





2021 ANNUAL REPORT Neighborhood House OF MILWAUKEE



Inspiring Discovery

The last year and the Next 75 years: Thoughts from the Executive Director

Dear Neighborhood House Friends;

Neighborhood House had served more than 4,100 area residents, up 60% from our COVID-closure year and at pre-COVID levels. As a key component of our recent work, we launched a vaccination effort that has offered more than 420 COVID vaccinations to area residents, both our own participants and neighbors.

With the help of many in the Neighborhood House community, we also did something audacious during the pandemic. We planned the opening of a new Neighborhood House food pantry; one to replace a decades-old nearby pantry that closed suddenly as COVID took hold. The new pantry served nearly 3,000 unduplicated guests in its first year.

On our other program and facilities fronts, we amped up our efforts. At the Nature Center, we have a new refortified heirloom Neighborhood House Sugar Shack and thanks to VJS Construction, more than 400 newly-planted trees and a series of lodge improvements. At our Garden Park, we added new playground equipment and garden beds, in anticipation of upgrades next year. At our International Learning Program, we secured grants to remake the parking area grounds and lighting, and to improve internal air filtration.





At our home on Richardson Place, we recreated our entire front yard and loop drive this fall, using nearly \$150,000 in grants and gifts to make our north side environmentally-friendlier, safer, and simply better-looking. Wait until you see our new 75th Anniversary Arch. Look for the hundreds of tiles made of our kids, staff team and Board members under the guidance of artist Sally Duback.

Inside our building, we made huge strides, as well. With the backing of the Pat Connaughton Foundation, we completed a \$55,000 upgrade of our gym, changed out the tired carpeting of the Family Lounge, with VJS Construction Services support, remade our security and air filtration systems, and replaced defunct kitchen fixtures to create a food storage facility that have supported nearly 10,000 food pantry visits.







While serving strong numbers and making improvements, we retained the quality of our work, in spite of challenges. Since our last in-person gala, we maintained our YoungStar 5 quality preschool status, sustained our Early Head Start program mandates with Next Door, kept the respect of our reviewers at United Way, and renewed our refugee certifications with the U.S. Commerce Department. We did not skimp on quality, even as we morphed our work and remained careful stewards of funds.

What does the future hold? Neighborhood House has been morphing for 75 years to meet the needs of a changing community. Neighborhood House will continue to adapt to hold true to its focus on inspiring discovery in





Milwaukeeans of all ages as well as continue to revise and revamp its programming to meet changing needs. We now have a strong Board community and staff team, led by Board member and Vice President Monica Genz, working on a fresh strategic plan set for completion in spring 2022. The future is bright.

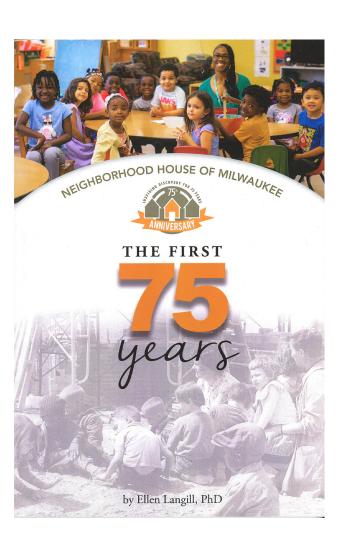
We recently published a first-ever Neighborhood House history book. As I plan my retirement after nearly eight years at Neighborhood House, that very book makes me confident in our continued success. Its pages show that we are built on the strong foundation created by hundreds of past staff and volunteers, and that base is resilient and solid. Neighborhood House is certain to continue to adapt to keep the strength of our traditions, while continuing to inspire discovery in our youth this year, and in the 75 years to come.

Best wishes for health and success,

Jeff Martinka

Executive Director 2014-2022

P.S Please let us know if you would like a copy of the book and we would be happy to send it to you for the cost of shipping.



Board Leadership thoughts on Celebrating 75 YEARS

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

We are proud to celebrate 75 years of Neighborhood House work in our community, work that includes infants and children developing a love of learning, teens exploring careers in order to find paths to success, refugees becoming self-sufficient so that they can support their families in calling Milwaukee home, and parents finding mentors and peers in this community.

For seventy-five years, Neighborhood House has been a safe place where people connect with the resources they need to thrive. Since 1945, our staff and volunteers have inspired discovery for Milwaukeeans of all ages and all backgrounds. This annual report offers photo glimpses of Neighborhood House past and present, memories made possible by supporters like you.

We owe our continued success to our community partners. We offer a special thank you to the many friends and organizational partners whose contributions are recognized within these pages.



President CJ Wauters and his wife Hope at the 75th Anniversay Neighborhood House Gala

Sincerely,

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INSPIRING GOOD STEWARDSHIP

We are proud to affirm that Neighborhood House maintained its strong financial health in FY 2021. Prior to and during the pandemic, we made significant new investments in our staff team and facilities. Still, we closed the year in a very strong cash position, supported by the support of our friends and continued fiscal prudence. We also sustained our Platinum Level recognition from the Guide Star, the nonprofits' rating agency, their highest level available and, new this year, a 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator. Our fiscal success is grounded in community partnerships and careful resource management.

With gratitude,

Kevin Rich Board Treasurer Jerri Washington Finance Director



Neighborhood House Finance Director Jerri Washington (left) with Treasurer Kevin Rich (Right)

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT* 2020-2021

Contributions 49% Early Childhood Programs 28%

Government Grants 22% Family/Environmental Programs 13%

WI Shares 15% Community Program 14%

United Way 10% International Learning Program12%

Childcare Fees 3% Administration 11%

Other Income 1% Development 8%

Land Stewardship 9%

Teen / Youth Programs 5%

Total Revenue: \$3,397,200 Total Expenses: \$2,751,843

BALANCE SHEET

As of June 30, 2021

Total Assets \$ 3,536,453

Total Liabilities \$ 185,480

Total Net Assets \$ 3,350,973

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 3,536,453

Change in Net Assets \$ 645,357



Program Impacts In the 2020-2021 year,

4,167

area residents served, in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. Safely operating live/face to face.

United Way

rated our Early Childhood and Youth Programs as "Exceeds

Expectations".

5,184 up from 3,000 hours last year.

Inspiring Discovery and Impacting Lives Since 1945

In 1945, Father Reinhart Gutmann and a team of dedicated volunteers established the Episcopal City Mission to "operate as a social center for neighborhood children, because there is a very real need on the west side of the city." That City Mission became Neighborhood House of Milwaukee in 1950, the same year Gutmann hired a promising young graduate, Ray Richardson, directly out of the University of Illinois. Ray came to gain experience, but stayed as a critical part of the NH family for nearly 40 years.

Since 1945, thanks to the early leadership of Father Gutmann and Ray Richardson, and guided by the talents of thousands of volunteers, Board members and staff in the eight decades since, Neighborhood House has constantly evolved to meet the needs of preschoolers, youth, refugees, and an increasingly diverse community. In the process of inspiring discovery in generations of Milwaukee families, Neighborhood House has empowered children, youth, families, and individuals, and inspired neighbors, community partners, and supporters.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS (ages 6 weeks-12 years)

The goal of the Early Childhood Program (ECP) is to develop and support high quality, community and family-focused early childhood education. In 2020/2021, the program served 85 infants and children between the ages of six weeks to twelve years old. Infants and children participate in multi-disciplinary activities that enhance early brain development and cognitive skills. The program continues to operate under the prestigious Early Head Start Partnership Program, under the coordination of our partners at Next Door. Our ECP program retains a top YoungStar 5 rating from the State of Wisconsin, placing it in the top 7% of preschool programs in the Milwaukee area, and last year, the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County rated our ECP program as "Exceeds Expectations", placing it in the top 10% of United Way's more than 220 area programs.



Food Pantry served **2,945**unduplicated individuals

Third, top level YoungStar 5

Star rating for our
Preschool Program from
the state of WI.

new U.S. citizens with our expanded success with Milwaukee Refugees.





SCHOOL-AGED PROGRAMS (ages 5-12 years)

Our youth initiatives operated on our main site include University Kids' Club (UKC), a state-licensed, before and after-school program and our annual, 11-week Summer Day Camp. These programs provide educational enrichment, recreational opportunities and community engagement activities designed to improve academic achievement, promote healthy lifestyles, and strengthen life skills.

PRESCHOOL (ages 6 weeks-4 years)

Neighborhood House's YoungStar 5 rated Early Childhood Educational Program provides exceptional care working parents can rely upon. We also offer Early Head Start programming for low-income children. We help build literacy and math skills and support school readiness. Core to our values is partnering with our parents to assure we support their goals and hopes for their children.





SAFE PLACE AT STORY SCHOOL (ages 6-12)

Our Story School program served 51 children and youth last year. Conducted in partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools, this after-school program, located in the Miller Valley neighborhood, serves students in grades K5-8. Safe Place provides academic support, educational enrichment and recreation during the school year and through a six-week summer program.

INTERNATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM (ILP) (serving all ages)

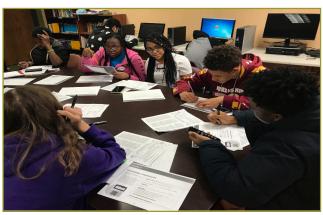
Our ILP prepares newly-arrived refugees, mainly from Southeast Asia and East Africa, for self-sufficiency and success by conducting English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, citizenship classes and financial literacy classes and helping participants prepare for and seek employment. ILP served 350 refugees in 2020/2021, retaining our role as the largest educator of refugees in Wisconsin. We're proud that 43 of our adult refugee learners and 16 of their minor children earned U.S. Citizenship last year with our help. In addition, the ILP continued to expand its contract work to provide job training skills to our refugee students during the year.

In addition, we sustained our partnership with the Southeast Asian Literacy Program (SEAL). The link assist 40-60 Burmese youth with homework help, English classes, and mentoring.









TEEN PROGRAMS

(ages 13-19 years)

Our Teen After School and Summer Camp Programs served 150 youth, down from prior year levels, due in particular to our COVID-19 shut-down and phased rampup. Age-appropriate activities are organized around a group structure and are designed to develop a strong sense of self, as well as provide a balance of social and academic skill preparation.

Our Teen Program promotes positive behaviors for youth 13-19 years of age. Teens participate in homework help, organized sports, teen leadership and enrichment activities and youth employment and career development workshops. The teen programs offered a full-day, 11-week summer camp program. Last year, the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County rated our Neighborhood House teen program as "Exceeds Expectations", placing it in the top 10% of United Way's more than 220 area programs.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

(serving all ages)

Neighborhood House provides a variety of community programs in the health, environmental and family service areas, with 753 program participants in the COVID-19-impacted 2020/2021 fiscal year. Here is a summary of those work areas:

Environmental Education Program (EE): One of the oldest environmental education programs in Milwaukee, EE, teaches science-based education and engages children and families in environmental stewardship, using a NH-developed curriculum. We provide environmental and urban agriculture programming to our all youth and families at our Milwaukee facilities as well as our 90-acre Nature Center. Our goal is to instill a sustainable appreciation for urban and rural natural resources. This is critical as many of our youth and families have limited interaction with nature due to restricted access to safe, public green spaces as well as urban dangers. EE is also interwoven throughout all of NH's other programming areas.





Community Health Initiatives: We believe a strong community consists of healthy individuals and families and we produce free public events to bolster our neighbors. They include our annual health resource fair; fall flu immunization events; workshops and health screenings; and health-focused events. We also provide a variety of health initiatives to targeted schools and populations: they include Woman 2 Woman Program, childhood immunization resources, healthy lifestyle education and mental health referrals to resources.

Family Adventures: This program offers free or very low cost events and trips to the public. Among our most popular field trips are maple sugaring and camping at our 90-acre Dodge County Nature Center as well as trips to unique museums and cultural events.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP): Operating under the motto: "Decide! Commit! Succeed", PREP served youth between the ages of 10-19 in five area schools. Conducted in partnership with the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, we focused youth on financial literacy and fitness, making responsible choices, and healthy relationships as tools to prevent teen pregnancy and substance abuse.

FOOD PANTRY

(serves households throughout the two near westside zip codes)



At the close FY20, Neightborhood House was posed to open a brand new initiative, a food pantry, designed to replace one that had served the neighborhood for decades until its sudden closure in early 2020. The pantry opened in July 2020 and operates on Wednesday and Thursdays, using repurposed Neighborhood House kitchen and storage space. In its first nine months, the pantry and its community volunteers served nearly 3,000 residents from 915 households (unduplicated numbers).



LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

(serves families and youth throughout the region)

In 2021, there were 8 Land Stewardship Interns participating in the NH Conservation Crew. The NH Conservation Crew interns concluded their summer seasons, working on prairie restoration, tree planting, invasive species removal, trail and stream crossing maintenance, and NH Garden Park work. Our innovative Conservation Corps Program offers paid internships, job readiness training and natural resources career explorations to qualified, urban, high school and college students.

The summer season was supported by more than 700 hours of volunteer work, which included returning teams, which is gratifying. In facilities work, we coordinated the creation of a large new swing set and new pollinator garden at the NH Garden Park.

In terms of funding and partnerships, partnerships were also forged with the US Fish & Wildlife

Service, WI Department of Natural Resources, MMSD, US Environmental Protection Agency, Fund for Lake Michigan, Oconomowoc High School, and the UW-Milwaukee Conservation and Environmental Sciences Department, which has adopted



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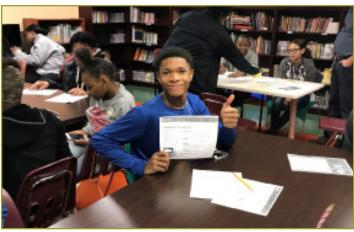


OUR MISSION

To inspire discovery in children and families of all backgrounds in our community

To be the educational, civic cornerstone that strengthens families and builds connections across communities.

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