

## **Neighborhood House Success Story - Affordability**

Access to affordable care for children and adults is at the heart of everything Neighborhood House does. We strive to offer the highest quality preschool, afterschool, and summer programs to children and supervised care to adults at a price their families can afford. 92% of the 306 children enrolled in our programs this year and 76% of the 90 adults participating in our Adult Day Services are low-income. We are fortunate to have many friends throughout the community who help us close the gap between what families can afford to pay for the high-quality care Neighborhood House provides and what our programs cost. Helping families like the Allie's is what Neighborhood House is proud to do every day:

*The Garcia family came to Neighborhood House in the fall of 2016 while experiencing homelessness. As a single mom, Allie was eager to work more hours to improve her family's financial situation, but she needed a safe place for her two and four year old girls while she was at work. When she found out about the Neighborhood House Toddler and Preschool Programs, she was immediately relieved knowing there was an affordable, accredited preschool with room for her kids.*

*While Allie and her girls were staying at a nearby shelter, Neighborhood House helped make sure they had the resources they needed, including food, clothing, and particularly diapers. Many preschools and daycare services won't allow children to attend without diapers, but not at Neighborhood House. During one of our Family Fun Nights, Allie entered a drawing to win a free month of care for her girls. She was ecstatic when her name was called and thrilled that she'd have a little more breathing room to save money for an apartment.*

*Neighborhood House is open Monday – Friday, 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. These extended hours of operation helped Allie take on more hours at work with fewer caregiving disruptions. While she was at work, her girls were in the tender care of Neighborhood House teachers, eating nutritious meals prepared on-site, playing outside, and learning new things.*

*This spring, Allie was able to move her family out of the shelter and into permanent housing. The loving environment in the Neighborhood House Toddler and Preschool Programs helped her daughters thrive and helped Allie on her path towards self-sufficiency. We feel fortunate to have been part of this wonderful family's success.*