

Inspiring children and families to reach their magnificent potential through transformative, educational, and empowering experiences anchored in faith, hope, and love.



## Around the Neighborhood

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### Summer Camp!

Summer Camp kicked off on June 16, with the kids and staff both ready for excitement and fun! Camp will be taking place at three locations this summer: Hope UCC, Pilgrim UCC, and St. John's UCC North Grand. Thanks to these wonderful church partners and our funding partner, ARCHS!



*Campers are excited to paint the decorations for their Hawaiian Luau!*

The response to the 2014 expansion of Summer Camp was incredible! We received more than 150 applications for 105 slots, so all three camp sites have a waiting list. Summer Camp will have arts and crafts, field trips to places like the City Museum and bowling alleys, science projects, robotics workshops, a week at Camp Mo-Val, and more, all provided at no cost to families. In an effort to keep

our kids safe now and for years to come, we're also partnering with the YMCA to provide swimming lessons for all our campers.

To learn more about Neighborhood Houses' Summer Camp, please contact Gloria Hampton at [ghampton@neighborhoodhouses.org](mailto:ghampton@neighborhoodhouses.org) or 314-383-1733 ext. 12.

### Volunteers make it happen!

If it weren't for the generous nature of our volunteers, Neighborhood Houses wouldn't be able to provide the high quality of care to our children and families that we do.

#### Monsanto

Volunteers from Monsanto recently planted the Monsanto Community Garden at Caroline Mission. This garden provides a hands-on learning experience for our children as well as promotes healthy eating. When the vegetables are ready to be harvested, they will be placed in a common area at Caroline Mission for parents to bring home.



*Monsanto Volunteers hard at work planting the Community Garden at Caroline Mission.*



*Monsanto Volunteers helping the children at Caroline Mission make slime.*

Monsanto volunteers came back again to help on Caroline Mission's graduation day. Making slime with the kids, handing out seeds and recipes to parents, and getting the graduation barbeque set up were just some of the ways these wonderful volunteers helped.

#### Edward Jones

A group of 50 Edward Jones interns

spent an entire day helping Neighborhood Houses with "spring cleaning." The dreaded, but necessary task of cleaning and reorganizing was knocked out in one day thanks to this energetic volunteer group!

#### Viking Expeditions

In early May 2014, a group of college students from Cleveland State University visited St. Louis to volunteer with Neighborhood Houses at Caroline Mission. The service project club, Viking Expeditions, spent four days helping around the classrooms, cleaning up the grounds, and assisting in the kitchen and office. Their willingness to help in any way needed gave the staff at Caroline Mission some much needed extra hands!

#### Eden Seminary Students

Three Eden Seminary Students spent the 2013-2014 school year doing their contextual education with Neighborhood Houses. Not only did they help with our School Age Services; but, they also assisted at Caroline Mission. Our continued connection to Eden has been an asset to our organization for 100 years!

**A special thanks to all of these amazing volunteers—they are essential to our mission!** If you are interested in volunteering with Neighborhood Houses, please contact Kathy McCadden at [kmccadden@neighborhoodhouses.org](mailto:kmccadden@neighborhoodhouses.org) or by calling 314-383-1733 ext. 17.



## 4th Annual Trivia Night

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night held at Sunset Hills Community Center on May 3, 2014 raised nearly \$7,000! All proceeds from the event went towards fulfilling the mission of Neighborhood Houses to inspire children and

families to reach their magnificent potential through transformative, educational, and empowering experiences anchored in faith, hope, and love.

A huge **thank you** is owed to the Board members, volunteers, and attendees alike who made the event a success. THANK YOU!!

### Staff Accomplishments

Neighborhood Houses is proud to announce our staff's 2014 accomplishments!

**Jamal Bailey** of Sigel Elementary received his Masters in Nonprofit Management from University of Missouri St. Louis.

**David J. Carroll**, Chief Program Officer, received his Masters in Nonprofit Management from Washington University in St. Louis.

**Jasmine Hughes** of Pierre Laclède Elementary received her Bachelors of Arts in Communication from University of Missouri St. Louis.

**Audrey Liddell** of Caroline Mission received her Bachelors of Science in Psychology from the University of Phoenix.

**Lauren Powell** of Sigel Elementary received her Masters in Counseling from Lindenwood University.

**Bobby Trussell** of Siegel Elementary and Woodward Elementary received his Masters in Liberal Arts from Washington University in St. Louis.

**Andrea Canada** of Mann Elementary and **Janice Hill** of Pierre Laclède Elementary both received Monsanto's \$1,000 Darnette Ward Science Education Grant in support of their afterschool sites.

**Congratulations to our dedicated staff!**



*David Carroll and Bobby Trussell celebrating the completion of their Masters Programs at Washington University in St. Louis.*

### SAVE THE DATE!



**Save the date for Art & Soul IV!** Join us for an evening of art, music, silent and live auctions, fabulous food, drinks, and great company—all to celebrate the role of art in helping kids reach their magnificent potential.

Saturday, November 8, 2014 | 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
Plush Penthouse | 3224 Locust Avenue | St. Louis, MO 63103

Sponsorship opportunities available. Committee volunteers needed!

For more information about how to get involved or to be added to the invitation mailing list, please contact Kathy McCadden at [kmccadden@neighborhoodhouses.org](mailto:kmccadden@neighborhoodhouses.org) or by calling 314-383-1733

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