

NEWS from NEXT DOOR

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together
to Help
Children
Succeed!

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Dear Friends,

Our children are succeeding because of you!

While many schools decrease or even eliminate arts programs, Next Door works constantly to inspire our kids to make their "marks" on the world. Our young artists, like Xavier, Sophia and Jalen (pictured below) creatively interpret their world as they learn to live in it and understand it. These seemingly simple activities develop young minds with intellectual curiosity and maturity.

And that's not all. We continue to grow here at Next Door. In fact, sharing your time, talents and funds has enabled us to expand home-based services to 114 more children and families. We have improved our education, literacy and health programs. Keeping this momentum going requires us not only to "take stock," but also to take steps toward an even better future.

These include:

- ▶ Launching a strategic planning process focused on our mission;
- ▶ Assessing community needs with input from families in our Head Start program;
- ▶ Participating in the Bounce Learning Network Implementation Study for program improvement and access to high-quality early childhood education; and
- ▶ Collaborating with community partners in areas of highest need.

Help us fulfill our mission for the future. Come visit Next Door to learn how you can share with us: reading to children, participating in the Walk for Children or sharing your own personal expertise.

It is thanks to you that we continue to bring hope to families working to break the cycle of poverty and build a better future for their children.

Sincerely,

Carol Keintz, Executive Director



Tashena Cole and daughter ZaMyah at the December Breakfast with Santa

Artists Sophia, Xzavier with volunteer Ben Rader and Jalen.



ART is not only a language for communicating but a sensory, motor and social learning experience for young children.

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Saturday May 15, 2010

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Nancy Trimble of United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay and ND staff member Kenya McGhee.

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Next Door could always count on Barb Badini to do what ever it takes to help children at Next Door. We wish Barb well as she retires from Harley-Davidson...and we know we'll see Barb at the May 15th Walk for Children.

Harley-Davidson employees Ken Sladek and Barb Badini unload a truck load of holiday gifts!



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Community Health Improvement in Milwaukee County - Immunization program with Medical College of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County



Head Start Home Visitor, Amy Her (right) with Panhia Moua and her family.

Going Forward

Grace Parker has progressed from program participant, to volunteer, to food service employee and now serves as part of the early childhood teaching team. As part of her advancement, Grace has completed several certification programs including Early Childhood I and II, Infant Toddler and Child Development Associate.

Grace Parker with Head Start Student, India



A Donor Comments...

Isabel Bader

Next Door Donor

"Thank you for the photo and good news about Grace. My congratulations and best wishes to her for all her accomplishments. She has kept going forward and that is really wonderful."

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Grace Parker, Next Door Teacher, Katherine Lambert, Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, Sue Peiper, Planned Giving Society Member, LaTisha O'Conner, Next Door Teacher, are pictured with students D'Kari, Cory and India.

Consult your attorney/financial planner to determine what plan best suits the needs of you and your family.

Volunteers comment...

**Katherine Lambert
Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C.**

"Next Door needs gifts that will increase its strength and stability. I am pleased to support this goal by serving as Chair of the Endowment Committee."

**Sue Pieper
Planned Giving Society Member**

"For over 35 years I have been involved with Next Door. My husband Dick and I have included NDF in our estate plan because we believe that it will help ensure the future of this family focused neighborhood ministry. Hopefully the educational opportunities offered by Next Door, in a loving and caring atmosphere, will be available to future generations."

