Doing the Most Important Work in Milwaukee

Dear Friends,

We had a busy and productive 2018 at Next Door!

Guided by our strategic plan, we incorporated new programming and physical improvements to our facilities — allowing our dedicated team to provide an even stronger start to life for Milwaukee children living in poverty.

One of our biggest accomplishments centered around our greater emphasis on serving more children ages six weeks to three years old when 85 percent of brain development occurs. In 2018, we added ten new infant and toddler classrooms and additional age-appropriate indoor and outdoor play areas. This transition allows us to serve nearly one hundred more children ages three and under.

We continue to build strong partnerships in the community to enhance the Next Door experience for our children, families and staff. In 2018, we joined forces with nine additional local and national organizations serving early childhood needs in different ways.

We welcomed the Leading Men Fellowship to Next Door — a national program that recruits and trains young men of color to explore a career in education and provide more positive male role models in the classroom. We have five fellows from Milwaukee working at Next Door for the 2018-2019 school year and we’re seeing a big impact on our children’s learning!

Building childhood literacy skills and language development remains a primary focus of our work at Next Door. Through the leadership of a Marquette University Trinity Fellow, we now have a cohort of undergraduate students serving as tutors supporting early literacy development for our children ages six weeks to three years.

We plan to celebrate all of these achievements and more in 2019 as Next Door marks its 50th anniversary. Our story began in 1969 when a group of devoted parishioners at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church founded Next Door to serve the needs of people in the neighborhood. You can read more about the history and our celebration plans inside this report.

We achieved this 50-year milestone through the hard work of our Next Door team and the vision, dedication and generosity of our volunteers, donors and community partners. We thank you all for making this critical investment in Milwaukee!

Bob VanHimbergen, CPA
Board Chair

Tracey Sparrow, Ed.D.
President

Our Mission: Next Door supports the intellectual, physical and emotional development of children by partnering with their families for success in school and the community.
Next Door’s Strategic Plan: Year One Advancements

To secure a strong future for Next Door, our Board of Directors approved a three-year strategic plan focusing on five positions. Below are some key accomplishments in 2018.

1. Next Door will be recognized as the preeminent leader in early childhood education in Milwaukee.
   - 88% of Next Door students met developmental benchmarks in the areas of literacy, mathematics, cognitive, language, and social emotional development.
   - Next Door is serving 96 more infants and toddlers at the most important period of brain development (ages 0-3).
   - Next Door piloted a new adult education program focused on parents earning their Child Development Associate credential and becoming employed at Next Door.

2. Next Door will extend its reach through quality partnerships.
   - Next Door formed nine additional community and national partnerships in 2018, including Employ-MKE, Literacy Lab and the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy.
   - Next Door's 11 Child Care Partnership sites reported important period of brain development (ages 0-3).
   - Next Door completed safety improvements including a new double-locked entrance at our 29th Street campus and security posts to protect walking pathways and playgrounds at our Capitol Drive campus.

3. Next Door will maximize philanthropy to support our quality programming.
   - Next Door increased overall fundraising by 16% from FY17 to FY18. In addition, the endowment fund grew by 6% in FY18.
   - Next Door maintained meaningful connections to current donors through volunteer opportunities, educational events, and one-on-one meetings, resulting in an 86% renewal rate.

4. Next Door will be the employer of choice among early childhood providers.
   - An evaluation of Next Door’s salary/benefits package determined that it meets, and in some cases, exceeds industry standards.
   - Staff from the Medical College of Wisconsin and security posts to protect walking pathways and playgrounds at our Capitol Drive campus.

5. Next Door will leverage its assets to support the strategic plan, including board governance, volunteer engagement, physical facilities, and information technology.
   - Next Door completed safety improvements including a new double-locked entrance at our 29th Street campus and security posts to protect walking pathways and playgrounds at our Capitol Drive campus.
   - In a survey, 100% of our volunteers say they are satisfied or very satisfied, are likely to return, and are likely to recommend Next Door as a place to volunteer.

Raising Awareness of Our Critical Work

In 2019, Next Door hosted national leaders and state experts to address the critical need for early childhood education for Milwaukee children living in poverty.

Next Door welcomed U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA) as part of her nationwide anti-poverty tour aimed at learning what organizations, like Next Door, are doing to help families break the cycle of poverty. Joining her on this visit were Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI). These leaders had a chance to speak directly with Next Door staff and parents, visit classrooms and read to some of our students. Their goal is to bring their experiences on the road back to Congress and work to influence anti-poverty policies.

For the second year in a row, Next Door served as a Super Host for the Greater Milwaukee Foundation’s “On the Table” initiative. The region-wide forum gathers thousands of people around tables — big and small — for conversations about building a stronger Milwaukee. We welcomed nearly 60 guests for discussion about the role of high-quality early childhood education in creating long-term, positive change for Milwaukee children living in poverty. Our guests included city leaders, journalists, Next Door volunteers, donors, staff and parents.

Guests completed a Next Door “On the Table” Action Plan and selected an option to help Next Door carry out its mission.

Next Door welcomed Dr. Dipesh Navsaria as a guest speaker for the 2018 All-Staff Meeting. Dr. Navsaria is a prominent early childhood advocate and pediatrician, and a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. He spoke about early childhood brain development, the impact of toxic stress on child, and the critical role of literacy development during the first five years of life.

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In 1969, an outreach youth and young adult ministry began at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Milwaukee as part of an effort to expand the church’s community outreach and better serve neighborhood needs. Housed in a church parsonage located right next door to Our Savior’s, leaders named the ministry “Next Door.” They never anticipated it would blossom into the thriving organization it is today – 50 years later!

“It was just a dream and it became reality much more than we ever expected. I’m so pleased with what you’re doing today,” said Rev. Charles Berdahl, one of the co-pastors serving at Our Savior’s during the founding of Next Door.

In 2019, Next Door will launch a 50th Anniversary Campaign to celebrate the legacy of Next Door’s pioneers and the evolution of the agency from a church outreach program to the preeminent leader in early childhood education in Milwaukee’s central city.

Help us celebrate our 50th!

Fundraising
An $11 million fundraising campaign with community gifts raised in support of:

Next Door’s early childhood education programming
• High quality teaching practices
• Art education
• Books for Kids literacy program
• Mental health programs
• Family engagement initiatives
• Staff professional development
• Specialized training on brain development and trauma-informed care for staff and parents
• Expansion of our University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee partner-led student assessments of all center-based students

Renovations of our 29th Street building
• Transforming two indoor and three outdoor play areas into age-appropriate, themed spaces to support the gross motor development of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.
• Creating a Community Café to increase parents’ connections with each other and our Family Services team.
• Redesigning our Books for Kids Library to increase children’s engagement and improve experiences for volunteers who read with children each year.
• Bringing natural light into the entire environment by removing cement blocks and creating windows throughout the corridors.
• Incorporating playful color themes throughout the entire campus through paint and flooring.
• Updating the facade to reflect Next Door’s branding and core values.

Community Relations
A community-wide marketing/outreach campaign raising awareness of Next Door through:
• Partnering with 50 community organizations to celebrate and support Next Door. Partners will participate in book drives, fundraising drives and other initiatives related to their area of business or expertise.
• A community-wide literacy campaign focused around the simple message of “Talk. Read. Sing.” This national campaign will be showcased through our partners and within our service area at grocery stores, salons and barbershops, churches, laundromats, libraries and other places of interest.
• A storytelling campaign to share stories from our founders, volunteers, donors, community leaders, staff, families, current students and successful alumni.
• A print, digital and outdoor marketing campaign celebrating Next Door’s 50 years.

Events
A series of anniversary events throughout the year:
• January 25, 2019 – President’s Breakfast and community 50th Anniversary kick-off.
• January 30, 2019 – A screening of No Small Matter, a documentary on the importance of early childhood education.
• April 30, 2019 – Community “Read with Me”
• May 18, 2019 – 30th Annual Walk for Children
• Summer 2019 – Early Childhood Education Expert Forum
• Fall 2019 – Gala Celebration

To get involved in our 50th Anniversary activities, contact Hannah at 414.999.2510 or hharris@NextDoorMKE.org
Child Care Partnership Program

As the leader of a federal grant program featuring a Child Care Partnership (CCP), Next Door is spreading the impact of its high-quality early childhood education programming. In 2018, we partnered with nine early learning organizations with 11 sites across Milwaukee.

At each location, a Next Door instructional coach offers personalized training for teachers to raise the quality of learning and care in their classroom. The coaching includes classroom observations, instruction on effective student assessment tools, and multiple professional development opportunities throughout the year. Next Door also offers a Family Advocate for each partnership site to provide comprehensive services for families.

This partnership program allows Next Door to directly reach 344 children – and indirectly impact 1,400 additional children across 70 classrooms.

Meet Vernelle Trueh and her 3-year-old son, Walter

Walter Trueh is a student at Jo’s Learning Academy and never misses a chance to get on Next Door’s Books for Kids Mobile Library when our crew stops by with free books for children. His mom says Walter’s eyes light up with joy when he gets on and he loves sharing the experience with other children.

“This is something that we’re always going to come to. If I’m not here, I have a family member come and get Walter and make sure he goes,” Vernelle said.

The Mobile Library visits each of our 11 partnership sites four times per year with free books and literacy activities.

Meet a New Partner

Literacy Lab and Leading Men Fellowship

In the fall of 2018, we welcomed five Leading Men Fellows to Next Door. These recent high school graduates from Milwaukee are working in our classrooms five days a week, getting a chance to explore a career in early childhood education, and helping Next Door children get ready for school. The fellowship is run by the Literacy Lab of Washington, D.C. The organization works to recruit more men of color as positive role models in the early childhood education field. The fellows went through extensive training before starting at Next Door and receive ongoing coaching alongside their time in the classroom. They will be with us through the 2018-2019 school year.

CCP Family Engagement Success

Our Community Partners

Our community partners provide valuable resources to Next Door children, families and staff. In 2018, we connected with nine additional local and national partners.

The Educare Learning Network is a group of partners across the country, working together to offer low-income families a best practice model for early childhood education. The Buffett Early Childhood Fund and the Ounce of Prevention are two principal partners, along with 24 Educare schools nationwide.

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Additional Partners

- Aurora Family Services
- Baby Box Company
- Cardinal Stritch University
- Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
- Employ MKE
- LENA
- Literacy Lab
- Marquette University
- Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy
- Medical College of Wisconsin Pathways program
- Milwaukee Area Technical College
- Milwaukee Center for Independence
- Milwaukee Public Museum and Kohl’s On the Move program
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Milwaukee Succeeds
- New Threads of Hope
- Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee
- ResCare
- Safe & Sound
- Social Development Commission Foster Grandparent Program
- United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Wisconsin Literacy, Inc.
Next Door Alumni Success

Meet Next Door Alumni, JohnQuell Tucker

At 26 years old, JohnQuell Tucker still remembers two important fixtures from his early days at Next Door.

“The sandbox and the water table,” he recalled.

JohnQuell also remembers his teachers — Ms. Frankie and Ms. Jennifer — reading stories and going over numbers in class during the two years he spent at Next Door from 1995 to 1997.

“It definitely was a positive and happy place,” JohnQuell said.

“I’m definitely pro-early childhood education and I recommend it to families I work with now.”

Today, JohnQuell is a child welfare social worker for SaintA in Milwaukee. He works with children in foster care to ensure they have the resources they need to succeed in life. That support includes trauma-informed care for kids coping with adverse childhood experiences. He works simultaneously with parents who have been separated from their children and strives to achieve family reunification.

“I’ve had numerous kids that have been placed back home and safely reunited with their parents or relatives,” he said.

JohnQuell decided to pursue social services late in his college career at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he earned a full-ride academic scholarship. He went from an architecture major to psychology to secure what he felt would be a more rewarding and fulfilling career.

“For me, instead of being the architect of buildings, I wanted to be the architect of individuals — helping people build solid foundations for the rest of their lives,” he said.

Before SaintA, JohnQuell spent three years in Stevens Point working with children and adults battling mental illness or traumatic experiences. The work entailed facilitating group counseling for the children and teaching independent living skills to adults.

JohnQuell says he’s inspired by the impact he can have on a personal level and plans to further his education in graduate school next year. Based on his positive outlook, he is bound for more success down the road.

“They say the sky is the limit. I say the sky is the minimum. Why set limits for yourself when the heights of success are infinite? Reach for infinite heights,” he said.
Early Childhood Scholar Success

Meet Alicia Lewis

Before Alicia Lewis discovered Next Door, she struggled to map out her path to success. “I was jumping between jobs, jumping between schools, still trying to figure out what I wanted to be,” she said. Through a family member, Alicia found Next Door — and the path to success she was longing for.

“Next Door helped me figure out exactly what it is that I’m meant to do,” she said. Today, Alicia is an Assistant Teacher in a class of two-year-old children at Next Door. She began this role in August of 2018 after graduating from Next Door’s first Early Childhood Scholars cohort.

The Early Childhood Scholars program is a new addition to Next Door’s adult education department. Next Door partners with Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) and offers Next Door parents a chance to earn their Child Development Associate credential to launch a career in early childhood education. MATC faculty teach the coursework at Next Door during evening classes along with training from Next Door staff. The goal of this partnership is to introduce parents to early learning careers and build a pipeline of qualified teachers to help alleviate the national teacher shortage.

Alicia learned about this program as a parent in Next Door’s home visitation program. She spent six months completing coursework filled with teaching demonstrations, lesson planning exercises, and reports on topics like childhood illnesses. She said smaller class sizes and supportive teachers made this experience easier to navigate.

“I feel fulfilled and I’m glad that I stuck to it and did it,” Alicia said.

In her classroom today, Alicia says she’s growing even more with guidance from her co-teacher and professional development opportunities for Next Door staff. One of her favorite parts about teaching so far is watching the students grow and thrive.

“I like that you can connect with the children on a level where you get to see their personalities come out,” she said.

Alicia was one of 302 students served in Next Door’s Adult Education program. Teachers and volunteer tutors led more than 6,000 hours of instruction.

To become a volunteer tutor, contact Martina at 414.999.2529 or mstevens@NextDoorMKE.org.

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### 2017-2018 Financial Outcomes

#### 2017-2018 Operating Revenue

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Meet Jenny Leibl

A Books for Kids Champion

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Jenny Leibl at Wauwatosa first discovered Books for Kids through a volunteer visit with her company, Northwestern Mutual. Their crew was put to work in the book room.

“We spent our time going through the books that were donated and prepping them for distribution to the kids,” Jenny recalls.

While cleaning and repairing the books, Jenny learned more about this literacy program from Next Door staff. She couldn’t get over how many children and families benefit from Books for Kids year after year.

“I was just really taken aback and impressed by the volume of books and the number of kids and families so positively impacted,” Jenny said.

Feeling inspired by her first visit, Jenny launched a long-term relationship with Next Door. As the leader of her daughter’s Girl Scout Troop, she brought the troop of 17 girls to read with Next Door students in the library as part of the “Read with Me” program with Books for Kids.

“I still remember standing there and looking across the room and each Girl Scout was just really into reading to the students,” Jenny said.

Jenny now brings her own three children to “Read with Me” on their days off from school. Some of her kids also celebrated birthdays and asked their friends for book donations to Next Door instead of gifts. She says the importance of building reading skills early on while giving back to her community is what drives her support of Next Door.

“Volunteering and giving back to the community has always been a part of my life so I really look for opportunities for my kids to do that, too, and to have that chance to pay it forward,” Jenny said.

For more than 25 years, Next Door’s Books for Kids program has collected books to help our students and children in the community build their home libraries. We distribute them through our “Read with Me” program, our Mobile Library and our weekly Community Library.

Books for Kids: Building home libraries for children!

98,849 books donated by the community
129 book drives
8,814 books distributed from the Books for Kids Mobile Library
3,330 volunteer reading hours
2,232 hours of volunteer book cleaning

Nearly 1,500 individuals, including Next Door parents and community members, volunteered more than 18,000 hours in 2018.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Next Door, contact Martina at 414.999.2529 or mstevens@NextDoorMKE.org

Meet the Major Family

A Next Door Volunteer Family

Meet the Major Family

They are a family of five from Hartland – each one with a unique, meaningful story to share about giving back to their community through service at Next Door.

“Honestly, I just love this whole program – you create a magical place here for children,” said Beth, the mother of this family.

Beth’s oldest son, Ben, made the family’s first connection with Next Door in 2015 after learning about the organization online. For Ben’s Eagle Scout project, he collected over 3,000 books from across the country for Next Door’s Books for Kids program. His Boy Scout Troop helped clean and repair the books in the Major’s garage and later came to Next Door to read to children in the library.

“Reading has always helped me and I just think you can give that gift to other kids, that love of reading, pretty easily and Next Door is a way to do that,” Ben said.

Beth’s daughter, Cazzy, was next in line to volunteer at Next Door. They started reading to children in the library and volunteering with Next Door’s Books for Kids Mobile Library, which visits Next Door’s 11 partnership sites and community events to give away free books for kids.

One of the family’s most heartwarming displays of generosity came in September 2018. The Majors came to Next Door to distribute 100 book crates for children in Next Door’s home visitation program, helping them create a home library. Cazzy organized this plan for her Boy Scout Eagle project – sanding, painting and labeling each crate. He also organized a book drive, collecting 500 books for Next Door.

“It was a lot of work over the summer but it really felt like it was all worth it to see the kids so happy that day. It was better than I imagined it would be because the kids really seemed to appreciate it,” Cazzy said.

We can’t forget about Dad Sean who twice has turned his garage into a workshop to support his sons’ Eagle Scout projects for Next Door.

We’re so grateful for the Majors and their creative and loyal service to the children and families of Next Door!

“Going out in the community and seeing where these books are needed and seeing firsthand the children getting the books and taking them home is really cool,” Marie said.

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