

# New Beginnings Are Possible

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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.*

## CPR Training

*By: Lola Marmolejo*

Our BTE teens are better prepared to perform CPR thanks to participating in a CPR training course delivered by Johnnie Tangle, Jr. of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare. Every year 38,000 deaths occur for cardiac arrest. Some of those deaths could be prevented if CPR was performed on the victim. Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere. Now we can feel a bit better knowing that our BTE teens are trained in CPR.



BTE Teens practice their newly learn CPS Skills on training dummies.

Deyon underwent a 7-hour open heart surgery on April 14, 2014. Her diagnosis was Atrial Septal Defect, which causes blood to mix between the two valves of the heart.

The doctors stated that she needs to have limited hard activity for a year. Since then she has been very active in NBAP programming. Deyon raised \$70 with a radio blog from the Chayil Corporation. She plans to hand-deliver her donation to the doctors at Children’s Hospital who helped saved her life.

This April will mark one year from her surgery date, and she’s been anxiously waiting for that day so she can run track. Her dreams is to become an Olympic athlete and win a gold medal.

## ‘Lots of Love, In a Small Heart

*By: Crystal Bell*

I know first hand the importance of a healthy heart. On June 22, 2006 I went to the hospital to have an emergency C-Section to deliver my second baby girl, Deyon. Right from the start Deyon was in and out of the hospital for unknown reasons. It wasn’t until the early part of 2014 when we took her to a new doctor they found that she had a hole in her heart from birth that has stretched even bigger.

## Journey of Generosity

By Jeff Becton

New Beginnings Are Possible is proud to announce that we are having our fundraising luncheon on April 21, 2015 from 11:30 am—1:00 pm at Veterans’ Manor on Wisconsin Ave. The keynote speaker for this event is Linda Maris, President of the National Christian Foundation—Wisconsin. Catering for this event is provided to us by Troop Café



Deyon after her life changing surgery.

## Monthly Supporters

*Thank you to all who help make New Beginnings Mission possible including:*

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...And to all that keep us in their prayers.

### Volunteer Opportunities

If you have spare time and enjoy kids, share that time with a child in need of encouragement and be a positive role model! Assistance 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, serve meals and clean up.

### Arts and crafts

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

### Homework helper

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

# Dedicated Staff...and a promise

*By: Brian Bauer*

We love our staff and are delighted to celebrate several anniversaries this month! Lola Marmolejo, Program Director, joined our team 10 years ago. Lola began as a youth coordinator and is now Program Director for the entire center.

Three of our staff are celebrating five years with us! Michelle Cunningham is our youth coordinator. Charles Watkins who helps with practically everything, from transportation, to

homework help with the youth, to maintenance, and much more.

In August of this year we will also celebrate my 5th year at NBAP. My work here is more than just a job; it's an opportunity to give back to others. I always wanted to have children of my own but 10 years ago was diagnosed with testicular cancer. I am unable to have children of my own, and financially unable to adopt, so NBAP gave me the next best thing: an instant family of children to love and help, and coworkers that truly care about me and help me when

things are tough. I hope to be around to see my 10-year anniversary here and if I am still writing the newsletter I will write more about my family here and the adventures we share. That's a PROMISE...

### Dedicated to...

*One of our long-time, devoted volunteers went to be with the Lord in heaven in March. Shirley Winquist truly loved the children at NBAP and joyfully shared her time and talents with all of us. Her true dedication and love will forever be missed.*



Charles Watkins and Lola Marmolejo showing their many years of dedication to the youth and families of NBAP.

## Summer Support

*By: Jeff Becton*

Plans for the summer months of programming is underway. We have a great start for supplies and fun activities for the kids to do from our toner recycling program. With the help of 3 local businesses/organizations; FIS, Medical College of Wisconsin, and Alliance for Strong Families & Communities, we were able to raise \$949. As an added bonus we also prevented well over

1.5 tons of hazardous waste from entering our landfills.

We will continue to collect toner, ink cartridges, and unwanted small electronics, and hopefully by this time next year we will have another nice start to our summer funds. Anyone wanting to contribute to the toner recycling program can drop toner cartridges & cellphones at NBAP or email Brian Bauer at



Isiah showing his homework achievements.

geek.nbap@gmail.com to schedule a pickup.

We are still looking for help for our summer program so that we can keep the costs low for the parents of the children we serve. If you would like to help out in any way please contact Jeff Becton at jbec-ton@nbap.org or by phone at 414-449-1546.

