

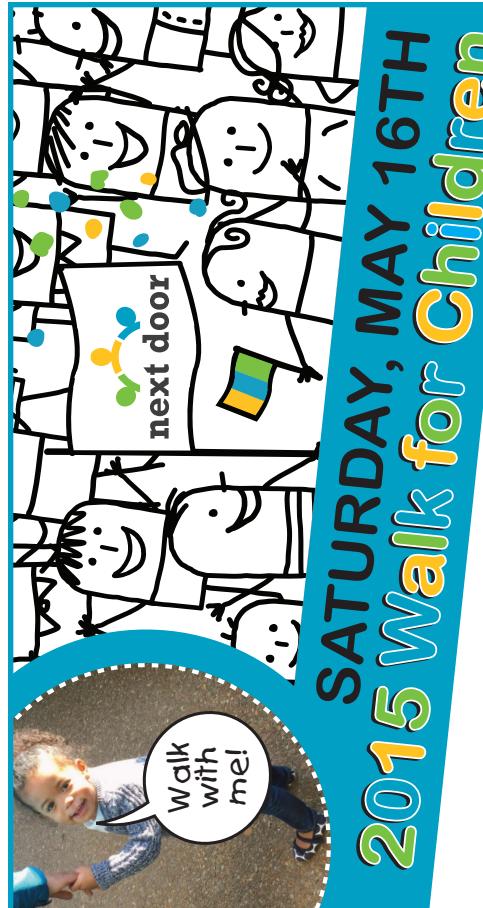


Next Door Foundation

2545 N. 29th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53210

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SATURDAY, MAY 16TH  
2015 Walk for Children

Registration 9 am  
Walk Start 10 am  
**rain or shine**  
Next Door Headquarters  
2545 N. 29th Street • Milwaukee  
**Games, Food & Raffle Prizes!**  
\$10 - minimum suggested donation



\* \* \* Alex & the Kaleidoscope \*

Sing and Dance with Philly's Emmy nominated kids band



Proceeds to benefit Next Door's Mission  
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### DONALD DRIVER AWARD



In March, **Next Door Executive Director Dr. Carol Keintz** was honored with the “**Driven To Achieve**” Award from the Donald Driver Foundation for her commitment to serving children and families. Driver, a former Green Bay Packer star and best-selling author, presented the award at the 2015 Driven To Achieve ceremony in Milwaukee. “We are blessed to have people working hard every day to make this world a better place,” Driver said of the 2015 class of winners.

Mr. Driver held his press conference at Next Door to announce the local award recipients. Afterwards, Mr. Driver visited with Next Door staff and children and even took a tour with a special little tour guide (right).



Each of the local winners received \$40,000 from the Donald Driver Foundation.

Dr. Keintz was truly humbled by the honor. “This award reflects on my staff,” she said. “They are the best and brightest who work so diligently to provide our children with the very best early education. We all share this award.”

### EDDIE LACY IS 2015 “WALK WITH ME” LEADER!

Join **Eddie Lacy**, Running Back of the **Green Bay Packers**, as he walks with Next Door families and supporters at our **26th Annual Walk for Children** on Saturday, May 16th at Next Door Headquarters.

Take part in this very special event as over 1,000 supporters gather to raise funds and awareness to help get at-risk children ready for first grade and beyond. Don’t miss our live entertainment by the Emmy-Nominated kids band **Alex & the Kaleidoscope**, kids’ games, raffle prizes, a delicious lunch and much more! Check-in begins at 9 a.m. and the Walk kicks off at 10 a.m.

To register for the Walk, visit [www.nextdoormil.org](http://www.nextdoormil.org) and click on the Walk for Children tab. You can also contact Megan Kutchener at (414) 562-2929 ext. 192 or [mkutchenriter@nextdoormil.org](mailto:mkutchenriter@nextdoormil.org).

We hope to see you there!

Feel free to bring your strollers or wheelchairs, but for the safety of the participants and your pet please leave all dogs at home.



## NEXT DOOR RECEIVES EARLY HEAD START PARTNERSHIP AWARD



Next Door has been awarded a Federal Early Head Start Child Care grant to lead a new partnership designed to help change the lives of young children from impoverished areas who are already at the greatest risk for failure. Next Door will lead the program at 10 agencies in Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties to provide services to 344 infants and toddlers, age 6 weeks to 3 years old, and their families.

"Next Door's 45 years of experience serving low-income families allows us to share our expertise and bring proven

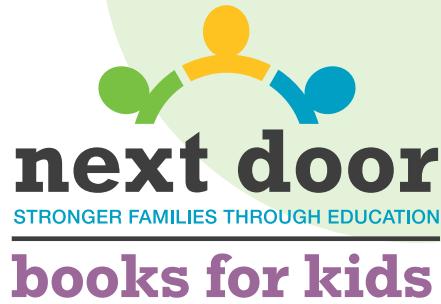
strategies to the partner agencies," said Next Door Executive Director Carol Keintz. "We know early intervention is the key and the sooner we enroll these young children and provide assistance to their families, the more impact we will have in getting them ready for school and beyond. With this award and expanding our results-based programming to these new locations, we will accelerate efforts to help even more of our most vulnerable children."

Only four agencies in Wisconsin were granted awards; Next Door received the largest and was also one of the top independent center awardees in the country.

Next Door will receive \$4.8 million annually for five years with an opportunity to renew in five years. As part of the grant, \$1.2 million of community support will be required. This will be accomplished through a combination of fundraising and gifts in kind.

## HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKS FOR KIDS! SHARING 2 MILLION BOOKS WITH MILWAUKEE'S CHILDREN!

Books for Kids has been collecting and distributing books for over 25 years. Our goal is to insure that all Milwaukee children have books of their very own. We give the gift of literacy through book donations and one-on-one volunteer reading time.



Please join us this fall when we celebrate by honoring its founder Mary Kellner and our Corporate Partner of the Year, Harley-Davidson Motor Company.

More information will be coming your way about this special celebration.



## GIVING SPIRIT BENEFITS NEXT DOOR CHILDREN



Next Door was touched by the giving spirit during the 2014 holiday season. Here are some of the highlights:

### Blankets of Love

Thanks to the efforts of the Wesemann family of Butler, Wisconsin, 1800 handmade blankets were presented to every preschooler at Next Door. After Sara and Jeremy Wesemann visited Next Door last summer, they were inspired to start **Blankets of Love** so that each child would have a blanket to call their own. Hundreds of volunteers came together to make the blankets in a special event organized by the Wesemanns, who raised funds to purchase fabric to make this special gift possible.



### Barnes & Noble Bookfair

At the end of last year, Barnes & Noble at the Mayfair Mall held a special book fair to support **Next Door's Books for Kids** program which provides free books to Next Door children and to families in the community. Over 6000 brand new books were donated by Barnes & Noble patrons from November 1—December 31. A percentage of sales proceeds was donated to Books for Kids.



### Next Door's Holiday Giving Program

Next Door's Holiday Giving Program was a tremendous success thanks to the generosity of over 70 donors, including individuals, organizations, families, friends and companies. Our children and families received a total of 2800 gifts.

*Thank you to everyone who shared in the giving spirit to make such a difference in the lives of the children we serve!*

## PLANNED GIFTS HELP CHILDREN FULFILL THEIR POTENTIAL

"We have enjoyed living in Milwaukee for close to 45 years and our family has benefited from wonderful cultural and educational opportunities. We provide annual support and have included Next Door in our estate plan because we want families living in Milwaukee central city neighborhoods to have similar opportunities. Next Door has a long track record of addressing important issues and the problems of poverty, lack of education and unemployment. Next Door gives children the chance to fulfill their potential."

*John and Carol Bannen*

The Bannens' gift will help ensure that educational programs for children and families remain strong at Next Door both now and in the future. Please consider including Next Door in your estate plan. To learn more, please contact Mary Conlon at 414-562-2929 ext. 113.

