



New Beginnings Are Possible

Summer Newsletter July 2019



Upcoming Events

Friday, Aug. 9th
End of Summer Session

Aug. 19th- Sept. 6th
Fall Registration

Saturday, Aug. 17th
Back to School Celebration

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd Fall Programming Begins

Thursday, Oct. 17th Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Jumping in to Summer

School's out and summer has begun! We are excited to continue serving our families and the community with summer programs at our Center, with activities in sports, dance, and arts; field trips to fun and exciting locations; and opportunities for continued learning and prep for the fall. Through the transition from the spring, we were blessed to be able to hire 11 new members to our staff team, individuals who are dynamic, skilled, passionate, and eager to grow with us as a Center.

Unprecedented Growth

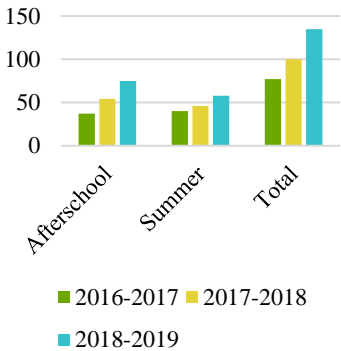
In planning summer, we were worried that we would have to cap enrollment for our summer programs at 30 students, but through God's grace and providence, as of publication date, we are able to serve 58 youth and their families, 44 in the camp program and 14 as a part of the aviation program!

Taking to the Skies

This summer we are partnering with the New Beginnings Youth Aviation Ministry to provide our middle and high school students the opportunity to explore interest and potential careers in aviation. The program is taught by Dr. Charles Allen, a certified flight instructor, retired Air Force Officer, director with the National Association for Black Veterans, and associate lecturer of chemistry-biochemistry at UWM. We hope this program will produce long-term results of better school engagement for our students, improved reading skills, and serve as a supplement to their Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education. The program also has a spiritual growth component, with opportunities for mentorship and personal development. Pictured below are four of our students in the cockpits of these two planes, preparing to practice in the air.



Growth 2016-2019



Mission Statement: To develop family, career and community capable young adults through our programming, mentoring and Christ-centered principles.



NBAP Web 2.0

Later this year, we will be launching our new website. The new site promises a modern look and feel (note our new logo on page 1). More importantly, it will allow us to interact with our friends, family and supporters.



Recent Graduates

We are proud to announce that three of our teens have graduated to high school. We pray God's blessings into the lives of Jaiden, Cam, and Tracina as they begin this next exciting chapter in their lives.

Donate

Support NBAP! You can donate by

- Returning the attached envelope, or
- Going online to <http://nbap.org/Donate.html>
- Calling our office at (414)449-1546 ex. 117 (Jessica Johnson)

Programming Designed to Help Children Grow

2018-2019 was the year in which we focused on improving the quality and execution of our programming. Our goal was to ensure that

- Our programming is *deliberately developmental* such that children had programs that grew with them and encouraged mastery over time;
- Programming is planned and executed by capable and experienced in both their subject matter and in child development;
- Coordinators can dedicate maximum attention and focus to being loving and supportive mentors to our children.

Program improvements included the following:

- Renewed commitment to programming through *Above the Clouds (ATC)*. We again hosted drama and added ballet for our 6-9-year-olds; 
- Becoming the first non-school partner of *Arts@Large*, a Milwaukee-area non-profit that provides supplemental arts and humanities education services to schools. This year we had classes in vocal arts, e-magazine and graphic design and culinary arts; 
- Redoubled efforts to provide *Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)* content. In addition to e-magazine and culinary, we taught rocketry, videogame design, and aviation, and had visits to Discovery World and Apple Design studios; 

- A re-imagined approach to *Spiritual Development* to include a year-long curriculum that guides our Bible study; ongoing engagement with Feed My Sheep and Cru offering exposure to missions; the third year of our Winter Retreat "Arctic Blast." We needed to delay our Mexico Missions Trip for this summer, but still plan to take a group of our teens and high schoolers to Esperanza Viva in the fall.



Looking Ahead

We will continue our focus on programmatic excellence. Our children deserve it. In 2019-2020, we will:

- ❖ **Launch a redesigned Instructional Support Approach:** We had a soft launch of our approach to Instructional Support intended to a) improve the quality of homework help assistance; b) leverage school-endorsed learning applications; c) provide reading and math support for those who evidence assessed delays;
- ❖ **Pilot electives:** An approach to programming that encourages students and parents to choose the programs in which they participate. In addition to promoting ownership, this approach requires that they commit to finish what they began;
- ❖ **Encourage Mastery:** With a limited number of learning and programmatic offerings, encourage children to move beyond participation to mastery. These offerings will likely be scheduled for non-core Center hours (e.g., Saturdays);
- ❖ **Get Our Children Moving:** Balance our educational programming with programming that fosters greater physical fitness, nutrition, and health.

#Transformation@ NewBeginnings

by John Greene, Interim Executive Director



Thank you for a wonderful 2019 and a promising 2020. This year, we took bold and decisive steps to accomplish the objectives outlined during our 2015 strategic plan, examining each aspect of the ministry and taking steps to ensure its fitness for current and future service to the Kingdom. Simply stated, we desire to be the best child development resource for our neighbors in Berryland, Thurston Woods and Havenswood. Our families need enormous support as they battle trauma, poverty, and obstacles to academic achievement. Our strategic objectives for the ministry are designed to help:

Serve as a Family-Supporting Partner:

We seek to support our families by creating opportunities to improve parental engagement and identifying ministry partners to provide wrap-around services for families;

Provide an Environment of Safety & Well-Being: Our children deserve to live and grow in an environment that promotes emotional, physical and psychological designed to create the desired environment. We are working to hire and train a staff in trust-based development and mindfulness;

Promote Pathways to Growth & Development:

Encouraging learning and development is at essence why we exist. We have improved the quality of programming and support for academic achievement, specifically in homework help and tutoring.

Create a Personal Vision of Success & Purpose:

Our focus on growth, career and vocational exploration and spiritual development enables the mission. We want to develop family- and career-capable young adults who will be prepared to lead in their communities and the Kingdom of God.

Come and see what transformation looks like at New Beginnings!



We would like to thank the Cream City Chapter of the Links Incorporated for their donation of sports equipment to our NBAP summer programs.

Board Member Spotlight

Bill Harrigan, Board Chair, is delighted to welcome two new board members.

Danielle Curtis is returning to the New Beginnings Board. She is the immediate past Director of Admissions at Eastbrook Academy. Danielle has a degree in Biochemistry from the University of Cincinnati and a Master of Art in Christian Studies from Trinity Evangelical. She brings a sincere commitment to building God's Kingdom and a heart for ministry to children, victims of trauma and those who need a bit more tender care to heal and prosper.

Deanna Purfey is the head of the adult ministry at Eastbrook Church and former leader of the children's ministry there. A graduate of Michigan State University, Deanna served as Executive Director of the Lansing Urban League. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Divinity through Trinity Theological. Deanna brings a wit and wisdom to the board as well as an undeniable passion for urban ministry and serving those portions of our population with the greatest need.

Romans 12:2: Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is- his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV).



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