

New Beginnings Are Possible

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"It is easier to build a child than to restore an Adult."

"Transforming young lives in Milwaukee through Christ-centered, mentoring Relationships"

Letters From the Kids—I am Thankful...

These letters are word for word of what the children of NBAP said when asked what they were thankful for, they were not modified from the original letters, enjoy....

I am thankful for my family and my friends because they help me through a lot. I am thankful for my sister and my mom and dad for taking care of me and putting clothes on my back. I am thankful for everything and I am grateful of my sister for sticking up for me whenever I need her by my side. My sister is the best thing that has happened to me. I am thankful for God for waking me up and giving me a life to live. I am thankful for all the staff for teaching me right from wrong.

By Shantia

I am thankful for my family they help me out a lot and because they put a roof over my head, clothes on me and my sisters backs, and food on the table. I am thankful for my friends because they help me out when I am down or need help. I am thankful for schools and my teachers because if I didn't have them I wouldn't be smart at all, and if we didn't have teachers who would teach us.

By Ayanna

I am thankful for my family, friends, and my life.

By Alisha

I am thankful for my family and myself because I am important.

By Trevious

Christmas for "The Forgotten"

By Lola Marmolejo

It's that time of year! NBAP staff and volunteers are working on our annual Christmas project, "The Forgotten," to ensure that each child receives a Christmas gift. As part of the project, we hold Bible studies and host Career Speaker Series throughout the Christmas season for youth who are detained at St. Charles. "The Forgotten" relies on the support of generous individuals, churches and corporate citizens in our community. Your support is critical to the

success of our current endeavor. We will, gladly, keep you updated on our progress and provide a written acknowledgement of your contribution for tax purposes.

We hope you will support NBAP's effort to make a difference in our community and to show these children they are not "forgotten." Please contact me at Lmarmolejo@nbap.org, to make your donation or if you require additional information. You may also visit our website at www.nbap.org, to donate items from the list of needs below. Thank you for your consideration.

Be a kid hero.



Clothes 4 All

By : Lakeisha Gillespie

A team effort between Children's Hospital and New Beginnings Are Possible made many people in need happy when they received gently used clothing..

Clothes were donated by many people at collection sites throughout Children's Hospital. Clothes for all ages were available, including winter coats which are every useful as cold weather will soon be upon us.

We thank Paula Bynum and Cynthia Nation, and all the other volunteers that came out that Saturday to make sure the community had clean warm clothes to wear.



Special Thanks

Our grateful thanks go to Thrivent Financial for their generous donation of \$250. Thrivent's contribution will go towards the holiday gift giving at St. Charles Youth & Family Services. We are truly blessed with Thrivent 's assistance with this special project.

If you're a Thrivent member we would appreciate your contributions

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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 or online at <http://nbap.org/Volunteer.html>

Meal volunteers

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

We need volunteers to help with summer meals, we do breakfast, and lunch for 60 youth.

If you or you or know anyone that may be interested please sign up on our website. <http://nbap.org/Volunteer.html>

Arts and crafts

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

2016 In a Nutshell

By Brian Bauer

What a great year it has been. So many eventful memories. In case you missed any here are the highlights:



Neveah, 12 excelled in her schoolwork and was promoted ahead an extra grade. She also got to throw out the first pitch in a Brewers game with the Mayor Tom Barret to commemorate her achievements.



All the youth in the 6-9 year old group finished the Super Reader Club (18 hours read for the summer months) from the Milwaukee Public Library.



Christ Church and the Wolff family surprised us with exciting news that they will provide the rest of the money needed to install new playground at the youth center.



The preteen group was invited to join a professor at Concordia University class to perform a medieval skit. They got to see the dressing room and sound rooms of the college. After the trip many of the youth were interested in taking part in drama programs.



It was great to meet the neighbors around the youth center and bring them together. It was good to see the community coming together with happiness instead of tragedy that took place in the Sherman park area located only a few blocks away.

