

JANUARY 2024

Northside Neighborhood House



100
YEAR ANNIVERSARY
C E L E B R A T I O N !

100 Years of Making a Difference!

In 1924, several ladies including Rose Longgley and Emily Page Schlesinger noticed neighbors without blankets living in substandard housing in the North Shore community. The ladies recognized that bedding was a concern for mothers who were trying to keep their children warm. As a way to provide much-needed resources and valuable life skills, the women taught sewing and quilting as a means to self-sufficiency.

Quilting laid the foundation of the Northside Neighborhood House 100 years ago. Just like the patterns in the quilts sewn a century ago, there is a beautiful pattern that makes up the Northside Neighborhood House story.

As we celebrate our 100th Anniversary over the course of this year, you will hear stories comprised of neighbors, connections, relationships, and hope. You will see how our work is stitched together to continue the legacy that started so long ago.

Also, there will be opportunities to gather and celebrate with us. Our first gathering will be a 100th Celebration Breakfast on February 20 at the Chattanooga. This will be a great opportunity we celebrate progress made throughout the decades.

I'm excited for all that this year holds and invite you to join us in the celebration!

Many blessings,

Rachel Gammon, CEO

Did you set a New Year's Resolution to improve your health?

Did you know that there are many health benefits from volunteering?

Volunteering can lower your blood pressure, boost your happiness, and even improve your mental health, and so much more. Beyond the health benefits, there are many other reasons to volunteer. Whether you are looking to broaden your social network or boost your happiness, we have a place for you at the Northside Neighborhood House.

NNH offers many ways to support our neighbors. If you are looking for volunteer opportunities such as working in one of our three thrift stores, helping in our main agency, or supporting the work in our CommUNITY School spaces, please reach out.

Current needs include:

- Individuals to help sort donations at our Minor Street and Soddy Daisy Thrift Stores
- Individual to help take photos of items for Good Neighbor, our online thrift store
- Individuals who enjoy planning events and asking for sponsorships to support the Not So Silent Auction
- Individuals willing to share a career, hobby, or passion with students in one of our 10 CommUNITY Schools
- Company or individual to assist with flooring needs in our Thrift Stores

To learn more visit nnhouse.org/volunteer.

Thank you to all who donated items and volunteered to make this year's Santa's Workshop a success!

SANTA'S WORKSHOP



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"Santa's workshop allows our daughter to have a magical Christmas."

"This program has helped my family maintain normalcy during hard financial times."

"The Santa's helpers are amazing and Share in the joy of selecting gifts for my child."

- Quotes from Santa's Workshop Participants



We were able to distribute toys to over 350 local children from 150 families.

349 people benefited from grocery gift cards with a total of \$17,337 spent this year.

60 volunteers gifted us with over 30 hours of their time.



Good Neighbor is the Northside Neighborhood House's new online store and pop-up boutique. Our curated inventory offers lifestyle and luxury brands - from Anthropologie to Coach to Yves Saint Laurent. We also have unique and vintage collectibles. **Good Neighbor** is luxury for less - supporting the NNH.

This Month's Featured Item

Amberjack The Original Men's Oxfords

A casual-professional shoe that's ready for anything. Made in Portugal with water-repellant Italian Suede.

Use promo code **GDNBR0229** at checkout to get 40% off one use per buyer, a maximum of \$100 savings. Ends Feb. 29, 2024.



*Be sure to ❤️ our store and be notified of our latest sales!

Stability Spotlight

We recently assisted a single mother who was between jobs. While she had secured a job at a local manufacturer, she had to forgo the position when she was assigned to a shift that was not compatible with her twin's child care. Fortunately, she was able to secure a new position at her children's daycare, but wasn't able to start immediately, resulting in her getting behind on her monthly rent.

NNH was able to cover a month's rent as well as provide her the opportunity to participate in Santa's Workshop, where she was able to choose Christmas toys for her children.



The successes about which you read within our Stability Stories are because of our annual campaign, the Good Neighbor Fund.

Help with future Stability Stories by visiting
NNHouse.org/donate

**Join the Northside Neighborhood
House Team!**

We are currently seeking someone to join
our CommUNITY School program!



- Part-time afterschool staff for Soddy Daisy High School

We'd love to have you join our team!

Learn more by visiting our [website!](#)

Tributes

In Honor

Emily Akins

David Belitz

Joel & Jean Richardson

Denise Betbeze

James Betbeze

Allison Burnett

Bob and Emily Bell

Rachel Gammon

Wayne & Carolyn Hale

Bill & Katie Warren

Suzanne Mickles

Rick & Suzanne Rushworth

Matt & Barbara Royal

John & Judy Germ

Debbie Scott

Ralph & Isabell McGraw

Margaret Coin

Suzanne Mickles

James Betbeze

Lea Anne Wiles

Susan Twer

In Memory

Kelli Bland

Richard & Serie Bland

Catherine & Frank Harris

Robert & Sally Clark

Joseph & Pearl Kotsis

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If you're looking to support the Northside Neighborhood House in a non-traditional way, we can assist you with a stock transfer or other planned charitable gifts. For more information, please contact Jenny Stripling at jstripling@nnhouse.org or call 423-267-2217.

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