

New Beginnings Are Possible

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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Program Director's —Ninth Year Celebration!

By: Jeff Becton

Saturday, February 15, 2014 marked the ninth year that our program director Lola Marmolejo has been with New Beginnings Are Possible (NBAP). Lola started her journey here as a program coordinator for the preteen group. A few years ago we needed

a program director and she assumed that role. She has been like a mother to the children here and has been looked up to by them. She is very active with St. Charles, The 4-H Club, and the community.



The SPROUT

By: Pat Molter 12/11/07

New Beginnings Are Possible logo began as a sprout – in fact this was the name of our first newsletters.

The sprout was chosen because it is how we viewed the youth at St. Charles – as having an immature root which needed careful tending. We used this logo for some time until the Lord showed me a vision of the sprout becoming a large, mature tree through several stages of growth.

This is the logo we use today.



Special points of interest:

- Special 9th Anniversary Party
- Black History Month
- Special Thanks
- **NEW**—Letter from Readers/Community Happenings
- Bridge to employment update
- And more...

Black History Month

By: Brian Bauer

The end of February marks the end of Black History month. To commemorate this special time the 6—9 year old youth put on a play to reenact the injustice that took place on Thursday, December 1, 1955, in downtown Montgomery, Alabama around 6 pm, when

Rosa Parks was asked to give up her seat in the front of the bus and relocate to the back or in that time “colored” section. This event was unfair and marked a turning point in equal rights for all Americans no matter what their skin color happened to be. The play lasted only a few minutes but the

kids had a lot of fun making the props, dressing in costumes and learning a bit of American history in the process.



Letters from Readers

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

New Beginnings Are Possible
3717 W. Fond du Lac Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53216

info@nbap.org
414-449-1546

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 .

Special Thanks



By: Brian Bauer

This month we needed a bigger section for thanking everyone that helped with improvements at our youth center. First, the youth volunteers from Crossroads Church for giving up their Saturday to help repaint areas in the center.

Next, for continued support from FIS and the Medical College of Wisconsin for their donated used ink/toner cartridges for our cartridge drive that we continue to hold. This not only helps us receive a cash credit for the donations, the funds raised help to support the NBAP programs and helps the planet by preventing additional waste in our landfills. The recycled cartridges are sent to a company to be remanufactured.

Finally, thank you to anyone that we may have missed mentioning in previous newsletters for donating either their time or money



Gear Up Breakfast

Mark your calendars—The Gear-Up Breakfast is scheduled Wednesday, March 12th, 2014 from 7:00AM—8:45AM at the Italian Community Center. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending this event please RSVP to Jeff Becton at: jbecton@nbap.org 414-449-1546 as soon as possible.

Students of the Month



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Bridge To Employment— College Tour

By: Jeff Becton

This year's spring break (April 14-16) the teens that attend the Bridge To Employment (BTE) program will have an opportunity to visit Indianapolis area colleges and businesses to learn about industries and the college courses needed.

To make this informational college/business trip happen, \$1500 in funding needs to occur. We are asking for help. If you, or anyone you know would like to help this group, please send donations to:

New Beginnings Are Possible ATTN: BTE COMMITTEE

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Or by Pay Pal on our website: <http://www.nbap.org>



Teens of the BTE Program enjoying one of the talks at a local factory.