



THINKING OUTSIDE the SCHOOL

NEW COMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN

Fall 2011

Dear Friends,

Our summer program was a smashing success with 95 kids attending. Our theme, "Get Moving, Get Going" was a hit, and many thanks to staff for their creativity and dedication. This summer, we also had two very successful fundraising events: our Café Milano fundraiser and our 2nd annual Summer Soirée, where our ABLE program director, Mark Pagán, unveiled his video montage of life at New Community for Children. I urge you to take a minute to view the video at our website's homepage - www.ncfc-dc.org - it provides a flavor for who we are - and who knew we had such budding film stars?!!

Several changes are happening this Fall. Due to the uncertainty of funding this year from the 21st Century Learning Center program, we scaled back operations and consolidated our programming at our main headquarters site at 1722 6th Street. Under the leadership of Nadine Duplessy Kearns, our Executive Director, and our talented staff, we continue to pursue key priorities this fall of promoting literacy and reading at grade-level for 100% of our children and tracking key indicators of program quality to measure our effectiveness. We are also focusing on college preparation to help our older kids make the transition to the next level of learning.

On behalf of everyone at New Community for Children, I would like to express a special thanks to Rob Stewart and Jim Meisel, both of whom are stepping off our Board after serving for over six years. They contributed in countless ways to the success of our program. Rob and Jim have always made helping New Community a priority in their hearts and in their actions. We thank them for their devotion, guidance, wisdom, and support.

The face of our organization continues to evolve and grow. I would like to welcome two new Board members, Zillah Wesley and Emily Schlesinger, both of whom bring their own special gifts to our organization. Zillah is an experienced clinical social worker. She has been a powerful advocate for children through her work with the D.C. Public School system and other clients. Previously, she has been a volunteer at New Community for Children, offering her counseling and training on a pro bono basis. Emily is a project manager and team lead for BearingPoint (Deloitte). She served as a weekly tutor and mentor at Hope and a Home for the past six years, and we look forward to her bringing her enthusiasm to New Community.

A key priority for New Community for Children is to develop financial sustainability. Although not unexpected, the loss of federal funding this school year significantly raised the stakes in our bid to gain a firm financial footing. We increased our ties with foundations, and we continue to expand our donor base. But we count on generous individuals like you for the majority of our funding. When the Lord closes a door, somewhere He opens a window. We are thankful for your continued financial support, and we look forward to a new school year!

Sincerely,

Rob Fisher, Board President



ABOUT US

New Community for Children provides under-served children and families in Washington, DC with before school, after school, and summer programs that help them strengthen their academic skills as well as foster the self-confidence and creativity needed to realize their fullest potential.

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2011 SUMMER PROGRAM

SUMMER 2011 QUICK STATS

6 weeks: of
academic programming

240 Hours: of
engaging students

95: # students served

1000: # of hours spent
in gardens

4: visits to local colleges

342: hours served by
NCFC volunteers

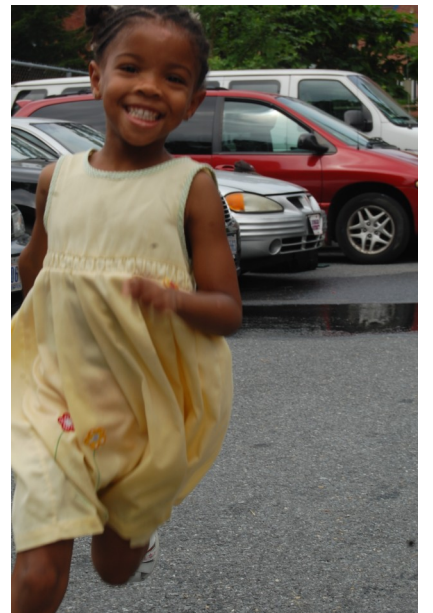
Countless:
families satisfied

What a summer to "Get Moving, and Get Going"!

Elementary School students (**ASAP**) spent six weeks actively engaged in academic and social enrichment programs. They received instruction in math and literacy to bolster skills taught during the school year. Teachers administered a newly developed literacy assessment allowing them to adapt their lesson plans and engage students more effectively. NCFC partnered with City Blossoms and in-house volunteers to teach the wonders of gardening and healthy eating options. Students planted and harvested vegetables and herbs that they later used in recipes to sample the magic of their green thumbs. They participated in United Way's Fun, Fly, and Fit's activities designed to increase physical activity in children and youth while promoting positive self-image through nutrition and fun, and increasing parental awareness of the childhood obesity epidemic in the greater Washington area students also enjoyed the traditional trips to the museums and neighborhood swimming pools and splash parks.

Middle School students (**ABLE**) spent the summer creating portfolios featuring their photography of local cultural sites and natural settings. Each week, students took the time to learn healthy recipes and implement their new skills to make wonderfully tasting treats. With the help of City Blossoms, students learned the importance of community involvement and how interesting environmental science can be (especially when applied to everyday use). Lifting Voices continued their expansive literacy work with our students where each student used creative writing to create fictional scripts based on their lives. Mr. Curtis taught our students the importance of cultural history in the context of music. Our veteran instructor, Ms. Sharonda, worked with our students each week on grade-appropriate math with her dynamic activities during Algebra Project Hour. In the midst of all of this, ABLE students made four college visits, took time to go to the pool, read for 35 hours during program time, and learned how to play tennis.

Needless to say, this was an action-packed summer!



**FOR MORE SUMMER
PROGRAMMING PIX:**

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2011-12 NCFC VOLUNTEERS

With more than 120 students in NCFC programs after school and summer, we are always looking for help! Our volunteers range from college students to young working professionals to retired folks. Whether you're passionate about working with children and youth, want to get to know your city better, or just want to try it all out, we have a place for you! Sign up on our website www.ncfc-dc.org or contact us at 202-232-0457.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Reading Buddies

Help children discover a love for reading! Reading Buddies spend one half-hour with their buddy each week on Tuesdays or Thursdays. You'll get to build a bond with your buddy, as well as show him/her the value of adult support. Based on the student's reading level, Reading Buddies read to the child, read with a child, or have the child read to them.

Tutor

Tutors work with students in a one-on-one or small group setting. Tutors help students with reading, writing, and math skills that they find challenging while building a trusting and positive relationship with them. NCFC encourages tutors to use their own interests, talents, and creativity to make learning engaging and challenging.

Lead a Workshop

Do you have special expertise in something that kids would find engaging and educational? NCFC welcomes volunteers to come and lead one-time or multiple workshops with children of different age groups during program hours. Workshops in the arts (visual, music, performance, dance), sciences (engineering and math) and information technology are always of interests.



VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION



New Community for Children invites you to attend a one hour orientation/training session where you can sign up to volunteer, learn more about our programs, and how to get involved with supporting our kids as they work on reaching their fullest academic potential.

Date: Tuesday September 27th 2011
Time: 12PM to 1PM (join us for lunch)
6PM to 7PM (refreshments)
Location: 614 S Street NW (at New Community Church) – nearest metro Shaw/Howard U

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Consider making a contribution to support NCFC programs for the 2011-2012 school year. New Community for Children is committed to offering high quality academic enrichment and arts based after school and summer programs to kids in the Shaw neighborhood in the District.

With the support of individuals and foundations we are able to extend learning time beyond the classrooms with over 600 hours of instruction, homework assistance, tutoring, and positive engagement with caring staff and volunteers.

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Send a check: made payable to *New Community for Children*
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