

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.

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Play Ball!

By: Brian Bauer

What a nail biter of a game on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. The Milwaukee Bucks won a very close game against the Detroit Pistons with a final score of 104-101. Caron Butler scored 30 points on his bobble head game night. We got great tickets to not only attend this game but have the kids sit on the court while the teams warmed up. The children had a ton of fun at the event, and thoroughly enjoyed the noise makers our section got at the game, the van ride back was quite noisy, heh. We would like to take this time to



thank some of the people that helped make this event possible. First off to Alyssa Mayer, Account Sales Executive with the Milwaukee Bucks, she helped organize arrangements for our youth to be apart of the Courtside Kids, where they were able to sit on the court

before the game during warm-ups. (You may have even caught a glimpse of them on TV that night, I know that everyone at the game did on the jumbotron.) We would also like to thank our very active newly appointed member of the board of directors

Dawn Klenke, who helped get us in contact with Alyssa. She also provided us with the GREAT tickets to see the game. Thank you again to you both for making this possible for our youth.

Health & Fitness Awareness Month

By: Michelle Cunningham

The month of January our monthly theme for the students was Health & Fitness Awareness. A New Year is the perfect time to get back into shape after the long winter season. With childhood obesity on the rise in this country being physically fit is important to start at a young age. Once

you become out of shape it is so much harder to get back into shape. Studies shows that a child that is out of shape is more likely to be unhappy with themselves, causing poor grades in school, and become socially out casted among their peers. This month the kids trained themselves to compete

in a mini obstacle course to test their abilities. The ones that came in first for 6/7 year old bracket was Marcus, 8/9 years old was Jalen, and 10/11 year olds Dorianna. Congrats to those 3 students on their accomplishment. *(last names omitted to protect privacy)*

Letters from Readers

I greatly appreciate being informed, thank you for the updates, I prayed my way as I read of the great work you are doing in the Name of Our Lord and Savior. I can do little I turn 85 this year, should God continue to give me breath. I'm so limited, but I can pray and remember the visit I had with you all two years ago.

Joyfully, prayerfully, for your good, and His glory in all labors. Jude 24,25

-Shirley

Dear Shirley,
We appreciate your feedback. You say in your letter that you can do so little, but your support has done so much to help serve our mission to these kids and their families.

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

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I Have a Dream...

This year the children in the preteen group were asked to write their own "I Have a Dream..." speech to perform in front of the younger kids group. We had difficulties deciding which to print in this newsletter, they were all so inspiring. Here is the one we selected to be in this month's issue:

By: Shawntrell, Age 11

I have a dream that the world would come together in peace and enter as one. I have a

dream that people of the world would give back to the community. I have a dream that people will walk hand in hand. I have a dream that people of the world would not drink and drive. I have a dream that people would get jobs and provide for their families.



Special Thanks

We would like to thank Pastor Mike Champion of the New Creatures in Christ Church of Milwaukee for generously donating 6 used computers to our youth center, we were able to extend our centers computer lab to 11 well running machines. Computers can be expensive to purchase/repair with your donations we are able to have more of them for the youth to use to do their homework.

Students of the Month

With grades being posted it was difficult selecting just 1 child to be student of the month. So we have selected 3 of them that all made the honor roll in their schools:

- Faith, 10**
- Nadia, 12**
- Ashonte, 10**

Congratulations to their hard work!!!

Gear Up Breakfast

Mark your calendars—just a heads up that our Gear-Up Breakfast is scheduled on Wednesday, March 12th, 2014 at the Italian Community Center. If you or anyone you know that is interested in attending this event please RSVP to Jeff Becton at: jbecton@nbap.org as soon as possible.

Bridge To Employment

By: Amari, 14

The bridge to Employment Program (BTE) allows teens to view different careers they would like to do when they graduate high school. The main focus about this program is to get teens to stay in school and make sure they have a plan for

when they graduate high school. We have had various speakers come in and speak to us about their careers since school started. Recently we went to the Sellar's Company which sells products such as all natural towels, rags, wipers and



tissue. Our group got to experience what happens in a factory and all the steps that you need to do to create a business. We also got to visit a photog-

raphy studio that is owned by only one family, and they are still successful. The photographer, Doug Edmunds, told us that you shouldn't just choose a career that you don't like, but choose one that you will enjoy doing each and every day.