ripken Badges for Baseball** and Milwaukee's **Childhood Obesity Prevention Program (MCOPP)** promote physical activity and healthy eating habits. Neighborhood House's unique Outdoor and Environmental Education (OEE) program teaches sustainable gardening, nature activities and cooking fresh produce dishes in our teaching kitchens. Together, our OEE program, many youth programs and wonderful recreational facilities offer activities from **hiking, bird-watching, camping and gardening to roller skating (in our own full-sized roller rink!), baseball, basketball, boxing, yoga, relaxation techniques, and other fun activities.**

Our **monthly Wellness Wednesday** events are attended by hundreds each month and embody our holistic approach to addressing the physical and emotional wellness of the families and children we serve. Wellness Wednesdays feature free healthy dinners and entertainment with health-focused presentations and screenings. Such topics as **diabetes, obesity, heart disease, nutrition, smart grocery shopping and healthy cooking classes** have been offered during Wellness Wednesday events.

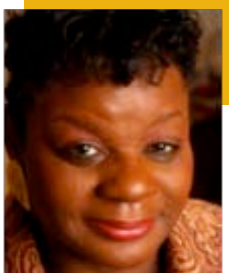
The mission of Neighborhood House of Milwaukee is to strengthen children, families and neighborhoods in our city. Neighborhood House and its various centers are located in some of the poorest and most at-risk neighborhoods in Milwaukee.

Since its founding in 1945, Neighborhood House has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of children and adults in our city's urban core. In many cases, two and three generations of families have attended NH.

Vibrant Families

"I congratulate Neighborhood House on 65 years of great service to Milwaukee families. I know firsthand how much they can help. NH helped me and my family succeed, and I am glad they are still making a difference for many families today."

GWEN MOORE
U.S. Congresswoman
& Former NH Student



Neighborhood House Helps Families Build Strong Foundations.

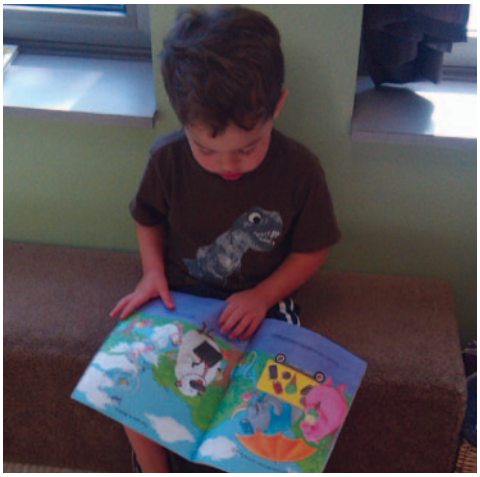
Strengthening families is central to the mission of Neighborhood House. **Families are the basic foundation of strength for children** and Neighborhood House helps provide the mortar for families to build those strong foundations. NH offers some of the **highest quality early childhood education in the city**, as well as **award-winning programs for youth, community learning and refugee families**. But Neighborhood House has long recognized that to best maximize the effectiveness of its programming, **child care practices and in-home parenting should reinforce each other**. Studies show that healthy relationships and consistent practices between caregivers and parents help children develop cognitively, emotionally and socially. With this goal in mind, NH established a number of new initiatives in 2010 to strengthen its support of the families it serves and to ensure consistency between its own caregiving and that of parents.

A parent advisory board was established to provide a forum for parents to communicate with each other and with staff. The parent advisory board and NH staff meet monthly to discuss how parents and staff can work together to strengthen their children. And NH created a **Facebook site specifically for NH parents** to communicate with staff and each other and be updated on events at NH. Neighborhood House's Board of Directors also established a new position for a parent representative who can serve as a direct liaison between the board and parents and families.

In addition to the **monthly Wellness Wednesday** events that Neighborhood House provides monthly for its families, the agency will soon launch similar weekend events called **Super Saturdays**, which will provide additional health education and recreational activities for parents and children.

One of Neighborhood House's most unique and family-support driven programs is the **International Learning Center (ILC)**, whose main focus is promoting adult literacy, numeracy, pre-GED, and citizenship for our city's refugees. But a fundamental part of promoting adult education is providing refugee families with the wherewithal to participate in classes. So the ILC also has an **in-house licensed preschool**. In addition, the ILC provides **parenting classes and periodic in-home visits** to help reinforce parenting skills, as well as referral services for trauma and medical counseling.

Our ECS program was the first community-based program to achieve national accreditation in Milwaukee and remains one of only 16 programs of the more than 1,500 state-licensed childcares in Milwaukee to have the accreditation by NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children.



Studies strongly show that children who attend quality preschool programs are less likely to have low test scores, less likely to drop out, less likely to be poor in adulthood, and less likely to require costly welfare or imprisonment later in life.

Strong Beginnings

"I grew up a couple of blocks from Neighborhood House and attended its youth programs as a child. It is such a vibrant, innovative and well-rounded program with excellent teachers. I was lucky for such a great start in my early education. Research shows overwhelmingly that good early childhood education is vital. I can attest to that!"

EVA LAM
2010 Rhodes Scholar,
Harvard graduate
& Former NH
Student

Neighborhood House, A Milwaukee Leader in Early Childhood Education Excellence & Innovation

Neighborhood House's sentinel Early Childhood Services (ECS) program is one of the best programs in the city and has one of the longest legacies of excellence. Neighborhood House **developed the first community-based program in Milwaukee to be nationally accredited by NAEYC**, the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Today our ECS program remains **one of only 16 nationally-accredited programs of Milwaukee's** more than 1,500 state-licensed childcares (**less than 1%** of all childcares). Our **six large classrooms** include a **Head Start** program and an **award-winning, quarter-acre Garden and Play Habitat**. But our most shining assets are our dedicated licensed teachers, half of whom have been at NH for 6-10 years. In fact, one of our most loved teachers has been at NH for 20 years and was awarded the prestigious **Betty Brinn Teacher Award**. (Childcare research indicates that the **tenure of teachers at childcares is a very strong indicator of quality** and stability of the childcare.)

Our ECS program is a child development center for children ages six-weeks to six-years-old. Our teachers use the highly regarded **Creative Curriculum®**, aligned with NAEYC guidelines and based on best practices and age-specific brain development. The curriculum provides detailed daily resource guides for teachers and is specifically designed to **encourage families to be strong partners** in reinforcing their child's learning at home. NH also stresses strong parent involvement through its **Parent Advisory Committee**, in which all parents and staff are encouraged to participate.

NH's early childhood program distinguishes itself in yet another very unique way: its **Outdoor & Environmental Education (OEE)** program is **one of the oldest in the city**, established in the 1960s and is infused throughout the children's daily learning. The excellence of our ECS program is such that it was once awarded as a pilot site for the **Ready Set Grow Project** with the **Wisconsin Council of Children and Families**.

"Thank you for improving the quality of life for children in Wisconsin. [Through your Badges for Baseball Program,] children develop positive relationships with law enforcement officials and learn about making healthy choices in all areas of their life."

J.B. VAN HOLLEN
State Attorney General

A program of Neighborhood House, the Community Learning Center (CLC) model at the High School of the Arts, has proven to be one of the most effective approaches in motivating teens to stay in school, finish their homework, and go on to college or employment.

Hopeful Futures

"The best investment a culture can make is in its children. After all, they are our future. Neighborhood House invests in Milwaukee's most at-risk children with amazing success. NH provides a stable home-away-from-home environment, helps children develop pride, self-confidence and essential learning skills, and provides them a structure for success. Neighborhood House has been a major Milwaukee institution in our central city since 1945 and truly has been a beacon of hope for many children who might otherwise lose their way."

DR. JOAN PRINCE
Vice Chancellor,
Partnerships & Innovation,
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

Helping Generations of Milwaukee's Children Grow Up Strong

One of Neighborhood House's hallmarks of its quality youth programs is the generations of children who attended NH in their youth who return to NH with their own children and grandchildren! Wisconsin's own U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore of Milwaukee is one such example. Both her children and grandchildren attended NH programs.

NH offers **University Kids Club** (ages 7-12), **Bridge** (ages 13 & 14), **Teen** (ages 14-19), and **Summer Day Camp**, one of the city's oldest, founded in 1945. Our youth program curriculum, **Empowering Youth for Success**, addresses academic skills and school retention head-on, as well as digging deeper to build character, self-esteem, healthy decision-making, and conflict resolution skills.

NH has forged powerful and long-lasting partnerships with government, foundation, university, and corporate organizations that greatly expand our mission. One-on-one mentoring and leadership is provided through such entities as **Wisconsin Department of Justice, Milwaukee Police Department, Safe & Sound, United Way Healthy Girls, CDBG, Cal Ripken Foundation, and Fighting Back**, to name just a few. Our youth initiatives also include collaborations with MPS, private schools, and nearly all the major area colleges and universities.

Neighborhood House's **Summer Day Camp** includes ten weeks of intense academic, artistic and athletic programming. Integral to the youth programs of Neighborhood House is its unique **Outdoor and Environmental Education (OEE)** curriculum first created in the 1960s. The NH staff created and published its own nature teaching guide called **"Nature Time,"** which is **taught in MPS schools**. The OEE curriculum includes classes in NH's **Science Lab, Outdoor Garden Habitat, and its 93-acre Nature Center & Lodge in Dodge County**. There, youth and their families can attend nature programs, events, overnight camp, and learn how to be good environmental citizens.

Another NH youth program, the **Community Learning Center (CLC)**, is housed at the Milwaukee High School of the Arts four blocks from NH's main facility. The CLC provides academic support and recreational activities for about **800 students annually**. It has proven to be **extremely effective in improving student achievement** and graduation and continuing education rates.

Milwaukee's immigrant population has jumped more than 25% in the new millennium, largely due to genocide and war in Somalia, Burma, Iraq, and the Congo. Although they are among Milwaukee's poorest and most at-need, their determination to become productive citizens and learn about their new culture is awe-inspiring.

The International Learning Center's excellence is nationally recognized and is the state's leading learning center for refugees, directly serving more than 600 refugees from 25 countries and indirectly reaching another 2,500 family members, mostly children. The Center also has a licensed child care.

Overcoming Adversity

"The International Learning Center is a wonderful place full of energy and hope! It brings crucial services and support to thousands of our state's refugee families whose needs are great. The ILC empowers them to learn to read and become productive citizens. The child care center together with its parent organization, Neighborhood House, provides programs for the entire family. The ILC is in a unique position to address the literacy needs of the entire family."

WISCONSIN'S FIRST LADY
Jessica Doyle

Our International Learning Center is the State's Leading Center for Refugees

Neighborhood House's **International Learning Center (ILC)** is a veritable melting pot of international citizens from the far corners of the world. The ILC serves **600 refugees a year** directly and indirectly benefits **another 2,500 family members, most children**. These refugees and their children come from **25 different countries**; many are from war-torn or famine-ravaged countries—**Somalia, Burma, the Congo, and Liberia**. Often they are victims of war, atrocities, genocide or famine. The ILC continues to serve generations of Hmong refugees, casualties of the Viet Nam War who supported the United States and became victims of horrific genocide during and after the war. In fact, **Milwaukee has one of the largest Hmong populations in the country.**

Many of ILC's refugees are not literate in English or even their own tongue. But all are bound by a common drive; they are immensely grateful to be in America and they work hard to become productive American citizens and find work. The ILC guides them in these goals, offering **adult literacy, math education, pre-GED, and citizenship programs**, as well as **computer skills, employment training, job placement, and parenting classes**.

The ILC also has a **licensed preschool** so adult participants can attend classes conveniently and know their children are near and safe. Referral services are also offered for trauma counseling, medical needs, and support with job and school issues.

ILC's excellence is nationally recognized and has won Site Recognition and Accreditation by the **U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals**, one of only three area citizenship programs to be so honored. In 2008, the ILC won the national **Ray Solem Award** for excellence in immigration services. Most recently, in 2010, the ILC won the **First Lady Jessica Doyle Award for Excellence in Family Literacy**.

In the summer of 2010, ILC refugee participants and their families were inspirational subjects of an art exhibit at **Milwaukee's Walker's Point Center for the Arts called "Here, There, and Elsewhere: Refugee Families in Milwaukee."**

The International Learning Center is located several blocks from Neighborhood House's main facility, in **Milwaukee's poorest zip code and the fourth poorest in the United States**. It serves a vital role for our city and the international refugees who have sought refuge and renewal in our city.

Research strongly affirms that exposure to green spaces, the outdoors, and nature activities have a positive effect on human health—both physically and emotionally. This effect is especially dramatic among children who grow up amidst urban blight.

Neighborhood House has one of the oldest , most in-depth nature and environmental programs in the city. In fact, NH staff created and published its own book, "Nature Time," a curriculum used to instruct thousands of MPS students and teachers annually, as well as NH students.

Embracing Nature

"NH's Outdoor & Environmental Education (OEE) is truly innovative in providing urban children and families much-needed exposure to Nature and the outdoors. I have been very lucky to work with these kids, to see the wonder in their eyes at the sight of a clutch of bluebird eggs or new fledglings in a nesting box for the first time. That is a gift!"

BOB TAMM
Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin & Volunteer with NH's New Bluebird Program at NH's 93-acre Nature Center & Lodge

Neighborhood House Brings the Power of Nature to City Kids, Families & Milwaukee Public Schools

One of the most unique and beneficial programs Neighborhood House offers its children and families is our **Outdoor & Environmental Education (OEE)** program. Launched in the 1960s, it is **Milwaukee's oldest community–based green program!**

Central to the Neighborhood House mission, our OEE programming is infused throughout all of our youth and family programs. In fact, our staff created their own nature curricula and **published an award-winning book called "Nature Time,"** now in its second edition and **taught in MPS** Schools and available in bookstores.

Our OEE program offers extraordinary facilties: a **wonderful in-house Science Lab** with aquaponic system, fish tank, worm house, and other types of live flora and fauna; an **award-winning, quarter-acre Garden & Play Habitat** with play equipment, gardens, composting, arbors, berry bushes, sunflower maze and nature study areas; and our crown jewel, **our 93-acre Nature Center & Lodge** in Dodge County, which includes a huge fireplace, classroom and kitchen, plus many miles of groomed trails, gardens, outdoor classrooms, and a maple sugaring "shack" for the annual maple sugaring event in early spring. The OEE program is further enhanced by fertile partnerships with the **Horicon Marsh, Student Conservation Association, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, America's Outdoors, Pheasants Forever, Milwaukee Public Museum, Crane Foundation, Milwaukee Zoological Society, Department of Natural Resources**, and others.

The OEE program addresses the "**Nature Deficit Disorder**" so prevalent in urban children starved for exposure to green spaces and the natural world. It also teaches hands-on science fundamentals through the **STEM (Science Technology, Engineering & Math)** curricula, as well as **sustainable living and gardening**. Our kids sometimes even prepare their own produce in our **Teaching Kitchen** and for our **Wellness Wednesday** events!

In 2010, Neighborhood House's Nature Center was featured in **Wisconsin Bluebird Magazine**. Its new bluebird program fledged 42 baby bluebirds in 2010—its first year! NH staff was also invited to present at the next state conference of the **Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin**.

Neighborhood House is fundamentally committed to the belief that urban children and families need to reap the healthful aspects, inspiration and power of Nature, as well as learn how to be conscientious local and global citizens.

Financials

FOR 2010 FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010

ASSETS

As of June 30, 2010

Current Assets	310,111
Net Fixed Assets	1,704,033
Other Assets	863,454
Total Assets	2,877,598

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

As of June 30, 2010

Current Liabilities	348,023
Long-term Liabilities	108,710
Total Liabilities	456,733
Total Net Assets	2,420,865
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	2,877,598

REVENUE

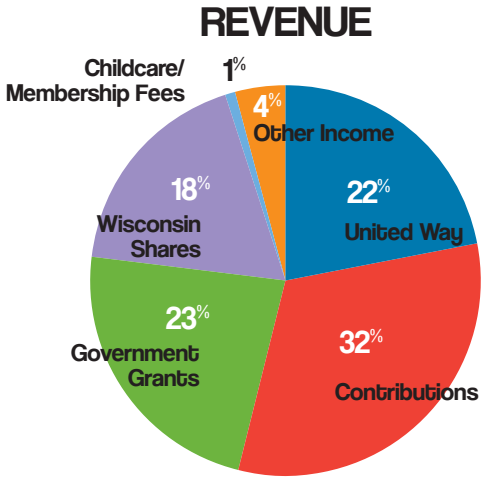
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

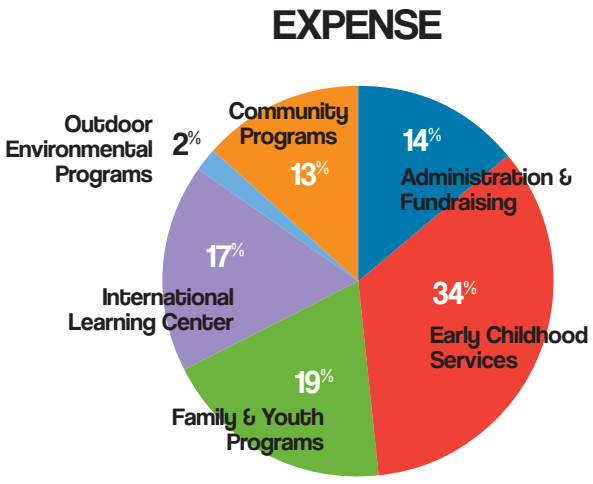
United Way	475,773
Contributions	698,943
Government Grants	498,891
Wisconsin Shares	404,983
Childcare/Membership Fees	22,380
Other Income	107,781
Total Revenue	2,208,751

EXPENSE

July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Program Services:	
Early Childhood Service	725,626
Family & Youth Programs	401,590
International Learning Center	366,422
Outdoor Environmental Program	73,859
Community Programs	291,120
Supporting Activities:	
Administration	41,811
Fund Development	257,000
Total Expense	2,157,428
Change in Net Assets	51,323





Strength in Stability

"Our community struggles with cyclical poverty and social ills that prevent hundreds of thousands of families from living good, healthy lives. United Way is proud to be a long-time partner with Neighborhood House through six decades of life-changing work, connecting Greater Milwaukee's underserved adults and children to the building blocks to better lives – Education, Income and Health."

MARY LOU YOUNG
President & CEO,
United Way of Greater Milwaukee

Economic Stability Equals Strength

Economic stability leads to strength, period—whether it be in families, in corporations, or in nonprofit agencies. Our donors have helped our agency weather hard times and have been the very lifeblood of our children and families in this particularly challenging recent downturn.

This economy has been very hard for nonprofits and the at-risk families we serve. Neighborhood House was especially hard hit in 2008 and suffered a large deficit. However, our agency rebounded aggressively, cutting that deficit in half the following year and this year, finishing with a surplus, even during the toughest economy our agency has ever faced. This was accomplished by **strategic stream-lining** and **careful cost-savings**, as well as **redoubled fund-raising** and **new donor development**. **The old Chinese adage, "In crisis there is opportunity**" is certainly apropos. Neighborhood House has emerged stronger, more streamlined, more focused and poised to make an even greater difference in empowering Milwaukee's at-risk urban children, families and refugees in the future.

The resilience of Neighborhood House and the children and families we serve was made possible by you, the numerous longtime and new donors—**individuals, churches** and **faith-based groups, nonprofits, foundations, corporations**, and, **of course, the United Way of Greater Milwaukee**, listed on the following pages. We simply cannot thank you enough.

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"Neighborhood House has been improving the lives of central-city children, families and refugees since 1945. Because its various centers are located at the heart of Milwaukee's poorest areas, it is right there on the front lines where the need is greatest. I congratulate Neighborhood House and its many donors and volunteers as they celebrate 65 years of addressing some of our city's greatest challenges."

JUDY JORGENSEN
Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Immediate Past President & Longtime NH Supporter

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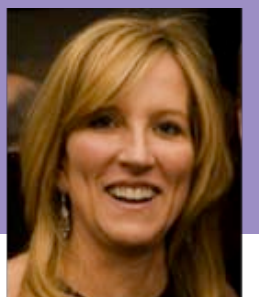

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#2 NH's award-winning Early Childhood program was Milwaukee's first community-based childcare with national NAEYC accreditation. Only the top 1% of state licensed Milwaukee child cares are NAEYC accreditied.

#3 Neighborhood House's International Learning Center (ILC) is Milwaukee's leading center for refugees & one of only several national recipients of the Ray Solem Award for Excellence. The ILC recently won the First Lady Jessica Doyle Award for Family Literacy.

#4 Neighborhood House is Milwaukee's only community center to have its own published book of nature & environmental curricula, "Nature Time," and teaches its program to teachers and thousands of students in MPS classrooms.

#5 Neighborhood House has one of the city's most comprehensive nutrition & healthy living programs, that include partnerships with the Medical College of Wisconsin, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, United Way & other organizations. Together we combat low vaccination rates, poor nutrition, obesity, teen pregnancy, STDs & other pressing health issues.

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Each year we find ourselves torn between the critical importance of our annual report to our generous stakeholders and the cost in dollars and ecological impact to produce an excellent quality report. We have been blessed in past years and this year by the many in-kind contributors to the production of this report. This allows us to produce this report at minimal cost, while providing a useful means to present our mission.

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