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Contact Courtney Jacob, Volunteer Coordinator, 206-461-8430 x 255 or courtneyj@nhwa.org.

 Rediscover your inner child as you open up the magical world of reading to our enthusiastic youngsters!

 Preschool Reading Week is offered at our High Point, Rainier Vista, NewHolly and Yesler Terrace classrooms.

 Choose the location and day that works best for you and sign up for a 30 minute time slot!

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IN THE HOUSE

Phyllis Hatfield, Dan and Sandy Kraus, Rachael and Phillip Levine, Harry and Carol Thomas, and Shirley Wilcox.

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 Upcoming Events

 What Matters Most Breakfast
 March 24th
 7:30 - 9 a.m.
 Washington State Convention Center

 Burndale Youth Winter Showcase
 April 21st
 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
 Burndale Youth Tutoring Center

 Preschool Reading Week
 April 27th - May 1st
 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Various Neighborhood House locations

 Make way for Art! Our Burndale youth tutoring students have been learning to use different art mediums while exploring art from cultures around the world.

 They have been expressing themselves through sketching, painting, dancing and music.

 Stop by the showcase at 1044 18th Street NE in Auburn so they can share their work with you.

 Questions? Contact Diana Lian, Youth Tutoring and Resource Coordinator: 253-833-1168 or dianal@nhwa.org.

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 Faces in Our House

 Meet LaBarbara Brooks, Administrative Assistant

 When did you begin working for Neighborhood House?

 In 1991 I began as an Elderly Outreach Worker in Yesler Terrace and have since held positions as an Early Head Start Educator, Helpline Associate, to my current position since 2013.

 What do you like most about working here?

 I believe in our mission, and I also like working with and helping such a diverse group of people.

 What kinds of things do you do to relax?

 I enjoy having fun with my grandchildren, watching comedy shows, and meditating while listening to gospel and contemporary jazz.

 I come from a small town in Texas and never dreamed I would meet so many people from all over the world. I’ve discovered over the years that even if people can’t speak English, they know when they’re being shown respect.

 Mailing Address

 Tell us what you think about our new look! Email us: ith@nhwa.org

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 Neighborhood Housemates

 Recognizing those who make our work possible

 A warm welcome to our newest donors:

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 And a round of applause for those who have been donating for more than 20 years:

 Phyllis Hatfield, Dan and Sandy Kraus, Rachael and Phillip Levine, Harry and Carol Thomas, and Shirley Wilcox.

 Ask Mark

 Do you have a question about Neighborhood House?

 EMAIL MARK AT: askmark@nhwa.org

 Q: If you had 5 minutes to spend with President Obama, what would you talk to him about?

 A: I would ask President Obama to make poverty a national security issue. The U.S. will spend billions of dollars on homeland security, cyber security, pandemic flu prevention, climate change and a host of other threats to our nation. Poverty should be included as a national security issue because the growing divide between the ‘haves’ and ‘have not’s’ puts our entire nation at risk. The increasing income disparity cannot be healthy for our country. This is not about charity. This is about an investment in our future as a strong and prosperous nation, a united nation.

 Mark Okazaki, Executive Director, Neighborhood House
While employees at the region’s first Financial Empowerment Center are proficient in a mix of languages like Somali and Hindi, they’re also fully fluent in finance. And, they’re teaching clients how to better understand the often complicated world of economics, so they can become financially self-sufficient.

Since it opened nearly a year ago, business has been definitely bullish: the FEC has provided free counseling services to more than 700 individuals, which is helping many low-income families take charge of their lives.

“Our model for encouraging clients to act effectively on their own behalf is clearly enabling financially vulnerable, low-income and immigrant populations to prevail,” said FEC Manager Tina Houston.

Houston adds that the primary goal is to empower people through counseling and financial education, so that they can improve their personal finances and become economically stable.

So whether they’re drowning in debt, need help filing taxes, or want to open a savings account, clients can bank on being able to find help and resources at the FEC.

Thanks to a $1.8 million grant from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, the Neighborhood House FEC is the first of its kind on the West Coast. Seven additional satellite locations throughout the Seattle area are making one-on-one financial coaching within reach.

“We believe these goals are tangible assets that can be transferred to the next generation to empower, create self-sufficiency and change lives for good,” Houston says.

When you spread, drizzle, and dip into the creamy Dark Chocolate Sauce from Fran’s Chocolates, you share your joy with Neighborhood House. For more than a decade, a portion of the proceeds from each jar of this delicacy has been helping fund our programs.

Through generous monetary and in-kind donations, and generous contributions of time and talent Fran’s Chocolates has become one of Seattle’s most distinguished, philanthropic businesses.

Sponsoring our Breakfast again as our Premier Sponsor, the chocolatier continues to be an esteemed partner of Neighborhood House. We are sincerely grateful for the meaningful contributions Fran Bigelow and her family have made to Neighborhood House throughout the years.

Travon heard about how Neighborhood House’s Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) is providing free services to help people become financially stable. Interested in better managing his finances, he decided to stop by the Rainier Vista FEC.

He was immediately connected to Richa, a certified financial counselor, and together, they examined all aspects of Travon’s financial situation, looking at areas like employment, housing, debt, and credit. In addition to creating a plan to manage his budget and build his credit, Travon was also referred to additional community resources to build his financial stability.

Travon is excited to update Richa on his progress and work with her to plan the next steps of his journey to be on-track financially.