

# NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE NEWS

Fall Issue

September 2021

## SUMMER UPDATE

Overall, the summer had its highlights and challenges, but we praise God for all of it because it draws us closer to Him and builds the ministry.

### Campfire Clubs and a Baptism

We held four weeks of “Campfire Club” on Wednesday nights through the month of July. We had 8-10 children each night. During one of the clubs, one of our middle school aged girls who made a profession of faith earlier in the year asked “Where is the nearest place I can get baptized?” So, after counseling with her and having a discussion with her family we held it right there at the Neighborhood House on the last night of club. We are thankful for two volunteers who have been mentoring her for the last couple of years. The additional time spent is so beneficial for the children.



*Matthew 18:5*

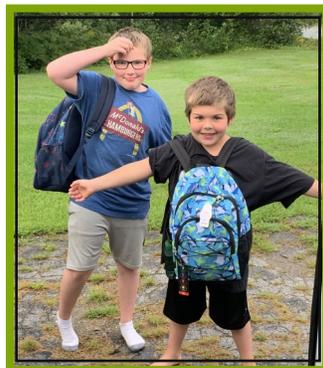
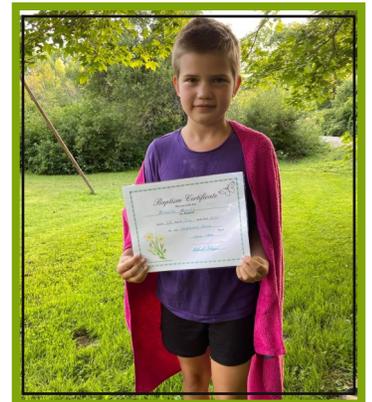
*“...whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.”*

### Camp Cancellations

We were able to send money for three scholarships to Camp Good News. We had one boy who was registered and ready to go to teen week at Camp Good News but because of Covid closures he was unable to attend. It was disappointing, but we have been able to make a lot of connections with his mom. We hope for him to be able to attend a camp soon!

### Backpack Donations

Our “Back to School” Club had to be cancelled because of Covid precautions. But, the Neighborhood House received 35 donated backpacks filled with supplies from a local church for the children’s upcoming school year. We were able to deliver most of these in person and it gave us opportunity to meet many of the families for the first time and everyone was very appreciative.



## PRAISES!

- Faithful giving from donors
- Opportunities we’ve had to build relationships with the children and their families

Backpack Deliveries!



Campfire club activity

## FALL PLANS

We are busy working on our fall plans! We will begin our fall club in mid October.

Our school year clubs will be broken up into 5-7 week segments. Middle school (and up) club will meet on Tuesday evenings and the elementary club will meet on Wednesday evenings.

We have new volunteers to help which we are very thankful for and many faithful helpers will continue to serve as well.

## CHILDREN'S WORKER CHANGES

Patrick has moved on from his position here at the Neighborhood House. We are thankful for his years of serving as an intern and children's worker. Pray for him as he attends college and works. We are hoping he will still have time to help out as it fits into his schedule.

The Lord has blessed us with another children's worker for the ministry. Gracie Mitchell had been volunteering over the last year. She is a wife and mother of two young children able to serve part-time helping with elementary club, and new ministry opportunities as well as helping us with club planning and correspondence. We are excited to see how God uses her gifts and talents as she ministers to children.

## CURRENT NEEDS

- Lawnmower
- Refrigerator

*Psalm 57:1*

*"Be merciful to me, O God,  
be merciful to me!*

*For my soul trusts in You;  
And in the shadow of Your wings*

*I will make my refuge,*

*Until these calamities have passed by."*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- That The Spirit would prepare the hearts of the children in our upcoming club season
- ECHO teacher training session



Gracie Mitchell and kids

## EXPANDING MINISTRY GOALS

- Re-boot the preschool club ministry
- Creating activities for homeschool families
- Family time gatherings

We have a wonderful resource of space that we want to utilize for the furthering of God's kingdom. Please pray for us as we seek to



Window progress

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## THANK YOU!

We are so thankful for the generosity of our supporters in providing the funds for the replacement windows that were needed, for Camp Good News Scholarships, and for the 35 backpacks that we were able to distribute to kids involved in our programs, as well as your giving to our basic ministry needs.

