

NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

For Northcott Neighborhood House, the past year has been productive. We have continued to increase our capacity to meet our mission of supporting family stability, providing educational and recreational programs for youth, lessening neighborhood tensions, combating community deterioration, and providing various social services to the residents of Harambee and surrounding neighborhoods. As the Wisconsin Conference supports our infrastructure, it is critical to all our major activities. The following is a summary of our achievements in the past year.

- We have been the lead agency eight Community Learning Center after-school programs for the 2006-2007 school year (Multiplex North, Malcolm X Academy, Edison, Lincoln Center of the Arts, Keefe Avenue, Lee, Green Bay Avenue, and Wheatley). These programs are based to Milwaukee Public Schools.
- The Commodity Distribution Program has been serving approximately 1,000 older adults and recent WIC graduates on a monthly basis (our allotted limit). The Emergency Pantry also serves over 1,000 family members annually.
- We provided a safe place to approximately 1,000 for youth after school at Northcott during week days, Saturdays, and in the summer with recreational and prevention/resiliency skills to avoid crime, premature pregnancy, and ATODA problems.
- Head Start served over 300 children and their families with high quality and holistic pre-education programming that involves the whole family.
- Our Fresh Start program has produced two family homes for the neighborhood while training youth in construction skills. We are now working on our third house. In addition, we will be building a handicapped accessible that will begin construction soon. Youth also work toward their GED if they do not possess a high school diploma.
- We also have provided GED classes for neighborhood residents free of charge.
- Northcott considers its mission to include providing leadership and community building activities. Our most significant annual community event is our Juneteenth Day activities. The street fair, the Ms. Juneteenth Pageant, and the Freedom Ball were all successful.
- Finally, it should be noted that our facility is frequently used by community groups, especially the full-size gymnasium; and is considered a community resource by most of the agencies in the neighborhood. For example, other teams in the AAU league practice in our gym.