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PRESS RELEASE

Neighborhood House Selected to Partner in \$4.8 Million Head Start Grant

Milwaukee, Dec. 11, 2014 --- **Neighborhood House of Milwaukee**, an early education provider in Milwaukee's central city for 70 years, has been selected by **Next Door**, a local leader in early education services, to partner in a major Federal Early Head Start Child Care Partnership grant of \$4.8 million announced yesterday. The funds will be used to lead support programs and services designed to raise the quality of care for low-income families with infants and toddlers who are served by early education partners in ten locations in Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties.

In addition to Neighborhood House, Next Door's partners include: **Child Development Center of St. Joseph's; COA; Kindercare West Allis; Malaika Early Learning Center; and St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care in Milwaukee County.** In Ozaukee County, **Stepping Stones Children's Center** will provide care for an underserved population of low-income families at its two sites.

At an education summit in Washington yesterday, **President Obama** announced \$250 million in Preschool Development Grants and [\\$500 million in Early Head Start Child Care Partnership awards](#). These grants and awards are intended to enhance and expand early education programs and to improve access to high-quality infant and toddler care in high-need communities. Only four agencies in Wisconsin were granted awards; Next Door received the largest sum.

"This year, Neighborhood House is celebrating 70 years of work in making families more successful, with a particular focus on infant to youth initiatives," said Neighborhood House's Executive Director Jeff Martinka. *"We are thrilled to be part of this new Next Door-led effort. I am certain that the new Early Head Start partnership will be a boon to area families and that it will offer programming innovations that are adaptable across the region."*

NOTE: [Radio 88.9](#) will be airing a feature on Neighborhood House early childhood services next week, to be posted on their web site.

Please direct any media inquiries regarding this announcement to Claire Van Fossen at (414) 933-6161 ext 127.

ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE: *Neighborhood House of Milwaukee was founded in 1945 to help strengthen children and families in some of the city's most under-served neighborhoods. The agency has touched the lives of nearly a million children and adults in the last 70 years. Its highly regarded, award-winning programs serve infants & toddlers, school-age and teen youth, adults and families, refugees and immigrants. More at www.nh-milw.org*

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