

# Neighborhood House News

"WHOEVER WELCOMES A LITTLE CHILD IN MY NAME,  
WELCOMES ME." - JESUS



## SUMMER UPDATES

In May, the Neighborhood House held its annual T-ball event; seventeen kids ages 3 to 8 participated and they had a ball! A huge thank you to Milton Higgins for coaching!

At the end of June and beginning of July we transported ten kids to and from day camp at Fair Haven Camps. For many of these kids it was a first time at a camp of any kind. A great time was had by all! Thank you all who provided financially for scholarships to be given for these children to attend. Another huge thank you to Aaron Littlefield for his help on the van and to all the Fair Haven staff for the amazing ministry of camp.

In August, Appleton Baptist Church held a space themed VBS at the Neighborhood House that was "out of this world"! We cannot thank them enough for their willingness to partner with the Neighborhood House in this way. The children were reached and they were blessed! And we were blessed!

We would love to see the body of Christ coming together from area churches. Having more church groups, youth groups and ministry groups to partner with provides more opportunities to minister to the children and get maintenance and improvement projects completed. Would your church or group like to come? Give us a call at 338-3013 or email [nhhinfo@cefofmaine.org](mailto:nhhinfo@cefofmaine.org)



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS...

Marcia's father, as well as Gracie's grandfather, Gary Sheldon, passed away in early July after battling cancer. It was a difficult summer. He had the gift of helping and was always willing to give his time volunteering to help with the children's activities and driving the van to pick them up. He is greatly missed!!

Thank you all so much for your support, prayers, and gifts to the Neighborhood House made in his memory.

### Prayer Requests:

- Prepared hearts for children and families as seeds of truth are planted
- Mini van needed for smaller transportation needs and for gas economy

### Praise:

- Believers making connections with one of the families that moved away

# PREPARING "BATTLE" PLANS & LOOKING AHEAD

For the history of this ministry, Belfast has been a place of real battle to bring the message of Good News. Ask all previous directors and volunteers. It is going up against the enemy over and over as he has a stronghold in the lives of the children and families that have been a part of this ministry. Along with that each of us as our own strongholds that we battle to bring down in Jesus' name. But, "we do not battle against flesh and blood," and "the weapons of our warfare... are mighty through God to bring down strongholds." With that thought in mind we are hopeful that you will pray with us, as that is our greatest weapon. In the climate of our culture it would benefit Belfast for the Neighborhood House to be an even stronger light in a dark place.

## Our broad plans for events this fall include:

- Starting a 5 week Elementary Club
- Starting a once a month event for our Middle School group
- Starting a disciple training course for dedicated middle schoolers



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*The light shines in  
the darkness, and the  
darkness has not  
overcome it.*

*John 1:5*

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## NHH STAFF & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The NHH committee and staff are committed to the vision of CEF to evangelize, disciple and establish kids in local churches.

We have the opportunity to reach into a community of children and families who may not otherwise hear the good news of the gospel in a traditional church setting.

**Chris & Marcia O'Jala** are the part-time directors and have been involved with the ministry since it began.

**Gracie Mitchell** is our only staff member. She helps part-time with a little bit of everything. She has a heart for children and is a great blessing to the ministry.

**Nancy Sampson** (not pictured) has also been involved with the ministry since it began and has been a Bible teacher, helper, camp nurse and mighty prayer warrior.

**Brian and Wanda Cooper** have been long time committee members. Brian is the treasurer and expertly helps as we steward the finances given. Wanda is our committee secretary and long time volunteer helping in many areas.

**Pauline Butler** is a great help with all the day to day financial work and correspondence. Her help is priceless.

**Alex and Grace Spearin** are our newest members with a heart for children and many talents and abilities that they are using to bless the ministry.

**Barney Daigle** (not pictured) is the Assistant State Director (and a former NHH director) who helps with all the administrative needs and connections with the state office.

These people are an example of God using ordinary people from his church body to reach children for Christ. Would you like to partner with us?