

Northcott Neighborhood House Love & Faith Arborist Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Love & Faith Arborist Pre-Apprenticeship Program is a collaboration with Milwaukee Area Technical College Horticulture Department, Gorman Company, and Habitat for Humanity.

NNH recruits students twice a year for this program. Each class has up to 16 students, ranging in age from 24 to 55 years old. Students can be either male or female, unemployed or under-employed, previously incarcerated, or under the supervision of the Department of Corrections.

Students learn hands-on training for use of heavy equipment, such as skid loader, backhoe, mini skid loader with attachments, and how to lay out lots with plants and shrubbery. At the end of the training program, each student will have earned four MATC credits.



Due to COVID-19, the class for 2021 has been delayed, but will start up this summer. The average salary for an arborist position is starting at around \$31,000, and with experience and certification a person can make over \$50,000 a year.

Northcott Neighborhood House Emergency Food Pantry & Stockboxes Program

NNH and Hunger Task Force believe that every person has a right to adequate food, obtained with dignity. We work to prevent hunger and malnutrition by providing food to people in need today, and by promoting social policies to achieve a hunger-free community tomorrow.

Everyday, people come to NNH for emergency food. Executive Director Tony A. Kearney, Sr. has expanded the partnerships to have a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats, with food from all five nutrition groups. Each week, NNH works with Hunger Task Force, Feeding America, Sam's Club and Wal-Mart to have a wide variety of healthy foods.

Mr. Kearney and the NNH Team never closed during the pandemic. They continued to service

NNH clients during the Covid-19 lockdown; NNH expanded the delivery of Stockboxes to Seniors and provided them curbside at their home. This resulted in keeping them safe in their homes while providing fresh and nutritional produce and healthy food. In 2019, NNH served 1,108 stock boxes annually, with an average of 92 people monthly. But in 2020, NNH served 8,691 stock boxes annually, with an average of 724 people monthly.



You have probably heard people say “We’re all in the same boat” to describe how COVID-19 has transformed our lives. But if we are being honest, the coronavirus has impacted us all in vastly different ways. Many people in the heart of the African American community lost their jobs. Many houses are buzzing with kids home from school, with no Internet to get connected to school, and no activities to attend. Many parents are not able to pay rent, mortgages, or utility bills. No matter what happened, NNH did not give up on the people they serve. The entire staff became "essential workers" and they ramped up the basics for people.

Northcott Neighborhood House Annual Meeting

The NNH Annual Meeting was held on April 25, 2021. Board chairperson Monique Graham offered thanks to all present. She acknowledged her predecessor, LaMarr Franklin, as chair, and Executive Director Tony Kearney and the entire Northcott Staff who kept Northcott open throughout the COVID pandemic. She also acknowledged the United Methodist Church and its members for their support.

A moment of silence was observed due to the passing this past year of Bob Johnson, a longtime supporter and employee of Northcott.

Vice-chairman Robert Weiland led the group in a unison invocation.



Following the singing of the Black National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” Muriel Smith-Gross noted that a recipient of the Joe Winston Scholarship would be announced later this spring.

Executive Director Tony Kearney shared highlights during his tenure so far, noting that it had been an interesting year. He praised staff who had been here at times when they didn't have to be, highlighting the Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas event held at Northcott during the pandemic,



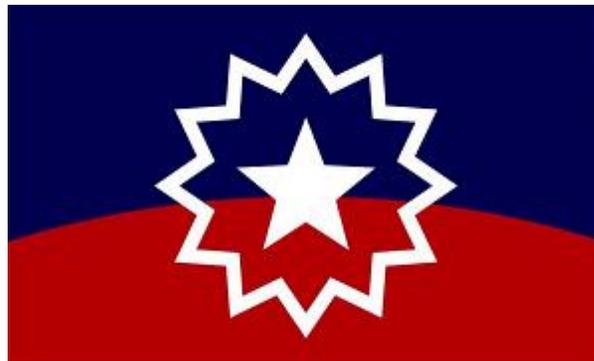
while observing all CDC guidelines. He celebrated that Northcott continues to move forward and will be providing Moderna vaccines beginning next week in the conference room. It is hoped that this will bring in many people who have not been able to receive the vaccine yet. Kearney noted that the 50th Juneteenth will be hybrid: with an in-person parade and a few booths, yet 60% virtual. Northcott is still very much working on the mission that it began with over 60 years ago. Northcott will continue to serve our community and will need the help of everyone. Kearney asked for, and received, a standing ovation for the Northcott Staff. He noted that tours would be available after the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Executive Director Tony Kearney gave a brief report, lifting up work that is being done on the upper level of the gym to have hydroponics classes for youth. There also will be pool tables and ping-pong tables. Kearney noted that the 2021 Summer Youth Program in June will be scaled down as we observe social distancing for all activities. We hope to be able to employ up to 80 youth in cleaning up the neighborhood and keeping it clean.

Juneteenth 50th Anniversary...Everything You Need to be a Part of the Celebration

On behalf of the Northcott Neighborhood House and the Juneteenth Planning Committee, we are so excited to invite you to be a part of the celebration of Emancipation.

To mark our 50th anniversary, Milwaukee's Juneteenth Day Parade and Celebration is set to take place Saturday, June 19. The parade will start at 8 am from 14th and Atkinson, and



travel to Burleigh and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Juneteenth Day commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States. The world-wide event, dating back to June 1865, began when the Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas with the news that the war had ended and the enslaved were now free. The Juneteenth Day Celebration in Milwaukee is among the oldest and longest running such parades in the nation.

Opening Ceremonies, signaling the start of the festival, start at 8:00 am until 9:30 am, with festivities running along King Drive between Burleigh and North Avenue. All activities will end by 4:00 pm.

To keep community residents safe, Northcott Neighborhood House (NNH), the organizer of the Juneteenth Day Celebrations, made the decision to cancel last year's event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, NNH is working with its health partners, Milwaukee Health Department, and the Milwaukee Heritage Health Center, to set safety standards as well as follow the guidelines set by The Center for Disease Control.

Organizers encourage supporters to watch the parade at home. Those who wish to view it in person are advised to wear a mask and stand with household members along the parade route to allow room for social distancing. All attendees will be required to wear face masks. Volunteers will be handing out free masks to those who need them. Anyone who is not wearing a mask will be asked to leave by NNH security.

Other features and related events hosted by the Northcott Neighborhood House include:

- NNH and Jammin' 98.3 are searching for Miss Juneteenth and Little Miss Juneteenth 2021 and, back a second year, Mister Juneteenth, and Mister Juneteenth Jr. 2021. Children, 7-18 years old, have the chance to win up to \$1,500 in scholarships and prizes.
- To be eligible, children must live in Milwaukee County or attend school in Milwaukee County, have a 2.5 GPA, provide a 3-minute video submission of a performing talent, and submit a written essay. (**Note:** the submission deadline is **May 30, 2021.**) For complete rules and details, log onto www.Jammin983.com!
- New this year: children's play area, located in the parking lot of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, with a Youth Stage, featuring talent between the ages of 6-13.
- There will be a limited number of vendor spots available due to social distancing. Vendors will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. All approved vendors will need to attend a mandatory meeting.
- To participate in the Juneteenth Day Parade or to become a vendor, applications will be available starting Monday, May 8, 2021 at the NNH located at 2460 N. 6th St.



Celebrate Juneteenth 50th Anniversary!

Did you know...

- Juneteenth is the oldest and the most popular nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.
- Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. This was 2.5 years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.
- When Granger issued the above order on June 19, he had no idea that in establishing the Union Army's authority over the people of Texas, he was also establishing the basis for a holiday.

Support our mission.

Your contributions help Northcott Neighborhood House deliver job trainings, keep the food pantry stocked, and lift the spirit of the whole community. Your support will allow us to help more local Milwaukee families in need.

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