

# New Beginnings Are Possible

Thank you to **ALL** our special volunteers, you are **MUCH** appreciated!

## The Sprout

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**“It is easier to build a child than to restore an Adult.”**

*New Beginnings Are Possible, Inc. provides urban youth exposed to at-risk conditions in Milwaukee with a moral foundation to make healthy choices and become contributing members of the community.*

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**New Beginnings Are Possible  
Annual Dinner 2014**



**Save the date!**

**9-25-14**

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## Financial Literacy Month

the youth center.

**By: Michelle Cunningham**

As many Americans rushed to file their taxes before the April deadline, the youth at New Beginnings Are Possible were learning that money does not sprout off trees. They learned it is hard work or clever marketing gets you more money.

This month's monthly theme was Financial Literacy.

Throughout this month the youth and preteens were learning about earning and saving money. The youth in Ms. Michelle's group (6-9 year olds) were able to test their business skills by opening a candy shop in

They sold

to their fellow peers and the other center participants. This taught them valuable information about having a job, learning to count money and give the customer the correct change. The store experience gave the kids a chance to have fun earning extra money to be used for education group outings.



## A Lesson in Savings

**By: Kesha Gillespie**

For financial literacy month the preteen group were asked to be part of a money savings challenge where they would start with \$1 and in 52 weeks if they followed the plan they would have saved over \$1,300. We are still unsure how many of the preteens will follow through with this plan. If they are able to keep up with it; they will be able to see that instead of spending a few dollars now on junk food and snacks, later down the road they will have saved a much larger amount of money that they could use on a toy they really wanted or even perhaps save it a bit longer so they will have a good start towards their college education.

◀ Youth Run Snack Shoppe

## Gear Up Breakfast 2014

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**By: Lola Marmolejo**

Thank you to everyone that joined us at our Gear Up Breakfast last month at the Italian Community Center to show their support. We were able to connect with more individuals that have not heard about the youth center, and our mission. We are still not done we have many more peo-

ple that we still need to reach. You can help us in this mission if you know of anyone that may not have heard of us, please pass this newsletter to them after you are finished reading it, or give them our website address so that they can sign up for their own copies:

<http://www.nbap.org>



Our keynote speaker at the Gear Up Breakfast 2014, Dr. John Greene of Johnsons Controls. ▲

**Letters from Readers**

We encourage our readers to send letters or emails to us to make this a regular section in our newsletter:

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

If you have spare time, enjoy kids, share that time with a child in need of encouragement and be a positive role model! Assist with academic support/homework helpers are needed. For more information how to volunteer for one of these positions please contact Lola at 414-449-1546:

**Meal volunteers**

Provide a meal monthly or weekly, prepare food at NBAP, serving meals and clean up.

Monday through Friday meals served at 6 p.m.

**Arts and crafts**

Share your skills and knowledge in arts and crafts using your creativity and having fun working alongside the staff and students.

Tuesday or Thursday flexible hours between 5-6PM

**Homework helper**

Volunteers will assist our coordinator with various youth programming activities and homework assignments.

Monday-Thurs 2:30p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Summer camp intern**

Assisting our coordinators

Help with field trips, various program formation and creation, leading games and activities and acting as a mentor and leader to our vulnerable youth.

Flexible hours Monday - Friday 7 a.m. To 4 p.m. Starts June 30-Aug 22nd .

*College Acceptance*

**By: Brian Bauer**

We are always so proud when one of the youth that attended our youth center as a child, grows up and moves on to the next phase in their life.

Kris started off at NBAP as a youth in our center, and then for the past year and a half was a paid teen intern at the youth center.

He did a terrific job working with the children. He is able to get the attention of all the kids

and keep it for the duration of the activity he taught. This is not an easy task, especially for a teenager.



He is very active member of NBAP. At his school, he completed 2 years of varsity swim-

ming, participated in swing choir, The Black Knowledge Bowl, student council, College Possible program, Upward Bounds Math and Science program since his junior year. He is very active in sports and volunteering in his community and still managed to keep good grades.

Recently Kris was accepted to UW-Richland where he hopes to pursue a degree in medicine. We wish him the best with his future endeavors. We hope he will be successful with his goals so we can report a success story in a future newsletter.

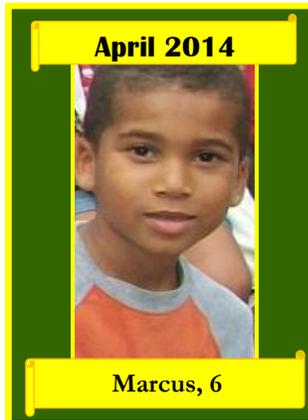
*Summer Plans*

The weather is starting to get nice, that means only one thing...

**Summer is almost upon us!**

Summer is when we start our all day programming for twice our normal amount of children we serve during the school year. We still are a bit short of funds for the programs we have planned. If you would like to contribute please contact Lola at 414-449-1546.

*Featured Student Save the Date*



It is coming close to our annual dinner time. Make sure you mark on your calendar Wednesday, September 25, 2014 for our Annual Dinner. It is scheduled at the same location as last year at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 11600 West Park Place Milwaukee, WI. Also don't miss our other planned event coming up in June: *(more details to be announced)*

*BTE Update*

**By: Jeff Becton**

We had a full line up of speakers for our regular Thursday night BTE gathering including: American Airlines copilot, Tom Atherton (see photo), Michael Hall from Herzing University, and Joe Schlidt from Godfrey & Kahn. Thank you for your very informative and helpful talks that you presented for our teens.



BTE Group with American Airlines copilot Tom Atherton

*New Beginnings Are Possible*  
**Pig Roast**  
*Save the date!*  
**6-26-14**  
*Missing Links*  
**12950 N Port Washington**

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