



CITY NEIGHBORS FOUNDATION

An update on the work of City Neighbors Foundation, our City Neighbors schools, and our work to impact public education everywhere.

FEATURED:

- CNCS 4th and 5th Refugee Project
- CNHS First Student Elected Member
- CNH New Playground
- New Village Academy Visit
- CNH 2nd Grade & Oakcrest Senior Living
- DIY PD Registration



CNCS 4TH AND 5TH GRADE REFUGEE PROJECT

PHOTO CREDIT: DR. RENEE TENGELLA, 5TH GRADE PARENT CNCS

City Neighbors Charter School partnered with the Creative Alliance MICA's Puppetry Club and Jovenes en Action to create a welcome event as part of their project study on refugees, "What is Home?".

Together we told the story of Amal meeting a new friend, Lele, who has a similar story. They are both refugees who are looking for community. The walk with Amal has raised \$719,317 as of September 20th in support of the "Choose Love" Fund.

Little Amal is a 12-foot puppet that represents a ten-year-old Syrian girl. Since 2021, Amal has been part of 270 events. Each event is a partnership between arts and community organizations.



NEW VILLAGE ACADEMY VISIT

In October, we were excited to welcome the Youth Advisory Board and Founder of New Village Academy, the newest charter school opening in Maryland.

The New Village Academy is a high school, opening in Fall 2024, focused on project-based learning, extended and in-depth advisories, internship programming, and a small school model.

We are excited to support them as they bring innovation to public schools here in Maryland.



OPEN FOR PLAY: NEW PLAYGROUND AT THE HAMILTON CAMPUS

At the end of last school year, our playground was in need of reconstruction. In true City Neighbors' fashion, a team of Middle School students engaged in a year-long project to design our new playground.

The students were able to consult with designers, visited playgrounds through the city, consulted with our community, and reviewed other playground designs to draft a vision for an inclusive, engaging place for all students and the Hamilton community to enjoy daily.



HISTORY MADE: CNHS ELECTS FIRST STUDENT AS A SCHOOL BOARD OFFICER

During the first City Neighbors High School board meeting in September, the board elected its new officers.

For the first time ever, a student was named a Board officer. CNHS Senior, Kam Williams was nominated and motioned to serve as the Board Secretary. Kam served on the Board during her Junior year, and added meaningful feedback through the student lens and served on the Fundraising and Events Committee. Kam is an exceptional student with aspirations of attending a four-year college with a focus on Health Sciences.

Kam is honored to be able to do an act of service for the school community that she has learned to love since her 9th grade year.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE: OAKCREST SENIOR LIVING READS WITH 1ST AND 2nd GRADE AT CITY NEIGHBORS HAMILTON

Every other Tuesday, second graders of City Neighbors Hamilton receives a special visit from residents of Oakcrest Senior Living Center. The second graders are excited for the visit, where they spend time reading to the residents of Oak Crest. In the spirit of promoting the importance of literacy and fluency, students and their partners select books from the school library, engage in conversation and read books with each other.



CITY NEIGHBORS COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

City Neighbors Foundation is thrilled to present two Communities of Practice this fall. These free programs are an amazing collaborative exploration of a chosen topic, bringing together up to 15 individuals from various regions over six months. Currently, we are offering "The Power of Play in the K-5 Classroom", led by Kindergarten teacher Vicki Almon and "Anti-Racist, Equitable Teaching Practices", led by High School Math Teacher Elainia Ross-Jones. Our communities began in July and will culminate in December, so don't miss out. Keep an eye out for our next set of Communities of Practice!



JOIN US FOR DIY PD AT CITY NEIGHBORS

DIY PD at City Neighbors brings together up to 30 educators for one hour to connect and participate in two twenty-minute learning sessions (based on an effective strategy or a problem of practice). Afterwards, dinner is provided for a communal meal or a grab and go. Our first DIY PD at City Neighbors of this school year will take place on Tuesday, October 24 from 5-6:30 pm at City Neighbors Charter School. The event is free for all participants! Register here: [DIY PD at City Neighbors October 2023](#)



CNHS STEEL DRUM BAND

Through our partnership with Arts for Learning, City Neighbors High School was awarded \$17,000 worth of steel drums! Steel drums are unique instruments that are widely used in Caribbean music. The addition of these drums not only enhance our music program, but also provide our students with a chance to learn about different cultures and music styles! Our students, under the direction of our Director of Performing Arts, Shakia Paylor, will be able to showcase their talents with a variety of performances.



JOIN US AT THE 13TH ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE ED SUMMIT

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SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

Join us for a one day event celebrating the ideals of child-centered democratic, progressive education.

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All of our schools are accepting
Enrollment Applications
for 2024-25 through
February 2, 2024

