

Working together to accomplish our vision of a safe and vibrant community
where people can connect, learn, grow and thrive.



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER Summer 2016

Keep current on the center's programs, events, news and
learn about opportunities for involvement.

In this newsletter: Boys Program featured in the news, Willy North Co-op, KHCC welcomes bookworms and scientists and a call to support our summer program. Read more below...

Program Highlight

Boys Program "gets to the soul of how things really work"

The Cap Times featured KHCC's Boys Program in early April. Read that story [here](#)

"An important part of the youth program has been growing and strengthening the Boys Group as a whole," says the Youth Program Coordinator Marquis Mason. "It has slowly gotten recognition throughout the Northside of Madison."



Community Collaboration Spotlight

Willy Street North Co-op opening this fall!

We have been proud to work with the Northside Planning Council (NPC), Lindbergh Elementary School, and other community leaders to establish the need for an accessible, convenient place for our residents to shop for nutritious, delicious food.

Program Highlight

Snakes, bugs, birds and sea monkeys - After School Program makes science fun

Thanks to ongoing visits from volunteers in the COMETS (Creating Opportunities in Math, Engineering, Technology and Science) program, many second- and third-graders in our After School Program are discovering an interest in science and engineering.

This semester the children focused on animals and their place in nature. They built ecosystems, and learned about snakes, bugs and birds. They built bird houses, went sightseeing for animals and observed the development of sea monkeys.



"It has been an educational and exciting semester and the children are always ecstatic when our science volunteers walk through the front door," says Jasmine Bradley Wilson, interim After School Program lead teacher.

Have a skill or gift you'd like to share? We are always looking for helping hands at the center. To find out more about existing needs and volunteer opportunities, contact Executive Director Claude Gilmore at director@khcommunitycenter.org

Helping Hands

We love our Bookworms!

Two of our Early Childhood Program's beloved volunteers are members of Wisconsin Bookworms, a program offered through UW-Extension.

Bev and Jean (who are sisters) visit the classroom each month to read award-winning books to the children and engage them in a related literacy activity. Then they give a copy of the book to each child and to the classroom.

"The children look forward to visits from the Wisconsin Bookworms and they are great listeners when Bev and Jean are reading to them," says Jasmine Bradley Wilson, Early Childhood Lead Teacher. "They

School-Center Partnership Spotlight

PASS AmeriCorps Program staff help connect the dots between student, school and center

By working together we are identifying the best ways to partner with students and help them set their academic goals. We encourage youth to stay after school and take advantage of the homework assistance that Madison School & Community Recreation provides.

We also hold group study sessions and Wednesday night homework club.

Recently, eight youth also have received one-on-one tutoring from our PASS AmeriCorps staff members. In addition to meeting with the students twice a week during school hours, they stay in touch with the students' teachers and track their grades throughout the year to assess where they need the most help.

Call to Action

Help us keep the KHCC summer camp alive!



In 2014 KHCC launched a free summer camp for 45 neighborhood children for the first time in more than 10 years, thanks to a two-year Emerging Opportunity grant from the City of Madison. The program was wildly successful in both 2014 and 2015, operating at full capacity.

Although the city grant ended last year, we want to say **YES!** when the children ask if they'll be able to garden, swim, play flag football, do science projects and learn African drumming this summer - and every summer after that.

Will you join us in our promise by giving the gift of summer to the children of Kennedy Heights?

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