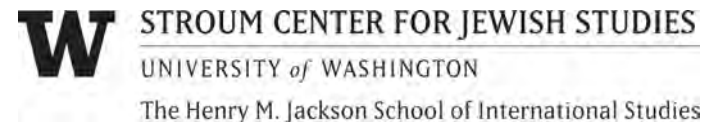


# We Are Seattle

Stories from Families, Immigrants, Refugees  
& the Agencies that Serve them



# Seattle Late 1800 - 1900



1<sup>st</sup> Ave (Front Street) looking north from Cherry Street

Seattle was still very much a frontier town when the Seattle Section of The Council of Jewish Woman began their volunteer work in 1900.



# Great Fire Destruction



The great fire began in a basement woodshop and quickly burned through the downtown business district.

Two events greatly impacted the growth of Seattle: the great fire of 1889 and the Klondike Gold Rush, beginning in 1898.



Ruins at Front & Mill Streets after the fire.



Doctor sets up his office in a tent after the fire.



# Gold Rush



First shipment of gold from Nome to Seattle, ca. 1889



Shipyard with steamboats constructed to transport gold.



# Seattle Rebuilds – Early 1900s



2nd Avenue from Yesler Way, 1903.



1st Avenue looking north from Cherry Street, 1906

As the Council Women were defining services and programs for immigrants, they focused on the area around Yesler Way, where many Jewish families lived in multiple dwellings and housekeeping rooms.



# Seattle Pioneers



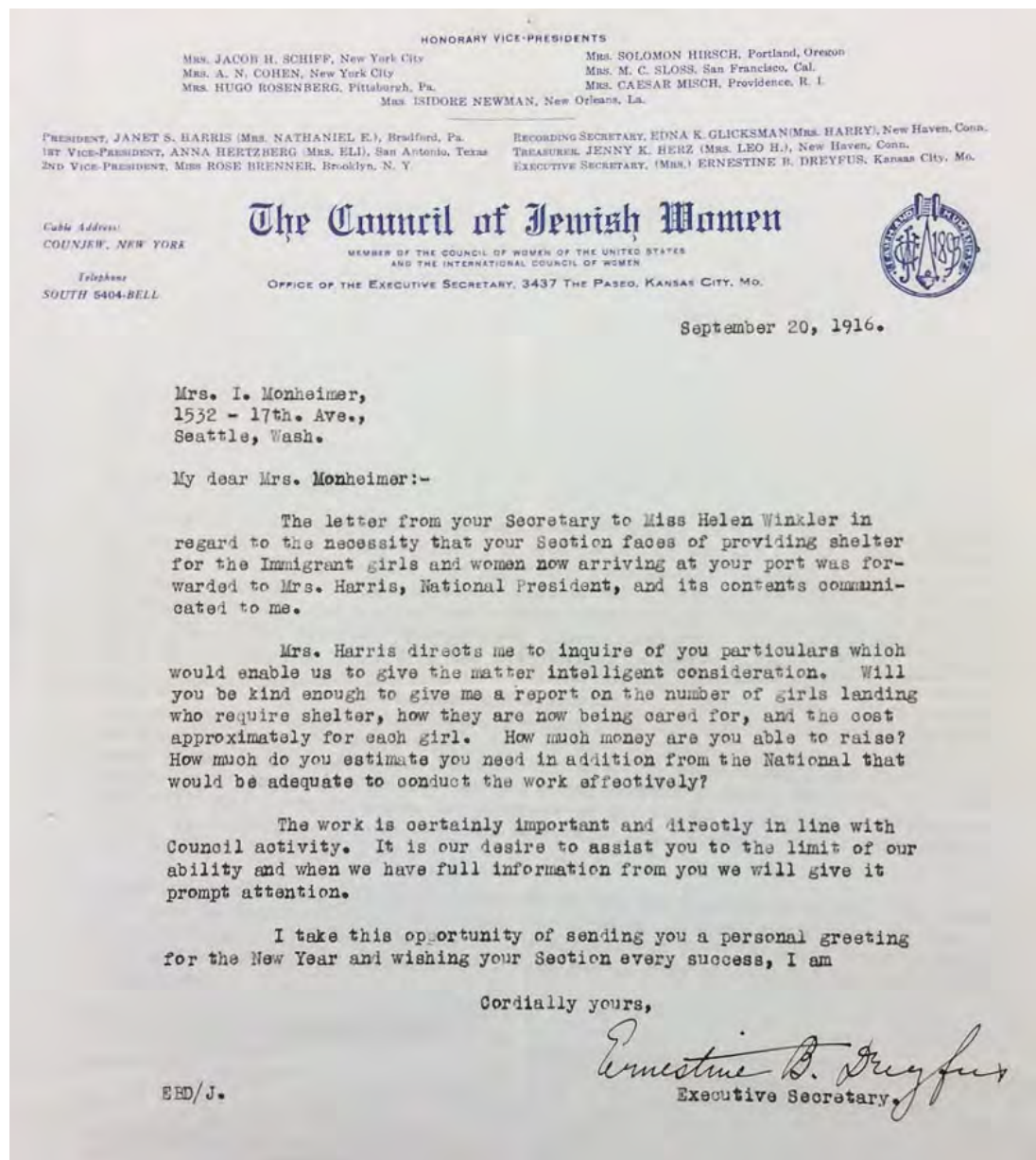
Charles Dose, a German immigrant, bought 40 acres of land on Lake Washington in 1898 and began developing the land, which later became part of Mount Baker.

Other immigrants, who had arrived earlier, helped Seattle to grow.



A sailing schooner used to fish halibut, which belonged to a Norwegian immigrant.





A growing number of Russian Jewish immigrants arrived in the U.S. to escape poverty, persecution and pogroms. To meet the needs of these immigrants, particularly girls and young women, The Seattle Section of the Council of Jewish Women established Settlement House in 1906, which would later become Neighborhood House in the 1950s.



# Mosler Family



The Mosler family were Seattle merchants that owned some apartments which served as temporary housing for the newly arrived immigrants.



# Sewing classes on outings



Sewing classes were among the first classes offered to the young women, along with religious school. Women learned to darn, mend, patch clothes and make handkerchiefs, aprons, and flannel nightwear. Outings were often arranged, for them to enjoy the greenery of the Pacific Northwest.



# UW Campus Day



Students and faculty worked together to clear land and improve the campus.



Settlement House students weren't the only ones to enjoy outings...here (above left) you see a group of University of Washington men enjoying lunch outdoors on Campus Day. On the right is another group of Settlement House children.



# Merchants



Immigrants often ran retail shops in Seattle. On the right is a grocery shop at Pike Place Market in 1917.

# New Settlement House 1916

**JEWISH WOMEN TO BUILD  
NEW SETTLEMENT HOUSE**

A modern, thoroughly equipped settlement house similar to those found in older states will soon be built in Seattle as the result of a study of such structures in the East. It will be erected by the Seattle section of the Council of Jewish Women. Purchase of a lot 48x104 feet at the southwest corner of Eighteenth Avenue South and Main Street was made this week through the office of Henry Broderick, Inc., for C. P. Curtis. The consideration was \$4,200. The members of the Council transacting the business were Mrs. John R. Holmes, Mrs. J. C. Lang, Mrs. S. Aronson, Mrs. Sol Monheimer, Mrs. Samuel Loeb.

The Jewish women erected the first settlement house in Seattle in 1906. The national organization of the council was effected in 1893, the local chapter forming in 1900.

The philanthropic department of the council operates one of the largest and most practical charities in the city, with its clubs for boys, girls, mothers and the Valmar and Little Helpers Clubs. It has also a night school, which meets every Monday and Thursday evenings, with eight teachers and sixty-eight students, ranging from 16 to 50 years of age. Cooking school and sewing classes also form an important part of the work. All these activities will be housed in the new building, which will be begun immediately. The cost of the structure will be at least \$25,000.



In 1916 the new building was dedicated, which consisted of free baths, 6 classrooms, a library, club room with kitchenette, two emergency bedrooms, a baby clinic, etc.

Initially, the Council women offered services and classes in the bottom floor of a house on 12<sup>th</sup> and Washington. Very quickly, the needs of the immigrants and the community outpaced the number of people that the Settlement House could serve so they had to move to a new, larger location.



# Renamed Educational Center - 1917

- Free baths
- Dental Clinic
- Baby Clinic
- Sewing Classes
- Pre-school education
- Arts & Crafts
- Library books
- Americanization
- English classes
- Music instruction
- Community Dances



# Seattle 1920s



These photographs reflect life in Seattle during the 1920s. Here we see a family car camping in Woodland Park, and boys riding chain-driven bicycles on the streets of Seattle.

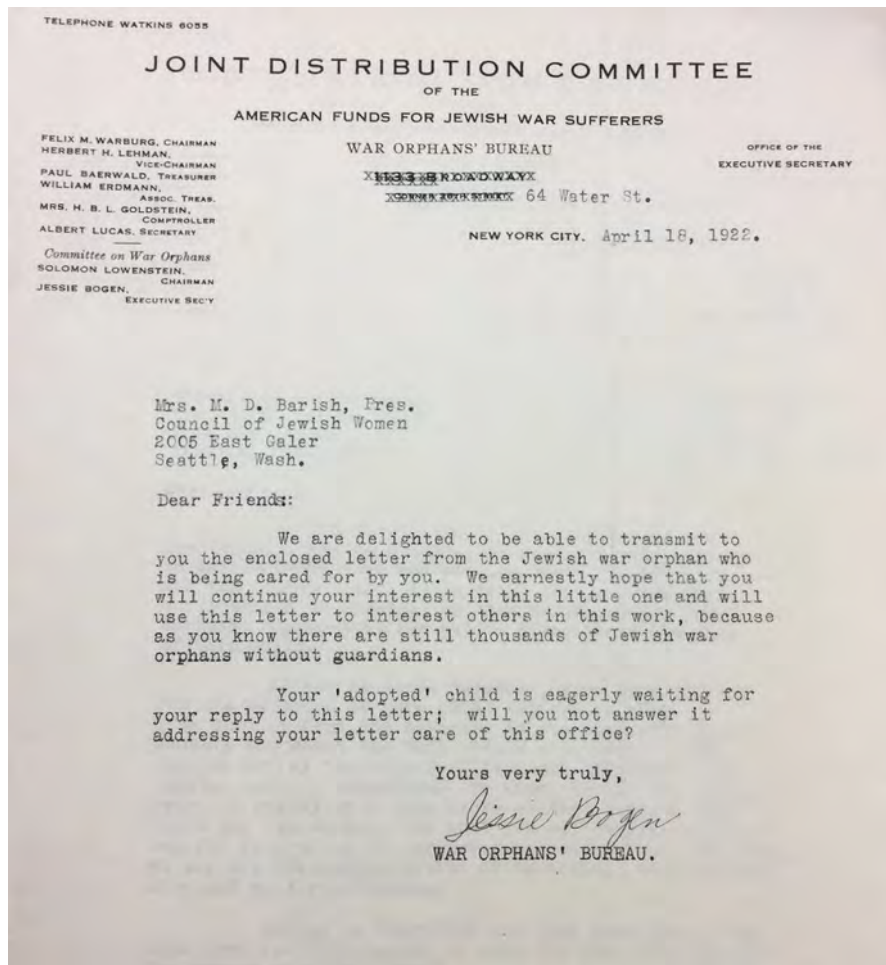


# Early Childhood Education 1930s



The nursery school program was established as early as the 1930s. Early childhood education programs continue to be a core part of Neighborhood House's work today.

# Continuing Support



Method how to learn to write and read in Spanish-Hebrew or in English

שיטתה פור אימכיואר אה איסקייביר אי מילדאר אין נ'ודיא איספאניאל אי אין אינגליז

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The Council of Jewish Women, Seattle Section, continued their support of the growing population of immigrants and the surrounding community residents.



# Health and Fitness



Many services begun in those early years continue. On the left, a group of Settlement House girls exercise outdoors in the early 1900s. On the right is a walking group in 1950...notice the diversity in this group, in terms of age, race, and gender.



# Adult Social Activities

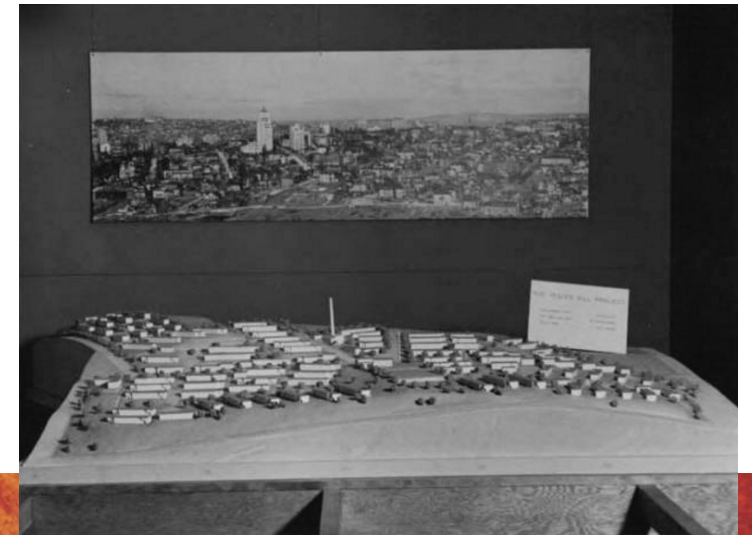




# Yesler Terrace Beginnings- 1939



Houses to be demolished on Yesler Way



Yesler Hill Housing Project Model

Acor family before & after moving to Yesler Terrace

Jesse Epstein conceived of and persuaded the Seattle City Council to create a public housing authority in Seattle. Yesler Terrace was the first racially integrated housing project in the nation.



# Community Activities



Neighborhood House has a long tradition of supporting, art, music, and social activities. Here is the Yesler Terrace baseball team in 1947, and a band for adults and kids.



# High Point— 1942 and today



Other public housing projects followed after Yesler Terrace. High Point was completed in 1942 and redeveloped in the early 2000s.



# Rainier Vista – 1943 and today



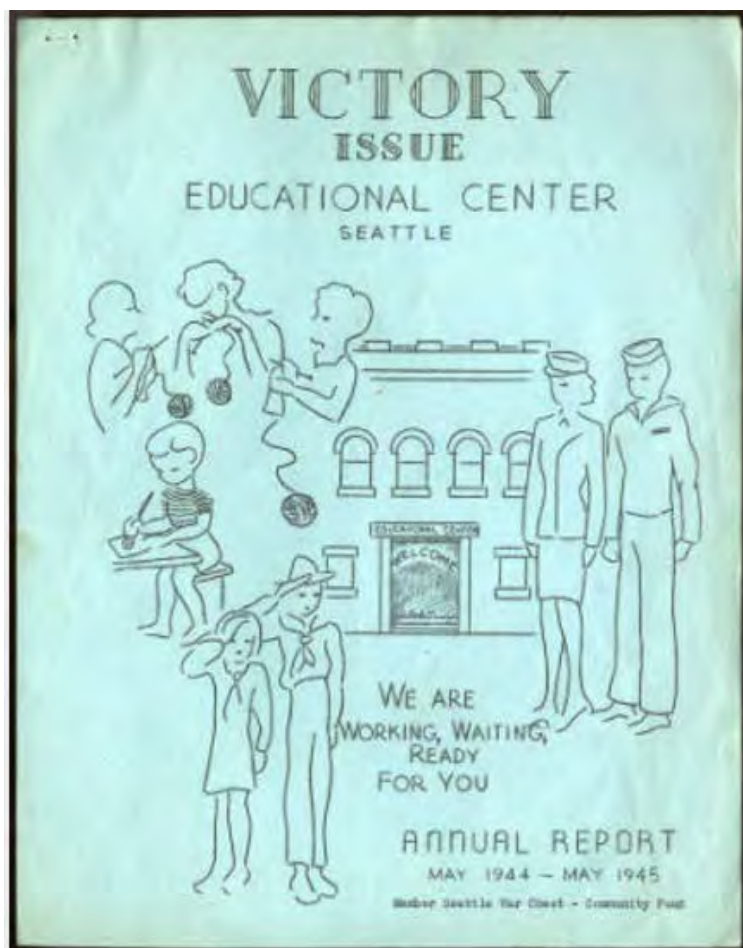


# Holly Park (NewHolly) – 1944 and today





# Annual Report 1945



<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>					
May 1944 - May 1945					
<u>DEFINITE REGISTRATION</u>					
<u>Special Interest Groups</u>					
Classes	No. of months operating	Total Attendance	National Groups	No. of months operating	Total Attendance
Arts and Crafts	10	859	A.Z.A. Chapter meetings	3	100
Dancing & Dramatics	7	669	B'nai Brith Exec.	1	21
English Classes	2	30	Air Raid Warden	1	9
Glee Club	9	418	Boy Scouts	10	671
Gym Classes - Boys & Girls	7	751	Brownies	6	153
Hobby Club	11	354	Campfire Girls	5	77
Music Appreciation	4	76	Cub Scouts	11	589
S.F.E.C.S.	5	107	French Relief Sewing	11	630
Story Hour	2	28	Girl Scouts	10	462
Ballroom Dancing	1	82	Madagascar Sewing	1	11
Woodwork	5	216	Junior Sephardic League	9	442
Boy Day Day Camp	2	691	Red Cross Sewing	9	760
			Russian War Relief	4	35
			Youth Steering Com.	2	31
Total .....	65	4042	Total .....	83	3771
		TOTAL .....	7813		
<u>Without Enrollment</u>					
			<u>Use of Center Facilities</u>		
Lectures for Teen Agera and Parents (3 months)	182		Interviews	1228	
Teen Age Athletics (5 months)	324		Ping-Pong	1818	
Teen Age Dancing and Club (11 months)	1508		Gym	1827	
Free Play, Games, Sports	1712		Special Events	3677	
			Library	2035	
Total .....	3523		Total .....	10285	
		TOTAL .....	13,808		
<u>BOY DAY DAY CAMP</u>					
July 10 to August 26, 1944					
Number enrolled	47				
Boys enrolled	22				
Girls enrolled	25				
Total Attendance	691				
		GRAND TOTAL .....	21,621		

AT THE EDUCATIONAL CENTER		
MORNING	AFTERNOON	NIGHT
CHILDREN AND ADULTS WORK AND PLAY FOR EARLY VICTORY and ORDERING PEACE		
9:30 - 5:00		8:00 - 8:30
<u>Mondays</u> Russian War Relief Sewing		Arts and Crafts Classes Dramatics and Operettas Dancing, Modern & Social Glee Club Music Appreciation Hobby Classes Woodwork and Shop Athletics and Gym Camp Fire, Brownies, Girl Scouts Lectures, Parent Education Free Play and Competitive Sports Story Hour
<u>Tuesdays</u> American Red Cross Sephardic Unit		
<u>Wednesdays</u> Free French War Relief Sewing		
<u>Thursdays</u> Madagascar Sewing - Palestine		
<u>Daily</u> Library, Ping Pong, Game Rooms Gym, Badminton, Showers		
<div> <div>PEACE PLANS</div> </div>		
Juniors and Teen Agera		
7:00 - 10:30		7:30 - 11:00
Teen Age Athletics Boy Scouts Cub Scouts Junior Seph. League until April, alternate Teen Age Dances Teen Age Forums A.Z.A. Stage - Special Saturdays	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	Air Raid Wardens (Discont'd.) English Classes - until Summer Lectures and Smokers Committee and Club Meetings Badminton and Gym Library Don Dads and Scout Fathers
SPECIAL EVENTS		
Boy Day Day Camp ..... July - August Tours, Excursions, Holiday Events Teen Age Mixers and Club Parties City Wide Boy Scout Training Institute		Weddings, Bar Mitzvahs Luncheons, Bridge for War Funds Dinners, Dances, Service Men's Parties
SERVICE PROJECTS		
S.F.E.C.S. and Commodore Girl Scout Cookie Sales Camp Fire Pat & Tin Collections Boy & Cub Scout Paper Drives War Stamp & Bond Sales Allied Relief Clothing Depot	FROM SIX TO SIXTY WEAVE, KIDS, WEAVE HALF SIZE BY GIVE FORWARD VICTORY	Facilities for Service Men and Women: Library, Lounge, Showers Gym, Ping Pong, Hobby Rooms Sewing, Kitchen, Writing Rooms Dinners, Dances, Entertainment


Note: Over 21,000 people take part in activities.

Many services were provided during the war years. The building was in use from 9:30 in the morning until 11 at night. After the war, changes were taking place...




# Educational Center becomes NH 1948

**FUN FOR EVERYONE!**




**FOR CHILDREN**

- Well Baby Clinic
- Play Room
- Story Telling
- Play Day
- Day Camp




**FOR YOUTHS**

- Boy Scouts
- Camp Fire Girls
- Social Dances
- Sports
- Chorus
- Girl Scouts
- Game Room
- Club Program
- Dancing Classes
- Counselling Service



**FOR ADULTS**

- Sewing Classes
- Social Dances
- Chorus
- English Classes
- Dancing Classes
- Evergreen Club



**FOR EVERYONE**

- Annual Carnival
- Classes in Arts & Crafts
- Carpentry, Work Shop
- Concerts, Exhibitions and Lectures
- Library

1. Asst. Pres.  
2. Health & Welfare Council  
3. Int. Group  
4. Family & Children's Div.  
5. Delegation to Jackson St.  
6. Membership  
7. House Com.

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10.

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The continued service of Neighborhood House, and of the 43 other important agencies serving the people of Seattle and King County is dependent upon the contribution you make each year to the Community Chest. THROUGH the Chest you help support services serving directly 40% of the people of King County . . . and indirectly, all of us.

Sports events are held at nearby Collins Playfield and Fieldhouse.

Three mild little Indians acting wild at Day Camp.



**THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB**

18th Avenue Near Jackson

By 1947 the Jewish population had relocated to other parts of the city so that Jewish families were in the minority. Greater community representation on the Board was desired. The Council recommended that the name be changed to Neighborhood House to better reflect the community it served.



# Neighborhood Service Center- 1950s



Neighborhood House needed a new home, as the existing building was sold to the bakery next door! The Board negotiated with the Seattle Housing Authority to use a building at Yesler Terrace as a resident service facility.



In 1956 Neighborhood House became an independent non-profit agency. Shirley Wilcox became the first non-Council woman to become the Board President.





Many activities and services continue to be important to the public housing residents...

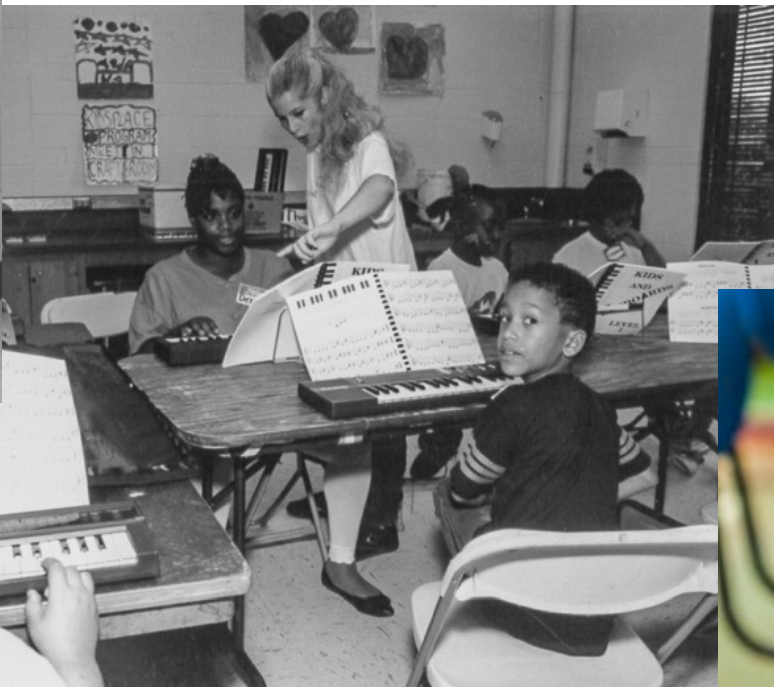














# From Childcare to Head Start - 1966



As a provider of childcare for many decades, the creation of the Head Start program had a huge impact on Neighborhood House as they became one of the first Head Start preschool providers in the Pacific Northwest region. This remains a core component of their early childhood education services today.



# New Immigrants – New Approach

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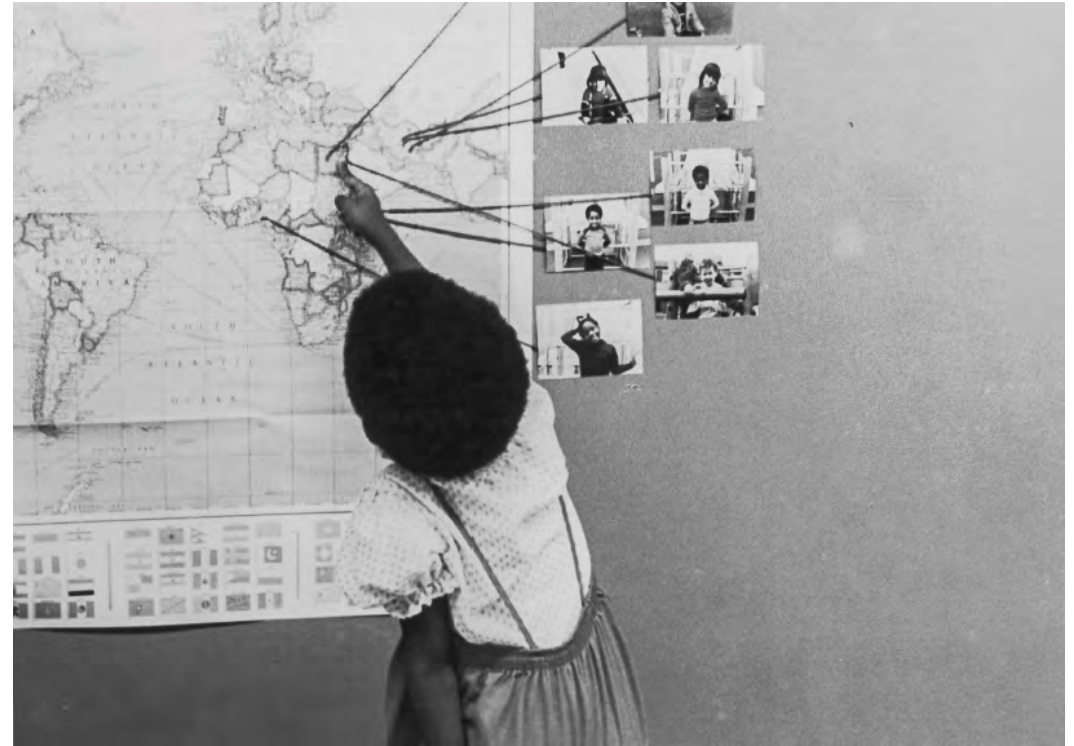
## Changing Demographics -- White Center Takes On Distinct Asian Flavor

By Bob Ortega

WHITE CENTER - She was going to starve.

So thought Thongsy Sivanath when she arrived in White Center 10 years ago, at the end of a long refugee trail that had started in Laos.

American food and supermarkets were strange; she spoke no English, and at first couldn't find an Asian grocery store. There just weren't many around.



By 1980s, Southeast Asian immigrants and refugees made up 47% of the residents served by NH. In the 1990s, immigrants and refugees from East Africa fleeing war and famine started to arrive in the U.S.

Seattle's changing demographics led to a shift in approach for Neighborhood House. While in the early 1900s the goal was to help “Americanize” immigrants and refugees, now staff integrate home culture and language with American culture. Staff with diverse language and cultural skills are hired and more than 7,000 people are served.



# Services Expand



Neighborhood House continued to grow the range and variety of programs offered to the residents and community.



# Youth Leadership

“These are not “clients” being  
“served” by “charity.”

They are citizens being empowered  
by investment.

We’re all better off when we’re all  
better off.”

-- *Eric Liu at Keynote Speech for NH  
annual breakfast*



Engaging school aged children and youth in positive activities has long been a part of Neighborhood House's work and continues today throughout King County.



# Pathways to Citizenship



Free Neighborhood House classes help students prepare for the citizenship exam.





# Community Gardens



Community gardens provide a way for residents to grow their own fruits, vegetables and herbs. When you visit the gardens, you may see an amazing variety of plants, which are familiar to different immigrant and refugee groups.



# Education Programs



In addition to youth development programs, Neighborhood House has 360 preschool students through Head Start and other programs and provides home visiting services to 433 children and their families.



# Responding to the Community

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## Project HANDLE offers safe place for Cambodians to talk about AIDS

By CHERIE BLACK, P-I REPORTER Published 10:00 pm, Sunday, October 14, 2007

On a windy Saturday afternoon, three Cambodian women sit in a corner and sew. They attach buttons on a coat, or work on costumes for their children's dance performance. Around the corner, teenagers are learning to play Cambodian music on traditional instruments. Beside them, younger children are learning traditional dances in time with the melody. Upstairs, about a dozen Cambodian-American children are learning how to speak their parents' native language.

They meet every week at the [Neighborhood House](#) at Rainier Vista to share similar backgrounds and heritage. But discreetly integrated into the social events is a program to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS -- a disease that ravages Cambodia and is a high risk to Cambodians living in Seattle.

Cambodia has the fastest-growing HIV/AIDS rate in Asia, and Washington state has the third-largest Cambodian refugee population in the United States, with most living in Seattle/King County, [Warya Pothan](#) said.



Vanessa Keo, 16, gets some help from music instructor Sophan Nol during a class on traditional Cambodian music at Neighborhood House at Rainier Vista.



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## Transit Riders Union rallies support for public transportation

By TYLEN ROUSSEAU  
The Voice editor

Freedom of transportation and the ease with which we get from place to place is a privilege that many take for granted. For those who rely on public transportation — whether by choice or because it is their sole option — the question of how one gets around can be more complicated.

Now in its first year as a membership organization, the Transit Riders Union (TRU) is a Seattle-based collective of transit riders and supporters advocating for investment in mass transit.

Some 50 members strong, the group is comprised of people from many different backgrounds and with varying income levels, united by public transit.

From state and local funding of public transit to the rights and needs of its users, the group's sole focus is on how to make transit ridership simpler, less expensive and more accessible for all.

"We are as strong as our numbers, and we're all-volunteer," said Katie Wilson, a founding member of the TRU. "We need people who have the time and the energy to put into planning and running campaigns."

TRU member Sam Smith brings a unique perspective to the group. A frequent Metro rider, the Seattleite is also a Metro driver.

Please see "Transit" on Page 3

## Firwood Circle tutoring students enjoy a snow day



Mohamed Sheikh, a seventh-grade student in Neighborhood House's tutoring program at Firwood Circle, gets some big air while sledding at Hyak Sno-Park near the Snoqualmie summit. A group of tutoring students from KCHA's Firwood Circle community took a field trip to the park during last month's President's Day weekend.

## Legislative day gives voice to immigrant and refugee community

By CLARE KIM  
The Voice intern

A succession of buses unloaded the hundreds of refugees, immigrants, and advocates in front of the Washington State Capitol early Thursday morning in Olympia for the Seventh Annual Refugee and Immigrant Legislative Day Feb. 14.

For the many refugee and immigrant communities along with their advocates, the annual rally brings the opportunity to voice concerns and address issues to state legislatures regarding policies and programs surrounding immigration reform. Participants also have the opportunity for a brief face-to-face meeting with their leg-

Please see "Legislative Day" on Page 3

The Voice newspaper has been produced monthly since 1981 and includes translations in 6 languages. It is prepared jointly with the Seattle Housing Authority to share community news and keep residents informed.



# Responding to the Community

- Over the past 20 years, Neighborhood House has provided culturally and linguistically appropriate health services. Based on community need, services have included health navigation services, HIV/AIDS prevention and testing, pregnancy prevention, and substance abuse prevention.
- Referrals for treatment, mental health care and other services have been provided to Seattle and King County's low income, youth, young adults, minority, immigrant and refugee communities.



# Embracing Different Cultures









# Serving Diverse Populations





# Many Faces of Neighborhood House





















# Some of NH Staff – Present and Past



Today the NH Staff consists of 239 people who speak 39 different languages!



# Serving Over 20 Communities



We envision healthy, diverse and welcoming communities in King County, where all people thrive.

Neighborhood House partners with diverse individuals and families to build community and achieve their goals for health, education and self-sufficiency.





# Yesterday and Today



Seattle in 1962.



Seattle in 2015.



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# Appendix



# The Beginning...Settlement House





**1925**

The Educational Center opens a medical and dental clinic.



**1927**

Aviator Charles "Lucky Lindy" Lindbergh becomes the first pilot to fly solo non-stop from New York to Paris.

**1928**

Herbert Hoover is elected President.

1930

**1928**

Amelia Earhart becomes the first female pilot to cross the Atlantic.

**1929**

"Black Tuesday" — October 29th — sees 16 million shares traded at losses. By December 1st, the New York Stock Exchange value drops by over 26 billion dollars and the Great Depression begins.

**1932**

As the number of unemployed reaches 13,000,000, Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt is elected in a landslide over incumbent Herbert Hoover.

**1933**

The Depression hits the Educational Center, which is forced to reduce program hours and staff salaries.



**1945**

The Educational Center provides services to neighbors of all backgrounds, with programming for ages 6 to 60, and the building is in use from 9:30 am to 11:00 pm.

**1948**

The Educational Center changes its name to Neighborhood House in order to attract older youth and better reflect services being offered.

**1948**

Neighborhood House opens on Saturdays and Sundays for an activities program to deter juvenile delinquency.



# 1950



**1952**  
The High Point community, originally constructed to meet the short term housing needs of World War II factory workers and their families, is converted into public housing.

**1950**  
The Korean War begins.

**1952**  
Under the campaign slogan "I Like Ike," General Dwight D. Eisenhower helps Republicans take control of the White House for the first time in 20 years.

**1954**  
The U.S. Supreme Court rules against racial segregation in schools in Brown vs. Board of Education.



**1954**  
Mrs. Shirley Wilson becomes both the first Black president and the first non-Council president of Neighborhood House's Board of Directors.

**1956**  
Neighborhood House's building is sold to the Wonder Bread (Buttermilk) Bakery and the board scrambles to find a new space for services.

**1956**  
Neighborhood House enters into a rental agreement with the Seattle Housing Authority and opens its doors in Yesler Terrace, becoming the first private agency to bring multiple services into public housing.

**1956**  
Neighborhood House incorporates as an independent nonprofit.

**1958**  
The Beat Movement begins, fueled by the literature of Jack Kerouac, the sounds of progressive jazz and espresso.



**1962**  
The World's Fair opens in Seattle with a "space age" theme and includes the city's now-famous Space Needle and Monorail.

# 1960

**1959**  
Neighborhood House opens a branch at Rainier Vista after The Atlantic Street Center asks Neighborhood House to take over a program focusing on "youth in conflict" at the Rainier Vista housing project.

**1961**  
President John F. Kennedy establishes the Peace Corps.



**1964**  
The Federal Government asks a panel of early learning experts to develop a program to help communities meet the needs of disadvantaged preschool children that becomes the blueprint for Head Start.

**1963**  
President John F. Kennedy is assassinated during a motorcade procession.

**1964**  
The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 authorizes the formation of local Community Action Agencies as part of the War on Poverty.

**1964**  
Neighborhood House becomes a Community Action Agency and expands services to public housing residents throughout King County.

**1964**  
Neighborhood House starts a tutoring program at Yesler Terrace.

**1965**  
President Lyndon B. Johnson authorizes the first bombing raids in the Vietnam War and begins increasing troop levels.

**1965**  
Neighborhood House's tutoring program expands to Rainier Vista and Holly Park in South Seattle and High Point in West Seattle.



**1966**  
Neighborhood House's tutoring program expands to Park Lake in White Center.

**1965**  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. leads a five-day civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

**1966**  
Neighborhood House establishes one of the first Head Start preschool programs in the Northwest.



# 1970

**1971**

The voting age is lowered to 18.



**1973**

Neighborhood House pilots a program targeting teens to reduce gang involvement.

**1975**

The Khmer Rouge take power in Cambodia.



**1978**

Seattle becomes the first big city in the United States to voluntarily adopt a busing plan to integrate schools.

**1980**

Mt. St. Helens erupts, killing 57 people and destroying over 200 homes.

**1979**

Neighborhood House starts providing transportation to address the basic needs of public housing residents.

# 1980

**1981**

Neighborhood House's newspaper, *The Voice*, begins production.

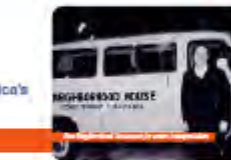


**1982**

The first successful artificial heart transplant occurs at the University Of Utah Medical Center.

**1983**

Sally Ride becomes America's first woman in space.



**1988**

The U.S. Congress passes legislation awarding formal payments of \$20,000 each to the surviving Japanese American internees.

**1988**

Neighborhood House begins providing transportation to seniors and disabled people throughout south Seattle and King County, logging over 17,000 trips in its first year.

**1986**

The Statue of Liberty celebrates its 100th anniversary.

**1987**

President Ronald Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev sign an agreement to dismantle short-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

**1986**

5,000,000 people participate in Hands Across America, raising money for programs for the country's homeless.

**1981**

President Ronald Reagan cancels the Comprehensive Employment Training Act program.



**1980**

The Refugee Act of 1980 allows Ethiopian asylum seekers to escape persecution and violence in their home country.

**1975**

The Vietnam War ends and approximately 125,000 Vietnamese refugees are evacuated to the United States.

**1976**

America turns 200 years old and millions of people gather in New York and Philadelphia to celebrate.

**1975**

More than 130,000 refugees enter the United States from Vietnam, Kampuchea, and Laos as Communist governments are established there.

**1974**

President Richard Nixon resigns after the Watergate scandal.

**1971**

Construction of New York's World Trade Center is completed.

**1970**

Neighborhood House is recognized as one of 32 "model programs" in the nation at the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth.



# 1990

**1991**

The Soviet Union is separated into fifteen countries.

**1990**

Nelson Mandela is freed after 27 years in prison.

**1993**

Neighborhood House is awarded a grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation to develop a three-year strategy to reduce teen pregnancy in White Center.



**1993**

The North American Free Trade Agreement is established.



**1990**

Operation Desert Shield sends 527,000 American military personnel to Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf after Iraq invades Kuwait.

**1991**

Neighborhood House brings youth tutoring and mentoring programs to Kent and Auburn in partnership with the King County Housing Authority and others.

**1994**

Neighborhood House's Project HANDLE is created by community members concerned with increasing rates of HIV infection and substance abuse in their neighborhoods.

**1989**

The Berlin Wall, one of the most infamous symbols of the Cold War, opens to allow travel from East to West Berlin. Celebrating Germans tear the wall down, creating rubble that is quickly grabbed as souvenirs.

**1992**

Riots, looting and burning break out in Los Angeles after the acquittal of four white police officers in the beating of Rodney King.

**1995**

The Oklahoma City bombing occurs.

**1991**

Violence and civil war erupt in Somalia.

**1993**

Eritrea becomes an independent country.

**1991**

Thousands of people in Southern Bhutan start to flee after reports of arrests, detention, rape, and torture by the Bhutanese government.



1998

The Minority AIDS Initiative is created in the United States.

2000

The U.S. Census 2000 provides an overview of Seattle's zoning demographics. About 32 percent of Seattleites are ethnic minorities, up from 26 percent in 1990.

1998

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates donates \$100,000,000 to help children in developing countries get basic immunization.

2000

Ethiopia and Eritrea enter into a border war.



2002

Former President Jimmy Carter receives a Nobel peace prize.

2002

Neighborhood House's Employment & Adult Education Division is established to provide wrap around support to help clients gain skills and secure long-term employment; an important aspect of self-sufficiency.

2004

Massachusetts becomes the first state to legalize same-sex marriage.

2003

Neighborhood House undertakes its first Capital Campaign to build a community center in Rainier Vista.

2004

The social networking website Facebook is launched.

2003

Neighborhood House begins serving youth that have dropped out of school in Auburn and Kent, connecting them to employment, support and post-secondary training.

2001

Terrorists hijack 4 planes and fly them into both of the World Trade Towers, the Pentagon and the ground. Thousands are killed.

2001

More than half of Neighborhood House staff speak a language other than English and the agency is serving over 7,000 annually.

2000

68% of refugees arriving in Washington state are from the Soviet Union.

1999

Technicians scramble to fix "Y2K bugs" that could render computers unusable should their two-digit date systems change years from 99 to 00.

2005

Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans, killing almost 2,000 people and leaving 80% of New Orleans under water.

2005

Neighborhood House's Rainier Vista Center opens in the heart of the newly redeveloped community.

2005

Neighborhood House expands its home visiting services to include the Parent Child Home Program.

2006

Neighborhood House celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

2007

Democrat Nancy Pelosi becomes the first female Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

2008

Global financial crisis begins as the stock market crashes. In response, President George W. Bush signs the revised Emergency Economic Stabilization Act into law to create a 700 billion dollar Treasury fund to purchase failing bank assets.

2008

Funding from National Institute of Health leads to the creation of the Be Active Together project aimed at empowering public housing residents in West Seattle and White Center to improve their health and address community health disparities.

2008

Barack Obama becomes the 44th U.S. president, and the first African American elected to the White House.



2009

Neighborhood House's High Point Center opens, doubling as a home for critical social services and an environmental education center.

2009

Myanmar launches an assault on rebel militias after a twenty year peace treaty. Thousands flee.

2011

In response to continuing economic stagnation, the Occupy Wall Street protest movement begins when activists camp themselves in Zuccotti Park in New York City.

2012

A gunman kills 26, including 20 children, at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

2012

Neighborhood House's Housing Stability Division is created to provide wrap around housing and employment services to households that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

2013

Influenced by the success of Neighborhood House's Be Active Together program and advocacy from community members, the City of Seattle begins offering single-gender swim programs at four community pools.

2013

Terrorists attack the Boston Marathon, detonating two bombs at the finishing line of the race.



2015

Neighborhood House staff now speak 46 languages to meet the needs of our diverse communities.

"Neighborhood House continues..."

Shirley Wilcox  
100th Anniversary Board Chair & Board President 1954-1957

2015

Neighborhood House receives grant funding to add 180 preschool slots in Seattle, totaling 360 children in preschool programs.

2014

Neighborhood House partners with the City of Seattle and the Paul Allen Foundation to launch the first Financial Empowerment Center on the West Coast.

