



EBNHS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2017

1) Health and Safety Loan Program

- 27 applications submitted and eight (8) New H&S Loans approved in 2017
- EBNHS has approved 20 (total) Health & Safety Loans for residents in the SSD (\$83,788.02)
- 7 total loans were EVGC TIF match.
- Loans were made for the following: 2 garages, 4 roofs, 4 security windows, 6 siding/porch, 1 electrical, 4 furnace.
- EBNHS has partnered with Navicore to offer credit repair; Chase Bank, Heartland Bank, Associated Bank and PNC Bank for underwriters; the City of Peoria for the EVGC TIF match as well as the Health Department for Lead abatement.
- EBNHS Has partnered with Heartland Bank for neighborhood residents credit repair and opening of checking and savings accounts

2.) Support for the EVGC TIF program

- Hosted 2 community information sessions
- Assisted 20+ residents with applications
- EBNHS partnered with the City of Peoria to keep the communication between residents and contractors flowing smoothly.

3.) Relationships with Landlords

- EBNHS is forming relationships with landlords to improve the quality of the rental property in the community by keeping open communication with landlords/tenants as well as tenant referrals.

- EBNHS contacts landlords when the tenants are becoming a nuisance to the neighborhood, when vacant properties are being vandalized, and when the property needs maintenance, repair and upkeep.

4.) Community Core 2017

- EBNHS has completed 25 projects in the 2017 Community Core boundaries (22 Paint & Porch, 2 siding and windows, 10 Lawn & Landscape and 5 Locks & Lights), while forging relationships with hard to reach residents.
- EBNHS partnered with 7 different organizations (Dream Center, Mission Peoria, ReBuilding Together, Glen Oak Christian Church, City of Peoria, Public Works and Keep Peoria Beautiful) and held 8 successful work days.
- Employment Opportunity - With the help of our Resident Officer and the Community Core Initiative, EBNHS was able to recommend 22 neighborhood residents for employment.

5.) Access Peoria

- EBNHS Manages 16 units in partnership with IFF. This relationship has opened the door with new partnerships throughout the City (HSC, Advocates for Access, Salvation Army, VA and many more).
- EBNHS manages all 16 units and they are all rented.
- EBNHS has processed over 30 applications for occupancy and successfully filled 16 units.

6.) Tutoring program

- EBNHS in partnership with Resident Officer Hightower, has started a tutoring program that works with the youth in the neighborhood scholastically as well as spiritually. This program offers help with homework and visits with community leaders.
- EBNHS has partnered with University of Illinois and they have provided 2 tutors for our after school program.
- EBNHS has partnered with Glen Oak Community Learning center with the help of Mr. Grace to offer a reading program through the summer.

7.) Community Service

- Because of our relationship with Peoria County Adult Probation Department, EBNHS has received 10,000 + public service hours performed throughout the SSD service area. This includes lawn care, trash removal, painting, minor repairs, cleaning, weeding of the gardens and upkeep of the pocket park.
- There were 50 individuals that gave back directly to the communities they offended.
- Additionally Community Core residents completed 2000+ hours in exchange for home repairs by helping fellow residents with painting, fence repairs, yard maintenance, trash removal, planting, weeding, cleaning, cleaning gutters, etc.

8.) Relationships

- Established 29 + new relationships with hard to reach residents.
- Established relationships with 5 landlords and were able to assist with helping them bring their property up to code and become better Land lords.
- EBNHS and Our resident Officer have established a solid relationship with the Principal of Glen Oak Learning Center and the staff members, allowing Lawn Order to monitor the daily successes and behaviors of the youth participants. As a result 12 youth have improved in behaviors as well as academically.
- Heartland Bank - With the successful program, Lawn Order, EBNHS has formed a partnership with Heartland Bank for the financial education for our Lawn Order youth, teaching them the importance of money management for their future.
- Dream Center – EBNHS has established a relationship with Dream Center of Peoria. We successfully completed 4 volunteer work days in 2017 with 50+ volunteers. The first three workdays (Community Core), volunteers painted an entire house, gutters, railings, mailbox, etc. The forth workday was to help a senior citizen make her home healthy and safe.

9) Art Appreciation

- EBNHS, with the help of the City of Peoria, has completed the Butterfly Habitat Monarch on Wisconsin Ave. (801 Behrends). The butterfly Garden. Lawn Order participated in painting the pallets for the fence and drawing butterflies on the fences.

10.) Lawn Order Academy

- This program was started for the at risk youth to give them a different outlook on life through accountability in the community, financial responsibility, as well as educational and personal goals. There are 50 youth that mow vacant lots throughout the city in this program with a waiting list of 100+. (Second year)
- Lawn Order does the up keep on the 801 Behrends Butterfly Garden.
- Pocket Park/ Seniors – EBNHS, along with Lawn Order, maintains the Illinois Pocket Park as well as yard maintenance for area senior citizens and handicapped residents.
- Lawn Order maintains 55 residential yards in the East Bluff as a result to the mowing vacant lots for the City of Peoria. Residents wants to help contribute to keeping the youth busy and staying out of trouble.

11) Community Garden –

- In partnership with 4H University of Illinois, the EBNHS Community Garden for a second year, has been a success forging new relationships with the residents offering free vegetables and health education.

12) Community Events

- EBNHS has hosted 5 successful events in the backyard, in partnership with our resident Officer Hightower. These events were focused on the area youth and offered soccer, bouncy houses, water balloons, movie night, food, and fun.

13) Walk-in Community Service

- Provides services for 50+ residents that walk in (or call) per week. This includes, but is not limited to: Code enforcement issues, nuisance neighbors, general information about programs available, landlord issues, home repairs, police matters, EVGC TIF, food pantry, job opportunities, help with utilities, traffic issues, water issues, rental information, housing, loan programs, tool rental, volunteer opportunities, etc.

14.) Little free Library

- EBNHS keeps the library fully stocked with a variety of reading levels to promote literacy and the joy of reading.

15.) Partnerships

- Officer Hightower and Heartland Bank supplied youth with school supplies and uniforms.
- Tabernacle Praise Church – partnered together for Neighborhood events.
- EBNHS partnered with special K productions for their annual block party 2017 on Lasalle street.
- East Bluff Community Center – provide cross-referral assistance for their clients with housing/code issues as well as food pantry; 20+ direct referrals.
- Heartland Bank- Assisted youth and adults with checking and savings accounts.
- Navicore – EBNHS is a referral source for financial education and stability; 5+ direct referrals
- Glen Oak Christian Church – helped coordinate their annual InAsMuch home repair program for the 3rd year. In 2017 EBNHS referred two homeowners in the community.
- Midwest Food Bank- Provides food for Lawn Order youths to have meals every day. Daily drop offs.
- EBNHS and Lawn Order painted 4 elderly homes as a give back to our neighborhood.
- Community Neighborhood Association- Volunteered 30+ hours for the End of School Bash, this included serving food, soccer instruction, music, games, talent show and much more fun!