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The Lasting Impact of Breaktime

Over 35 children experienced success this summer.

Another year of Breaktime is entered into the history books. We have been holding this six-week day camp for eight years, and while it may sound cliché, this was our best summer ever.

We had over 35 children attend Breaktime on a regular basis throughout the summer. Twenty of those children were in the younger kids' program and worked diligently on their reading skills. Every one improved in his or her reading, experienced success in

completed assignments, and moved on to new challenges.

The bakery involved fifteen middle school students working hard three days a week preparing some of the most amazing baked goods in town. Our Oatmeal Carmelitas even became an international hit and were sent to Korea.

Kids in the bakery learned job skills, including how to show up on time, maintain proper hygiene, manage a small business, exchange cash, and work with others. Four of our students excelled and became Head Chef for a week and were able to experience some of the joys and struggles of actually running the business. When it was all

said and done, nobody wanted the summer to end. In fact, it's likely that Breaktime will expand next summer to an eight-week program.

Breaktime Facts:

- Over 40 people volunteered this summer.
- We went through 300lbs of flour in fifteen days.
- The bakery store grossed over \$830.
- There were more donations to the program than we had ever seen before.

New City Neighbors



2007

Seeking to be a diverse, welcoming ministry that works with Northeast Grand Rapids neighbors to restore and develop their community

Fall Preview

On the right you will find the three major ministries to get involved with this fall. You will find a description of each ministry along with ways to volunteer.

Besides the big three, there are also opportunities to be a part of the community garden planning team, and help with work projects.

For more information visit our website or call Eric Schalk at 970-4817.

GEMS

Description:

Starts October 1st and meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. GEMS is for elementary and middle school girls and each night includes singing, crafts, Bible study and snacks. GEMS begins at 7:00 PM and ends at 8:45.

Volunteer

Opportunities:

1. Bring snack items.
2. Coordinate singing time.
3. Lead Bible study for 7th & 8th grade girls.

EMS

Description:

Starts September 13 and meets every Thursday throughout the school year. EMS is for children in 2nd through 8th grade. Each night begins at 5:30 PM with a meal followed by homework help, organized activities and Bible study.

Volunteer

Opportunities:

1. Provide a meal (40 People).
2. Help with homework.
3. Lead a small group.
4. Help organize activities.

Ground Zero

Description:

Starts September 11 and meets every Tuesday throughout the school year. This year's theme is "From Failure to Success" and will focus on how to rely on Christ to make it through real life. Ground Zero is a High School ministry that starts at 7:00 PM and ends when the last child leaves.

Volunteer

Opportunities:

1. Hang out with students and participate in Bible studies and activities.

Building a Base

New City Neighbors is still in its infancy. Launched on April 1, 2007, it has not been around enough for people to hear about it and get on board.

This page is all about getting involved, and so far, much of the talk has been on volunteering. Another way to partner with us is through financial gifts. While we need volunteers to connect with kids and adults, we need money to operate the ministries.

The donor base for NCN is just beginning to develop and we ask for your help in spreading the good news of this kingdom work. You can tell people about NCN through word of mouth, point them to the website, or even stop by the office and pick up a brochure. Whatever you can do to help would be greatly appreciated.

We're in this ministry together, and each one of us needs to use our gifts, whether it is ministering to people, telling others about NCN, or writing a check.

Volunteer Spotlight

For the last 8 years, Connie Larson has helped out in any way possible with our Breaktime program. Connie and her friend Nancy prepare multiple meals during the summer and Connie tutors once a week, buys goodies from our bakery store, and finds ways to encourage each student.

For two summers, she even organized the entire meal program and came daily to help serve. When she's not helping with Breaktime, Connie folds clothes at the Christian Rest Home, helps with a Bible club, and tutors at Kent Hills.

Connie does all of these things because she loves people but also because she loves Jesus. At the young age of 79 Connie seeks out ways to be a part of the ministries of New City Neighbors. Without people like Connie, our ministries would crash to a halt.

As we gear up for the fall season, I encourage you to join us in making a difference on the N.E. Side of Grand Rapids. There are hundreds of kids who need to know the love and compassion of Jesus shown through an adult who truly cares about them.



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