



The mission of New Beginning Are Possible is to develop family, career and community capable young adults through our programming, mentoring and Christ-centered principles.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Ms. Jessica and the students create a For Black History board exemplifying some incredible Black leaders in the world, along with words to help encourage and influence the students and staff positively to embody their Black excellence.

### FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### MICHAEL BURNHAM

Michael got involved with New Beginnings Are Possible when John Greene opened his eyes to all of the possibilities and positive rewards that the center is able to do.

Since October, Michael has been a part of NBAPs Board of Directors and has had a very positive experience with the organization. His favorite aspect of New Beginnings is the fact that the center is able to provide for its community in a faith-based approach. Michael, as well as the rest of us, look forward to more toy and food drives, and many other events that we have in store!

### CALENDAR

#### SPRING BREAK

Center Closed  
March 29-April 2

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Center Closed  
April 2

#### EASTER SUNDAY

April 4

#### EARTH DAY

Community Clean-Up Event  
April 22

#### FINAL PEACE POST PROJECT ACTIVITY

April 24, 10AM - 3PM

#### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS

May 3

#### WINTER/SPRING SESSION ENDS

June 10

#### SUMMER CAMP

June 21-August 13

#### SUMMER KICK-OFF EVENT: COMMUNITY KIT EVENT

June 26

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Center Closed  
July 4

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY (Observed)

July 5

#### FALL ENROLLMENT OPEN

July 12

#### LAST DAY OF CAMP

August 13

#### CENTER CLOSED

August 16-30

#### FALL SESSION OPEN

September 7

For more information, visit [NBAP.org](http://NBAP.org)



**CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

At NBAP we kicked off the end of the year with our first ever Christmas Toy Drive! From donations all over the city, we were able to compile boxes of toys to give to the family members of our community and greater Milwaukee. Overwhelmed with the amount of responses and need, we handed out every toy we received and are excited for what the turn out will be next year!



**VALENTINE'S DAY**

The kids have been working very hard and deserved a little Valentine's Day treat! To show our love to the students we got their favorite snacks, drinks, and played their favorite music to make up our Valentine's Day party! We dyed some eggs, ordered some pizza, made cute crafts, and had a dance party to top it off!



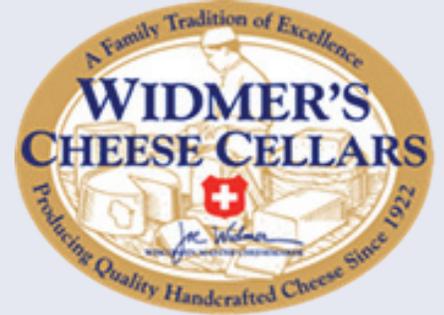
**HOLIDAY STAFF PARTY**

On December 18, all of the NBAP staff and Board Members had the opportunity to get together in a COVID-friendly way to celebrate the holidays with food, games, and laughter!



**COOKING CLUB WITH FOODRIGHT**

Every Wednesday FoodRight provides the families of our center with bags of healthy food to make via Zoom! It's a fun easy way to promote healthy eating and living in and outside of the center.



Widmer's Cheese Cellars located in Theresa, Wisconsin has been in business since 1922 manufacturing Wisconsin Cheese. Joe Widmer, the master cheese maker and his family have been so gracious to New Beginnings over the years donating hundreds of pounds of great cheese for meals for our children and to distribute in our food pantry.

Thank you and Blessing to Widmer's.

**DONATE TODAY**



It's easy to donate at NBAP.org

You can also submit a check by mail or at the front desk of the Center: 6100 N. 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI 53209



For United Way Giving campaigns, please consider New Beginnings Are Possible Donor Choice #253831.



Shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose "New Beginnings Are Possible" as your favorite charity. They will donate 0.5% of your purchase to NBAP.

**BRINGING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TO STUDENTS & FAMILIES**

New Beginnings is working with the Sigma Pi Phi, Fraternity, Marquette University's Center for Peacemaking and Lutheran Social Services to bring psychoeducational and mental health support to the Pratt and Metcalfe Schools in MPS and the Milwaukee Academy of Science and Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy Charter Schools. This three-year initiative is co-led by John Greene, our Executive Director and Pat Kennelly, of the Center for Peacemaking. Annually, the program will provide 2,100 hours of psychoeducational development, as well as case management, psychotherapy and family coaches. The project is the result of a study on economic and healthcare disparities due to COVID-19 sponsored by Sigma Pi Phi resulting in five recommendations.

The recommendation informing our work calls for mental health services necessary to:



Decreasing Impact of Isolation



Removing Psychological Barriers to Learning



Engaging Culturally Competent Counselors



Providing Crisis & Mental Health Intervention to Address Sources of Vulnerability

Marquette researchers are conducting an outcome study to demonstrate the efficacy of the work. The work is funded by the Better Together Fund through Advocate Aurora Healthcare and contributions from Sigma Pi Phi.

# PROGRAMMING

## UPCOMING EVENT

### COMMUNITY GARDEN HEALTH HUB

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GROUNDWORK MKE

MARCH-OCTOBER 2021

#### GOAL:

To improve the knowledge and skills to take fresh food from seed to plate. To increase foods that combat chronic disease such as cancer.

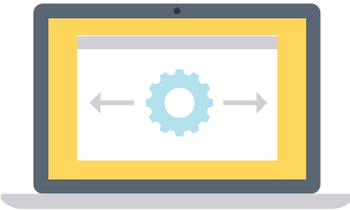
#### ENGAGEMENT:

Recruit 4-6 members from Berryland to participate in 15 workshops (March -Oct. 2021, 10 workshops in the garden, 3 cooking classes, 2 canning classes). Gardeners will also have the opportunity to work with a Community Health Worker to support accessing any health resources.

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## ONLINE LEARNING SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR PUBLIC ALLIES



After working within the virtual learning set up, the biggest tip for others is to give kids an opportunity to get up, have fun, and be creative.

As a student myself, it's very exhausting having to stare at a computer all day trying to focus. With that, my suggestions are to give them a couple 5-7 minute breaks where they can get up and shake all of those bugs out so they can come back and refocus. The kids also need more engaging material, whether that's teaching them through songs, games, or any activity that makes them excited to learn!

Working in the virtual field has come with a lot of trial, error, and surprise. I have found that it is most useful to be prepared as possible before starting the virtual meet. Organizing yourself by minimizing tabs unless they are necessary, making sure your environment is a place where effective learning or teaching can take place, and realizing things won't always go as planned and that's okay.

## VIRTUAL PROGRAM

### ACCOUNTING & PERSONAL FINANCE WORKSHOP

MARCH 18-MAY 15

Thursdays, 5:00-6:00PM

Together with KPMG, one of the Top 4 Accounting firms, and Public Allies, New Beginnings is offering an introduction to Accounting and Personal Finance. This virtual program is being offered for high schoolers interested in accounting or financial literacy. Parents and other students welcome.

#### RSVP TODAY

[tinyurl.com/m64tsymw](http://tinyurl.com/m64tsymw)

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## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC ALLIES

THIS YEAR, WE PARTNERED WITH PUBLIC ALLIES BRINGING IN TWO ALLIES:

#### Ysel Nicholson

Hi everyone! My name is Ysel Nicholson and I will be graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee this Spring, with a B.A. in Communication. During my time here at NBAP I have learned how to advocate for myself and understand what it truly means to be a leader. I've learned that it's okay to not know everything and be open to asking questions, and even though I'm not 100% sure where my career path is going to take me, I have learned some valuable lessons that will help me in my everyday life.



#### Tamara Robinson

As a recent Marquette University graduate, New Beginnings has helped me make connections with students and community members, and has given me a place to develop my skills as an educator.



**Public Allies is a social justice organization committed to changing the face and practice of leadership**

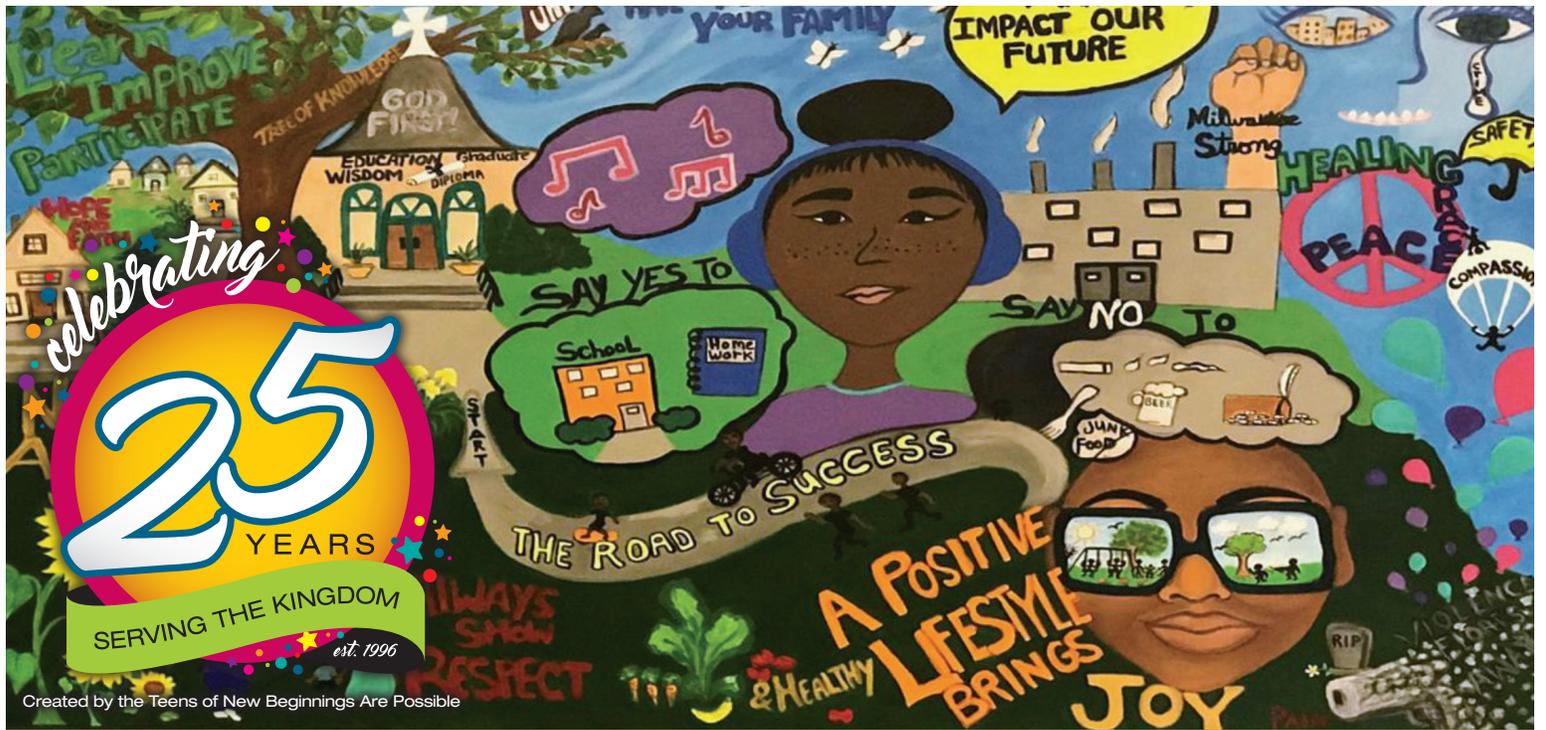
They recruit and train talented young leaders, with a passion for social impact, to create meaningful change in our community.



## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

### HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FIDELIS

Through a partnership with Hope Christian School Fidelis resources were leveraged to create opportunities for 1st-8th grade students to participate in our Daytime Support program. This partnership continues to strengthen, support, and improve student learning while building a healthier community.



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# Spring Newsletter

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