Preschool Reading Week
November 2 - 6
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Neighborhood House Preschool Locations

You’re only old once! But we think re-reading a favorite childhood book keeps us forever young and can easily entertain audiences.

Come rediscover your own inner child as you open up the magical world of reading to our enthusiastic preschoolers. You’re welcome to bring a treasured tale or choose from the titles in our classroom collections.

Volunteers can select 30-minute time slots, which vary by site, and will be offered at High Point, NewHolly, Rainier Vista and Yesler Terrace.

Questions? Contact Paige Bonitz, Volunteer Specialist, 206-461-8430 x 2005 or paigeb@nhwa.org.

What Matters Most Breakfast
March 23, 2016
7:30 - 9 a.m.
Washington State Convention Center

Join us next spring for a milestone celebration of 110 years serving Seattle and King County residents.

You’ll enjoy coffee, conversation and see why more than 600 regional business leaders, elected officials, partner agencies and clients attend our most significant fundraiser each year.

As inspiring as spring itself, our anniversary breakfast gives donors a chance to celebrate our successes and contribute to future initiatives.

To reserve your table or seat, contact Emily Brickner, 206-461-8430 x 2050 or emilyb@nhwa.org.

Upcoming Events

Faces in Our House
Meet Theresa James, Family Information Specialist

Where are you from, and what do you do at Neighborhood House? I was born in Jamaica, and moved here with my parents when I was 5 years old. While vacationing in Jamaica, a kind, elderly couple from Washington state offered to open up their home to us and we lived with them until we could support ourselves. To this day, we remain grateful for their help and generosity.

What do you like most about working here? I enjoy working here because I love making partnerships with families, and helping them get the right services they need.

What kinds of things do you do to have fun? I like to stay physically active by hiking and biking and I really enjoy Zumba. I also have an artistic side, and enjoy scrapbooking. I once won a talent competition in high school playing the flute.

Neighborhood Housemates
Recognizing those who make our work possible

Welcome to our newest donors:

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Ask Mark
Do you have a question about Neighborhood House?

EMAIL MARK AT: askmark@nhwa.org

Q: What lessons have you learned from the children you serve?

A: Every time I step into one of our preschool classrooms I am overwhelmed with youngsters’ energy and eagerness to learn. For them, everything is new, every day is a new adventure and nothing is impossible.

If you ask, “how many of you can sing?” every child raises his or her hand. If we could preserve and instill lifelong confidence and fearlessness, what a different world we would have.

Kids just need the opportunities to pursue their interests and passions and adults to support them. All they need is a community that says, “you can do it.” What have the children and youth who we serve taught me? That anything is possible.

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Spotlight on...Toddler Preschool

While the Neighborhood House Toddler Preschool program may still be in its infancy, it is continuing to grow by leaps and bounds during its first academic year.

Often referred to as the ‘Early Head Start Combination’ program, it provides twice-weekly classroom learning for 16 two- to three-year-olds, coupled with regular home visits by their teachers.

Our Toddler Preschool uses “Tools of the Mind” that encourages children to manage their own emotions and feelings and develop friendships with their peers. This research-based curriculum encourages children to be successful in social interactions and learning, providing a long-term, positive impact in their lives.

Through make-believe play, children develop their concentration with materials and concepts, sustaining their attention and participation. Acting out pretend scenarios like eating in a restaurant or going to the doctor are ways of teaching self-regulation, but in a fun, imaginary way.

Teachers create visual aids like showing pictures of lips and ears that help children remember when it’s their turn to talk or listen.

The program emphasizes growth of underlying skills, like paying attention, logic and reasoning, as well as the development of literacy, math, and science concepts and skills.

For instance, in ‘Tools’ classrooms, children first plan what they want to do during play, draw it, and then write it, with help from a teacher. The teachers also make routine home visits to help extend learning at home with parents as well as providing resources and other family support.

Volunteers help build a playground at NewHolly in preparation for our toddler preschool program that encourages social interaction and sharing with peers.

This combination of strong teaching, a stimulating curriculum, and parent engagement helps our children prepare for preschool and helps pave the way for their future academic endeavors.