

# 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.*

## In our hearts forever

We recently lost two caring, long-time supporters. Their support was invaluable to us and they will be missed more than words can say. We hold their souls and their families in our prayers.

**Lisa Lange-Garstecki** was an active member of Christ Church, Mequon. Lisa generously volunteered her time with the children at New Beginnings are Possible. Children's faces lit up when Lisa arrived and her smile was just as bright. We offer our deepest condolences to her husband Joe and children Sarah and Ben, along with her extended family.

**Fred Schneider**, an active member of Eastbrook Church in Milwaukee, generously

volunteered his time for many years with the youth at St. Charles Youth and Family Services. He shared his faith, heart, and time with many boys, making a positive impact on their lives. Our heartfelt sympathy to Fred's wife Gini, his son, Mac, and his daughters Amy and Ana as well as his extended family.

We are humbled by both Lisa's and Fred's requests for memorials to be made to New Beginnings are Possible. Their thoughtful request will enhance the lives of our children in myriad ways. Memorials are a wonderful way for family and friends to honor their loved ones.



## Hopping To NBAP This Easter

By Brian Bauer

Our younger youth enjoyed a fantastic trip to visit the Easter Bunny at Mayfair Mall before spring break. The fun continued as we visited a candy store to buy Easter candy to share with our families. We continued our outing at CiCi's Pizza Buffet, enjoying food, fun and fellowship.

Group photo with the Easter Bunny at Mayfair mall.



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## Bridge to Employment: From a Dream to Reality

By: Joquan Brown

On Thursday March 3, 2016, I had the pleasure of revisiting New Beginnings Are Possible. As an undergraduate at Marquette University, I had the opportunity to participate with the program as a mentor. I enjoy seeing the youth being empowered to reach their full potential. So, it was inspiring to come back and talk to them about my business venture. They were insightful & attentive as they asked me questions about how I pursued my dream of starting my own clothing line. I was able to discuss the trials & tribulations of starting from the ground up, the importance of being self-motivated, & being thankful for genuine people that support you on your journey. I appreciated their participation more than they may realize & it makes me thankful that I had a chance to connect with them at such an influential stage in their lives. I extend my gratitude to Lola Marmolejo for the opportunity to speak & for devoting her time to these young adults.



**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.

# Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

**By: Michelle Cunningham**

We love celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2. Our youth celebrated the life of Dr. Seuss in March by reading all of his books at the Center Street Library. We also participated in different activities with each book. Theodor Seuss Geisel was born in 1904 and passed away in 1991. His spirit lives on in the 44 children's books that he authored and illustrated.



The youth wearing Cat In The Hat hats after finishing a Dr. Seuss book.

# Easter Eggs-travaganza

**By: Crystal Bell**

A new program at New Beginnings is the Sunday youth outreach for all ages. The group is led by Dr. John Greene and his wife Tameica Greene. During the program our youth learn about Jesus and different Bible stories, along with life skills.

The week before Easter Sunday we had a special Easter lesson of the story of Easter and Jesus's resurrection, After the lesson, the youth dyed Easter eggs and decorated Easter cookies. The real challenge was making the yummy cookies last until Easter!



Youth the Kingdom outreach program (a NBAP Sunday program) dying Easter eggs.

# Ready, Set, Sprout!

**By: Lola Marmolejo**

Spring is almost upon us and we're starting to think planting our gardens. Grace 242 Church volunteers worked with our youth planting different types of seeds. Although we couldn't plant anything outside we started our seeds indoors. We're eagerly awaiting warmer weather to get outside and watch our plants flourish!



Grace 242 Volunteer helping the youth plant their seeds.