



# Newsletter

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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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**By: Anne Atherton**

Bible study leaders from New Beginnings Are Possible (NBAP) delivered this important message and Bibles to 88 boys at St. Charles Youth and Family Services and 22 girls at New Horizons during Christmas parties in December.

The leaders delivered 110 large gift bags filled with markers/colored pencils, construction paper, notebooks, puzzles, bookmarks, candy, gum, socks, toiletries and other items purchased or donated by many area Christians, including Christ Church, and Grace 242.

A group called the “Ambassadors of Generosity”

with the National Christian Foundation-Wisconsin collected/donated the items for the St. Charles’ boys gift bags as part of a “Love Does” service project.

The gift bags for the New Horizon girls were donated by a women’s “Fruit of the Spirit” Bible study.

The spirit of generosity was very apparent as participants heard of the need and invited friends, coworkers and family members to help them meet this great need for these children—some of whom may not receive any other gifts this Christmas.

A group of students from a school student council donated Milky Way candy bars to fill

the bags. A church donated pajamas for the girls.

Other ladies purchased clock radios for the girls, made Santa sleighs out of chocolate & candy canes, added combs, soap, toothbrushes, dental floss, paper, pens, and candy. They also secured movies from the Jesus Project for use at future Bible studies. Additionally, they made arrangements for Feed My Sheep to provide food for the Christmas parties.

A wonderfully generous man donated \$350 so our team could purchase the sports themed “Fellowship of Christian Athletes” Bibles for the boys. Many of the donors graciously gifted items and financial donations beyond what they were originally requested to do. Our surplus also benefited the girls and boys at NBAP.

## Special points of interest:

- Special Holiday issue.
- St. Charles Report
- Tis the Season
- Giving Thanks
- Special Thanks
- Christmas Giving
- And more...

## *Tis the Season*

**By: Michelle Cunningham**

The 6-9 year old youth group this year participated in the Milwaukee County Zoo Trim-a-Tree project held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013. They decorated a Christmas tree with the theme for the year. This years theme was Frosty the Snowman. All the decora-

tions were hand made by the children and will be on display for the month of December.



## Giving Thanks...

**By: Brian Bauer**

This month we celebrated Thanksgiving with the kids and their families at the youth center. Some of the children spoke at the dinner to tell what they were thankful for. Here is what a few of them said:



*"I am thankful for my life and the whole entire world. In God's hands everybody in the world is your brother and sisters"*

**-Brianna**

*"You are there for me and you all*

*love me and I love you guys too. "*

**-Dorriana**

*"I am thankful for my family and friends for loving ME and caring about me. "*

**-Hope**

*"I am thankful for the things god has blessed me with, such as: My family, my life, shelter, friends, food, water, survival instincts, and agility."*

**-Isaiah**

*"I am thankful for the roof my dad and mom can put over my head."*

*Also I am thankful for my mom because she gave me life. I am also thankful for my awesome dad, who takes care of me. I am thankful for how god let me live.."*

**-Pedro**



**"I am thankful for the things god has blessed me with..."**

**"Thank you to Barbara Brown & the Radisson Hotel Menomonee Falls team for hosting the NBAP Etiquette graduation dinner"**

## Special Thanks

We would especially like to thank our generous supporters during the holidays, especially Nettie Perry for her wonderful class on etiquette , FIS—WP Building for their large donations of used ink cartridges for our drive, for all the donated hats & mittens to the youth that needs them, and to all the individuals that sent in cash donations throughout the year. Just a reminder you can still donate at our website [www.nbap.org](http://www.nbap.org)

## Student of the Month



**Nevaeh** —For becoming most outgoing and social improvement. She also recently made the basketball team.

## Giving Tree...

This year all the kids at the youth center were a part of the Giving Tree program, where they each received a nice gift bag of 1 of 3 wished for items inside. It was great to see their faces light up when they got an item they really wanted for the holidays. We are truly Thankful for those that were involved that bought those presents.

See a special video of the event online at: <http://youtu.be/26pKxqwsYxk>

## Christmas Giving

**By: Brian Bauer**

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 the UWEX Milwaukee County Branch of 4-H Staff Dennis Lukaszewski & Jan Alba came to NBAP set up by Dawn Klenke to instruct the children how to make holiday



'door swags & miniature fairy gardens' made with real pine branches. It was a sticky situa-

tion from the sap on the branches, but the kids and volunteers enjoyed working together to make beautiful works of art for display in their homes for the holidays, it also made our youth center smell very pine fresh. Afterwards Dawn was very generous and brought everyone cousins party subs, a drink, and chips and we

all had a pleasant time eating and chatting with the kids. We would also like to wish a special thanks to Nick Gierach, local Cousins owner for helping supply the subs. It was a very fun evening here and the children, volunteers, and staff at New Beginnings had a good time together.