

FEBRUARY 2024

Northside Neighborhood House



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

Proud Past. Bright Future.

On February 14, the Northside Neighborhood House turns 100 and that is something to celebrate! It was on this day in 1924, that Rose Longgley, Emily Page Schlesinger, and a group of women decided they had an obligation to help neighbors in need. After noticing neighbors without blankets living in substandard housing along the Tennessee River, they took action. Recognizing that bedding was a concern for the mothers trying to keep their children warm, the ladies set out to provide much-needed resources and valuable life skills, teaching the women to sew and quilt as a means to self-sufficiency.

Throughout the years, the NNH has remained committed to listening and responding to the needs of our neighbors. From distributing milk or coal throughout the Great Depression to ensuring neighbors are housed with working utilities in the current economy, our mission has remained the same - to create relationships with and connect neighbors to resources to support their path to stability and opportunity.

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We invite you to join us as we celebrate our proud past and bright future. Our first celebration will be a 100th Celebration Breakfast on February 20 at the Chattanooga. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the progress made throughout the decades.

I also want to invite you to visit the special landing page created to share our past with you.

Thank you for the role you have played in getting us to 100 years. I'm excited about all that this year holds and invite you to join the celebration!

Many blessings,

Rachel Gammon, CEO

Junior League donated \$1000 for a piano for the Community House.

Began Boy Scout Group.

Received 25.5 pints of milk from Owens.

“What I have tried to establish here is a place where all who need help can come to find the means to survive at that moment, and more importantly, the skills and abilities to survive for a lifetime.”
—Rose S. Langley, Founder and former Executive Director of Northside Neigh/hood House

Began Blue Bird Sewing Class for girls 7-12 years old.

Noted to begin Sunshine Band kindergarten class for girls 4-6 years of age.

62 Baskets of provisions were sent out and one was delivered to 2 families.

Planned a rummage sale for the community, as people were asking for clothes and school books.

Northside Presbyterian Church wants to volunteer and will make some dresses for Jessie Demson who is at Bonny Oaks and the Downing girls who are at Pine Breeze.

Committee formed to apply for admittance to the Community Chest.

COMMUNITY CHEST I'VE GIVEN

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Red Bank CommUNITY School Students Explore Post-Graduation Opportunities

Students at Red Bank High School had the opportunity to visit Tennessee State University and Fisk University as part of a college field trip arranged by our CommUNITY School Coordinator Robert Love.



Students had the opportunity to experience campus life and learn more about post-high school opportunities. One student, with an interest in medical school, was particularly excited to learn about Fisk University's partnership with Vanderbilt. This partnership allows

Fisk students to attend classes at Vanderbilt.



Round Up at Elder's to Support the Northside Neighborhood House

Want to make a difference in the community?

When you shop at Elder's ACE Hardware in **Lakesite** between now and February 19th, you can round up your purchase to support the Northside Neighborhood House. The cashiers can also accept donations of any amount - with all going to help your neighbors!

So as you are thinking about the warm days ahead, shop at Elder's ACE Hardware Lakesite and help the NNH!

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Elder's ACE Hardware

Shop at

ELDER'S ACE HARDWARE & ROUNDUP TO HELP THE COMMUNITY!

When: February 5th - 19th
Where: Lakesite Location
8531 Hixson Pike

**Roundup proceeds go directly to NNH



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

Dolce Vita Nashe Vanilla
Nubuck White Western Ankle

Booties

From Dolce Vita comes a classic and favored Western silhouette to dress up or down.

*Use promo code **GDNBRFEB50** at checkout for an extra 50% off one purchase, one use per buyer, maximum savings of \$100. Expires 3/13/24.*



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

VOLUNTEERS! NEEDED!

Did you know that the Northside Neighborhood House Thrift Stores generate nearly half of the organization's operating income?

We all know that our NNH Thrifts are a great place to shop. We are so grateful to the community for its support with donations and purchases. This support enables the NNH to serve our neighbors - from keeping them housed with working utilities to supporting students in academic success in 10 COMMUNITY Schools across northern Hamilton County.

We currently need additional volunteer support to help us in our Thrift Stores. In these roles, individuals will help sort donations and keep our inventory stocked on the floors. Hours range between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

If you have a little extra time and are looking for a way to give back, we hope you'll consider joining NNH as a volunteer! To learn more, visit nnhouse.org/volunteer.

Stability Spotlight

A neighbor recently turned to NNH for food assistance after being out of work for several weeks following surgery. In meeting with the

neighbor, there were many factors impacting her ability to live in stability. A forced relocation of apartments created a rent increase, and a recent divorce impacted income leading to a month's deficit to ensure the family's needs were met.

Following a visit with one of NNH's Case Managers, she was able to make some minor adjustments to her budget and get support in applying for various programs to help reduce monthly food and utility costs moving forward. Additionally, NNH was able to pay for a month's rent keeping the family from homelessness, provide groceries from our food pantry, create a spending plan with her, and provide her with [NNH's community job list](#).

NNH's motto of providing a hand up, not a hand out is lived out daily through this work.



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

Tributes

In Honor

Scott Black
Chad Black

In Memory

Gerta Lee Brooks
~a beautiful and loyal black lab from the Not So Silent Auction
Suzanne Kennedy

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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