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# Neighborhood House

HELPING NEIGHBORS SINCE 1896

## Next-Door Neighbor

SUMMER 2009

### Youth Member Gives Back



Seville proudly shows educational awards

Seville Shirley, a native of Portland and regular in the Youth Development Program at Neighborhood House, has become one of our most valued volunteers. Just last year, Seville started approaching the staff to ask for ways she could help out. Before long, Seville was reading with the younger children, providing homework help in the Learning Lab, and starting group games on her own initiative.

As an outstanding volunteer, Seville contributes to Neighborhood House in a variety of ways. She is especially patient and talented tutoring children who struggle with developmental delays or behavioral problems. In addition to tutoring, Seville is an active volunteer leader in Club PRIDE, a youth substance abuse prevention coalition. She also donated a beautiful decorative plate, which she made in a Neighborhood House art class, to be used as an auction item at a fundraiser for the Younger Woman's Club of Louisville, a Neighborhood House supporter. Seville's donation of her plate was a very personal gift and exemplifies her willingness to support Neighborhood House in whatever way she can.

Due to challenges in her own life, Seville's commitment to Neighborhood House is particularly remarkable. At home she has many responsibilities, including helping to take care of her sick grandmother. She often has to fill the role of the adult, even though she's not yet a high school freshman. Her family situation means that Seville gets herself to Neighborhood House each day by walking, no matter where her family has moved in the surrounding neighborhood.

Seville's determination and giving spirit make her a great role model not only for the kids she tutors, but also to the entire Louisville community. Seville's volunteerism is a reminder of how we can all be better neighbors by giving back.



Seville reads with another youth member

**Neighborhood House** is a community-based organization providing programs and services which enhance the quality of life for individuals of all ages in the Portland area. Our programs and services focus on educational enhancement, civic responsibility, cultural enrichment, health promotion, social skills development, and employment opportunity and training.





**PAM RICE**  
Executive Director

**Dear Neighbors:**

“Now more than ever...” How often have we heard those words this past year? When the economy makes the needs greater than ever -and the finances tighter than ever- we do need your support “now more than ever.” We’ve experienced a great year, thanks to the many who have given to respond to the rising needs of our neighbors. Thanks to you, we are providing more food than ever, meeting basic human needs. Thanks to you, we are serving more children and youth than ever in our summer programs, ensuring they are safe and learning -as well as playing- while school is out. Thanks to you, we are opening new classes to care for children in our Child Development Center, ensuring our preschoolers are nurtured and prepared for a successful childhood.

But the end is not in sight for our families. Daily, we see the unmet needs of hungry children and of parents who are not able to provide some basic necessities for their families. *You make a difference* for children and families, right here in your own “backyard of Louisville” by supporting Neighborhood House. Please continue to give generously and share with others the opportunities to help your neighbors at Neighborhood House.

Thank you for your caring support, now more than ever.

## Making a Difference



Young children receive weekend food bags

A young mother recently turned to her neighbors in a desperate situation. Her electricity and water had been turned off; she needed help fast. Knowing that she had two preschool children, her neighbors directed her to Neighborhood House. At Neighborhood House,

her children now receive free lunches through our summer lunch program and Kids’ Café for dinner. And thanks to a generous donor, Neighborhood House is providing weekend food bags to children. These food bags are designed especially for children so they have something to eat when Neighborhood House is closed. We connected Mom with other social service agencies to help her with her electric and water bills. Things will not suddenly be easy for this Portland family, but with their utilities restored and a place for the children to eat, Mom says that her family can start moving forward again.

This family’s story is not unique; in fact there are many families in the Portland neighborhood struggling to meet the basic needs for their children. Thanks to generous donors and partnerships, Neighborhood House is stretching to meet even more of those needs. Through Community Action Partnership, Neighborhood House is serving lunch this summer to 60 children a day. In addition to the weekend food bags, a gift from Steve & Robin Sedita allows us to enhance the Dare to Care Food Bank emergency food boxes we provide to families in need. Furthermore, our summer programs offer educational opportunities to help break the cycle of poverty for our children. To find out more about how you can make a difference contact Abby at 502-774-2322 ext. 226 or [abranstein@nhky.org](mailto:abranstein@nhky.org).

# Come On Over

Come and meet us! Join us for *Meet Your Neighbor*, a 1-hour program and tour of Neighborhood House and see for yourself some of the lives you touch through your support to Neighborhood House. Meet the children, the seniors, and the staff and see some of the activities that help meet the basic needs for our children and families.



**Come and *Meet Your Neighbor* on:  
September or,  
October.**

Please call Abby for times and to reserve your spot, at 774-2322 ext. 226 or [abranstein@nhky.org](mailto:abranstein@nhky.org). Thank you for being a good neighbor to Portland, right in your own backyard!



Deloitte volunteers lend a helping hand



Ernst & Young employees celebrate June birthdays with our seniors



Board member, Mike Lorch, along with other Wellpoint volunteers build raised garden beds

*Thanks to...*  
**some good neighbors!**

Thanks to the following for their recent gifts of service and funding:

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Help a child start the school year right by providing clothing, school supplies and hygiene items.

**How can you share your gifts?** PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES.

### GIVE - Every dollar counts!

- **\$35** provides an annual membership for a family
- **\$100** supports an outing for youth or senior adults
- **\$240** provides a two-week scholarship for a child in our Child Development Center, giving parents short-term help in emergency situations

An envelope is provided for your convenience. Prefer to use a credit card? **You can donate on-line by going to [www.nhky.org](http://www.nhky.org) and clicking on [Donate Now](#). THANK YOU!**

### PLANNED GIVING

allows you to maximize the personal benefits of your charitable giving and to make gifts you might have thought impossible. There are many giving options to fit everyone's situation. Please remember Neighborhood House in your estate plans and let us know when you do.

### SHOP OUR WISH LIST

- Baby Wipes
- Laundry & Dish Detergent
- Baby Formula
- Cooking supplies for children
- Food Service Gloves
- School Supplies
- Commercial Grade Walkie Talkies
- Picnic Table
- Heavy Duty Rest Mats for Child Development Center
- Couch

### VOLUNTEER

- Read with a child
- Help prepare and serve meals at Kids' Café
- Teach computer skills to our senior adults
- Lead an art project
- Help with graphic design
- Lead a yoga class
- Host an outing for youth or senior adults



Have other ideas?  
Please call Abby 774-2322 ext. 226

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