



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020

NEW BEGINNINGS ARE POSSIBLE

## FOOD PANTRY LAUNCHED ON MAY 10

AVAILABLE FRIDAYS, 2:00-4:30PM  
AT THE BACK OF OUR BUILDING



300  
BOXES

OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED WEEKLY

SERVING OUR GOAL OF FEEDING  
1,200 FAMILY MEMBERS

52,000  
POUNDS

FRESH FOOD DISTRIBUTED TO DATE

New Beginnings Are Possible, in partnership with Feeding America and Just One More Ministry, opened a food pantry to serve our neighbors. Piloting on May 10, the food pantry has gained remarkable traction servicing an average of 75 families per week with over 3,000 pounds of fresh produce weekly. We are proud to establish ourselves as a community resource by serving families and providing Missionary Work for our children.



In addition to the opportunities within the facility, NBAP has partnered with local daycares, church groups and residents to distribute the nearly 300 boxes of fresh produce every week. This decreases their burden of collecting and storing food.

## LETTER FROM NBAP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MOVING FORWARD

I think I have used all the euphemisms over the past months (e.g. unprecedented time, no roadmap for this, building the plane as we fly) to describe our attempt to respond to a changing world. We don't have a formula or magic wand (ok, two more euphemisms), but we have an intercessor, which is better. Consistent with our transformation, the board approved an expanded focus for the ministry.

The foundation of the Center is our contribution to Building Christ's Kingdom. The afterschool and summer programs, and their improved quality are still essential to fulfilling our mission. In addition to this are interventions to provide day camp and virtual learning support. Community & Family Engagement is the third strategic pillar – an initial offering being our Food Pantry initiative. The fourth pillar is Wellness, which includes services such as partnership with Lutheran Social Services to bring mental health services to our neighbors; community gardening and initiatives to address our food desert, and providing trauma-informed care services. In the coming newsletters, we will describe each strategic area.

– John N. Greene, Ph.D., Executive Director



WE ARE MOVING FORWARD  
IN JESUS CHRIST  
*"the same yesterday and today  
and forever"*  
HEBREWS 13:8)

## Upcoming Events & Activities

FALL SCHOOL DAY SUPPORT  
ENROLLMENT OPENS  
August 28

MILWAUKEE FILM'S MINORITY  
HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL

September 10-24

Presented by Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Films TBD. Virtual Watch Party. Films will center on a variety of topics related to the health and well-being of people of color.

COMMUNITY ART

September 19, 9:30am-12:30pm  
(International Day of Peace Sept. 21)  
See next page for more information.

SUNDAE HIKE

October 10, 2:00-5:00pm

In partnership with Havenwoods State Forest, we invite neighbors and friends to Sundae Hike. In the tradition of Sunday family gatherings, we celebrate "Community" centered around music, food, art, and outdoor/wellness tips. It wouldn't be Sundae without the ice cream.

BLACK LENS: A PILLAR OF THE  
MILWAUKEE FILM FESTIVAL

October 15-29  
Films TBD. Virtual Watch Party.

ELECTION DAY @ NBAP

November 3  
To register, go to MyVote.wi.gov

2020 THANKSGIVING BASKET  
GIVEAWAY

We plan to register 200 families this year.  
Distribution November 24.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 26-27, Center Closed

NBAP CLOSED

December 23, 2020-January 1, 2021

NBAP REOPENS

January 4, 2021

THANK YOU  
TO OUR SUMMER PARTNERS:

Feeding America, Just One More Ministry,  
GroundWorks Milwaukee, Greater Milwaukee  
Foundation, Christ Church, 31 Women Ministry

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.

# SUMMER CAMP

NBAP PROVIDED CHILDREN WITH ENRICHMENT & RELIEF FROM ISOLATION DURING COVID-19

Throughout the course of our 6-week summer program, New Beginnings Are Possible created an interactive environment, where children explored their skills and talents while being supported to develop as both leaders in the community and children of Christ.

This year's Summer Camp restarted with 18 children (including 5 high school interns) for three two-week sessions. We were able to practice and refine sanitation, social distancing and safety protocols, implementing twice daily health checks involving temperature and symptom checks. Masks were made mandatory in public areas. By providing our summer camp, we were able to give children the needed structure, social outlet and relief from isolation during COVID-19. This enabled our parents to return to work.

NBAP contracted a range of experts in the fields of art, science, literacy, cooking, wellness, gardening and civic engagement to provide an all-encompassing experience. Within our camp, we implemented a two-tier leadership system with our adult leaders

providing our high schoolers hands-on mentorship. Our high school component is a developing program that will continue in the fall with emphasis on personal and leadership development, college prep/education, community engagement and wellness.

Programming featured outdoor activities including hikes, soccer with formal instruction from Conquering Lions, and water activities. Additionally, Ubuntu was included as Summer instruction to prevent the summer slide and close the gap from schools closing. Community gardening was taught by high school interns who were trained by Groundworks. Children also participated in daily devotionals and Missionary Work in support of our Food Pantry.

Unfortunately, after two of three sessions, we had to close the camp due to an intern testing positive for COVID-19 per protocol to sanitize our facility accordingly. We look forward to continuing our mission this Fall by providing School Day Support during virtual learning as well as other programming options.

—Kimberly S. Njoroge, Program Director

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 19

## PEACE POST ART PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

New Beginnings has commissioned community-based artist Muneer Bahaiden to utilize NBAP as a sight for his ongoing peace posts project. For years Muneer has teamed up with Milwaukee organizations to make ceramic posts. Leading a series of consecutive workshops, Muneer invites members of the community to envision peace as a shared experience between residents, activist and artist. After gathering peace intentions written on sheets of paper and illustrations on tiles of clay, Muneer works with artist to assemble the 12 ft. posts.

New Beginnings is excited to collaborate with Muneer for this project, as it will be a great opportunity to build community and engage with the residents of Berryland. Because Muneer's approach bridges conceptions of peace, participants are able to indulge in what it means to be neighbors, to be a part of a community, and why that connectivity is important. Our first workshop will be on September 19. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU TO THE GREATER MILWAUKEE FOUNDATION MARY L. NOHL GRANT FOR SPONSORING THE PEACE POST PROJECT.

**GIVING TUESDAY**  
SPRING APPEAL

Our Spring appeal was held on Giving Tuesday, May 5, 2020, to raise funds that will assist in fulfilling our mission. Thank you for your contributions!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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| Virtual Tutoring | Young Life |
| Food Pantry      | Food Right |

For more information, please contact Kimberly Njoroge, Program Director, at 414-449-1546 ext. 102.

## LEGO DONATIONS WANTED

Many 21st century after school elementary and MS programs are now offering opportunities for students to use their creativity to design and build using various items which enhances creativity, math skills, and collaboration. Legos are an ideal option for our center! We are looking for Lego sets (missing pieces are OK!) and assorted Lego blocks to fill our growing mobile labs. Donations are being accepted throughout the Fall/Winter! Contact NBAP to arrange a convenient time to drop-off your Legos.

## HOLIDAY GIFT DONATIONS

### CAN YOU HELP MAKE A CHILD'S HOLIDAY A LITTLE BRIGHTER?

The Holiday Gift Sponsorship Program helps families of the NBAP youth programs provide holiday gifts for their children. You, your family, organization or business can help provide gifts to over 150 children and youth in the Berryland Community and our afterschool, middle and high school programs.

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

NBAP families complete "wish lists" for their children under the age of 12. Children from 12-18 will receive gift certificates. You may choose to sponsor as many children as you wish. You can also choose to shop for a child of a certain age or gender if you have a preference. Children wish for popular new toys, old favorites – and often needed essential items.

To be assigned a child or a family, contact Kimberly Njoroge starting Friday, Nov. 11. All gifts should be brought unwrapped to NBAP, by Friday, Dec. 13.

### MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT

It's easy to donate online. Simply tell us it's for holiday gift cards in the notes section. You can also submit a check by mail (6200 N. 42nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53209) or at the front desk of the Center. We appreciate any amount you can give.

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# FALL PROGRAMS

## SCHOOL DAY SUPPORT & AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS:

### LITERACY PROGRAM

ALL AGES



Our workshop methods help increase student engagement by cultivating a love reading and writing. By encouraging students to use their unique voices and develop their skill sets, they become independent learners, strong readers, writers, and creative thinkers. Mini-lessons to a small classroom of students builds routines & structure that promotes independence and engagement, which set students up for independent work. One-to-One Conference in reading & writing creates an individualized plan which targets specific skill development and tracks student growth.

### CONQUERING LIONS FC SOCCER CLUB

ALL AGES



Intro to Soccer is a progressive development system for youth who are interested in the sport of soccer. There are three levels within the Intro to Soccer Program: Intro I, II, and III. The primary objective is to build important fundamental skills through each level while teaching healthy exercise habits, confidence, teamwork, and leadership. NBAP's recreation team practice 1-2 times a week during our regular afterschool programming

### WYLDLIFE & YOUNG LIFE CLUB

GRADES 6-8



In WyldLife, we love middle school kids! They are full of life and yet experiencing profound emotional and physical changes.

Middle school is a time when kids make important decisions about who they are and what they believe. And so WyldLife leaders seek to model and express God's love to our young friends by learning their names, hearing their stories and honoring their God-given desire for a life of fun, adventure and purpose.

Weekly Club: A Party With a Purpose  
What is it about Young Life club that makes it the best night of the week for thousands

of kids every week? We like to think of it as a party with a purpose. It's controlled chaos that's almost impossible to describe, but kids know it when they see it. And before the party ends, we share a simple message about God's love for them. After all, that's what the celebration is all about.

### 4-H CLUBS

ALL AGES



4-H programs are grounded in the belief that kids learn best by doing. Kids and teens complete hands-on projects in areas like science, health, agriculture and civic engagement, in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. Kids can concentrate on one focus area or they can try a variety of programs throughout their 4-H experience. All 4-H programs include mentoring and career readiness as core elements.

### YOUTH CHEF ACADEMY

GRADES 5-7



Children learn basic cooking skills while they explore foods which help them grow and stay healthy. This fun, hands-on program teaches children to cook and eat 40 different vegetables, legumes and whole grains from 14 different cuisines. This evidence-based curricula, engages students in positive experiences with healthy foods through fun, hands-on culinary nutrition education that aligns with standards in math, literacy, and social studies.

### HIP HOP DANCE WITH ABOVE THE CLOUDS, INC.

AGES 9-12



Beginner Hip Hop: Hip hop is much more than a way of moving to hip hop music...it is a way of life. Students will learn that Hip hop is a lifestyle that includes its own language, music, and style of dance. Christian Hip Hop music is used.



### ALL LEVELS EASY YOGA WITH ASHLEE

AGES 50+

FRIDAYS, 11:00AM-12:00PM

**Starting September 25**

This yoga class is for all-levels. Modifications are offered for every pose making it approachable for beginners and challenging for advanced yogis. In this class, you will flow through postures linking movement and breath. The end of class is composed of restorative postures and guided meditation. Please bring your own mat and props (if needed.)



### FIRST FRIDAY: VOLUNTEER EDUCATION & CONVERSATION

FRIDAYS, 9-11AM

**Starting October 2**

On the first Friday of each month, NBAP core volunteers meet for coffee and conversation along with monthly presentations on topics that build the knowledge of volunteers to educate visitors and share the NBAP mission and programs. For more information, please contact Kimberly Njoroge, Program Director, at 414-449-1546 or knjoroge@nbap.org.

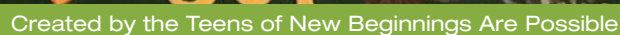
### DRIVE-THRU COFFEE HOUR AGES 50+

FRIDAYS, 10:00-11:00AM

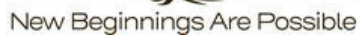
**Starting September 25 (weather permitting)**

NBAP Parking Lot

We invite adults age 50+ to drive, bike or walk thru for a cup of coffee and a brief hello to NBAP at the Agapa Center staff and friends. For more information, please contact Kimberly Njoroge, Program Director, at 414-449-1546 or knjoroge@nbap.org.



## AUGUST 2020



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