

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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Gardening Time: From Seed to Sprout!

By Michele Cunningham

As the weather finally got warmer after the long winter we had, it was time to make our yard nicer to look at, teach our youth where vegetables come from, provide a cheaper, fresher, and healthier option for the meals/snacks that we serve during our program.

This year in our garden we were able to have a wide variety of plants: lettuce, radishes, tomatoes, beans, and carrots. The youth got the soil loosened and

readied with fertilizer, plant the seeds with the help from 2 great volunteers, Jerry and Louise Weare, that continue

to give their time to help us with this project every year.

Some of the plants are already beginning to sprout. The kids enjoy watching the plants grow and keeping them watered. They are eagerly awaiting for the plants to be mature enough to eat.



Louise Weare and Niylah (7), planting tomatoes in the garden.

2013/2014: A Look Back

By Lola Marmolejo

Looking back on the 2013/14 term of New Beginnings programming we did a lot of fun activities including: our preteen etiquette classes, financial literacy lessons, black history remembrance, introduction of the Bridge to Employment program, spring break college tours for the college bound teens, our Christmas program, Milwaukee County zoo Trim-A-Tree, Community Days at Boston Store,

Gardening, the first place victory of our bowling team, reintroduction of our Sprout newsletter, our program directors 9th year celebration of being a part of NBAP, meeting the many of the volunteers that took time to help us, and so much more. All of the special moments listed above we could have never done without the continued support of our sponsors and

donors like you. We once again would like to say thank you for all of you that helped us make this possible for the youth.

We also want to wish all of our graduates this year, and hope that they will be successful in their lives.

Our journey does not stop here we look forward to the years ahead and the summer months to come.



Hope (10) next to the flowers we made for Mother's Day.

Classifieds

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

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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 .

And...Action!!! Above the Clouds Spring Recital!!

By Kesha Gilespie

Both groups were working with Above the Clouds this year to perform at the Destiny Youth Plaza in their spring recital. The 6—9 year olds acted out a skit on the dangers that bullying can cause, and the 10—12 year olds did a dramatic reading from the bible.

Both groups did a fantastic job with their performances. It is not an easy thing to speak/



perform in front of a large group, but by being able to do it more they will be able to master that tricky but important life skill.

Part of the preteen's dramatic Bible reading at the Above the Clouds recital.

Upcoming Events *Featured Student*

New Beginnings Are Possible Annual Dinner 2014

Save the date!
9-23-14

**Please note the Pig Roast Event has been postponed until further notice.*

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Don't have an ad prepared? Not a problem if you give us advanced notice we can help prepare one that you are satisfied with.

For more info contact Jeff at: **414-449-1546.**

BTE Summer Tours!!

By: Jeff Becton

Along with our normal summer programming for our 6-12 year olds, we will also be continuing our teen BTE program for youth 13 and up. We will be meeting with the teens Monday—Thursday starting on July 7 and ending August 7, the program will last from 1:00 pm—7:00pm.

During that time they will be touring several different colleges including: Marian University, UW Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Richland, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Madison, Concordia University, Cardinal Stich University, MSOE, several universities in northern Illinois area, and more. They will also be visiting businesses in the area for tours and learning how they can become apart of the industry in the future.



The teens will be holding fundraisers to help pay for transportation and other costs for the trips.

If you would like to help support them please contact Jeff Becton at 414-449-1546 I can be reached by email at jbecton@nbap.org.