

Join us to *Neighbor Up & Get Down* in the Booker T. Washington neighborhood (home of the DOCK and Greater Heights Apartments). This family friendly event will feature delicious carnival fare by the BBQ Boys, live music by Luna Pearl, a live auction, plenty of family friendly entertainment such as bounce houses, obstacle courses, games & prizes, tours of our DOCK facilities with DOCK youth.



# THE CATALYST

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Leaders from the neighborhood, city, local businesses, and churches celebrated the Evans Center opening in March!

**“Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.” (Isaiah 58:12)**

*Neighbor Up Brevard identifies as a “Christian community development corporation”.* What exactly does that mean?! The ancient prophet Isaiah inspires us with the promise that God will help us to be “restorers of streets to dwell in”. Many years later Jesus would say that loving God and loving your neighbor are the greatest of all the commandments. Loving God and loving neighbors—*all* neighbors—is the very core of Judeo-Christian teachings, and at the very heart of Christian community development. It is why organizations like Neighbor Up Brevard exist. Cornell West famously wrote that “justice is what love looks like in public.” And so, we at Neighbor Up Brevard are about the very public work of love, of justice, and of reconciliation, neighborhood by neighborhood.

What might “doing love; doing justice” look like in a neighborhood? To begin with, it is understood that every neighborhood—even a blighted, under-resourced one—has **community assets**. It is important to focus on the strengths of the neighborhood, most especially its people.

*Listening well* is another way of doing love, doing justice. Listening to the collective voices of neighborhood residents as they share their hopes, their dreams, their ideas, and their wisdom. Sometimes that means putting a pause on proposed projects, allowing ideas to percolate until a shared vision evolves.

In Christian community development there is also a focus on **development over betterment**. Bob Lupton, a well-known leader and writer in Christian community development circles, writes that “betterment does *for others*; development enables others to *do for themselves*. Betterment improves conditions; development strengthens capacity.” Neighbor Up Brevard does both betterment and development. For instance, the DOCK after-school and summer camp for elementary kids are betterment programs. DOCK teen leadership programs can be considered development. Building affordable housing and a community market are development activities, as is providing an opportunity for parents to purchase toys for their children via the Gifts From the Heart Christmas Shop.

*Neighbor Up Brevard continued inside*





## NEIGHBOR UP BREVARD

Christian community development requires a deep and abiding **commitment** to the neighborhood. Neighbor Up is in it for the long haul! We've been in the Booker T. Washington neighborhood since 2001. We've partnered with resident leaders in the Powell/Driskell Heights neighborhood since 2010. Oftentimes, this involves **relocating to, or choosing to remain in, the neighborhood**. When one lives in the same neighborhood one serves, development efforts can more readily move from "us" and "them," to "we." Several years ago, Lynn Brockwell-Carey, executive director of Neighbor Up Brevard, and her husband Michael, relocated and made a new home

The founder of the Voice of Calvary in Jackson, Mississippi and co-founder of the Christian Community Development Association, John Perkins, says: "When God's people with resources (regardless of their race or culture) commit to living in underserved communities, seek to be good neighbors, exemplify what it means to be a follower of Christ, work for justice for the entire community and utilize resources to address the problems of the community alongside their neighbors, then **redistribution** is being practiced."<sup>2</sup> Redistribution brings new skills, new relationships, and new resources to the neighborhood, and puts them to work to **empower** neighborhood residents to foster the transformation and healing of the community.

*We asked some of our DOCK youth to help us define some of the BIG words used when we talk about community development:*



"A catalyst is something that makes something else go...like the batteries in my dolls and gas in a car."  
— Caylee, age 6.



"When you revitalize, you take something that is dead and bring it back to life."  
— Dylan, age 13.



"A catalyst sounds like a creature, and I prefer puppies!"  
— Evelyn, age 6.

alongside Habitat for Humanity homeowners on a street adjacent to the Booker T. Washington neighborhood. Neighbor Up board member Pauline Thompson grew up in the BTW neighborhood. She has made an intentional decision to remain. Neighbors are quick to knock on the Pauline's and Carey's doors to talk about pressing community matters. Michael's garden (planted near the sidewalk) is a gathering place for neighbors to catch up and for children to experience the delight of harvesting fresh food. There is much joy in doing life together!

Another core principle of Christian community development involves **reconciliation**. The commandment to love God and love others is a commandment to reconcile, to bind wounded relationships, to heal the broken and the broken-hearted. At Neighbor Up, our ministry of reconciliation is two-fold: (1) we share the good news of Jesus and God's saving grace for our lives (i.e. the DOCK's "Jesus And Me" weekly sessions, also known as JAM), and (2) we create bridges where all God's children come together—across racial, economic, educational, and social lines—as one (i.e. residents and development professionals plan projects together).

Finally, in Christian community development the concern is for the whole neighborhood, not just one particular need or group of people. This **wholistic** approach prompts concern for the spiritual, economic, social, health, educational—all needs—of the individuals and families of the neighborhood. That's why such a variety of activities fall under the "umbrella" called Neighbor Up Brevard!

Our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers and donors who have embraced this Christian community development vision and have joined us in investing your time, talents, and treasure with Neighbor Up Brevard. "You shall be called restorers of streets to dwell in!"

<sup>1</sup> Lupton, Robert. *Compassion, Justice and the Christian Life*. Pg39.

<sup>2</sup> [www.cdda.org/about/philosophy/redistribution/](http://www.cdda.org/about/philosophy/redistribution/)

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— Cornell West



# DOCK News

It was a BIG summer at the DOCK; beginning with the graduation of 15 seniors, of whom we're so proud. They are headed to Eastern Florida State, University of Central Florida, Florida A&M, Florida Tech, the Army, the Air Force and our local workforce. These young people are setting an aspirational example for youth in their community. With this example, we expect to see the graduating classes grow in years to come!

The DOCK also held eight weeks of summer camp. This year's theme was "The Amazing Race," and it proved to be both amazing AND fast-paced for our 65+ campers and staff! Activities on this

year's schedule included swim lessons, college campus tours (of FIU and University of Miami) for teens, and trips to Kennedy Space Center and the Orlando Science Center courtesy of L3Harris Corporation; Vacation Bible School brought to the DOCK by Ascension Catholic Church; healthy cooking classes funded through Space Coast Health Foundation; fun and helpful budgeting classes from our friends at PNC Bank, and many other enriching activities. Parents pay a nominal fee for their children to be cared for and nurtured at the DOCK, and this is largely due to your support.



*The DOCK graduated 15 seniors this year from Eau Gallie High School, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy and No Limits Academy!*



*Celebrating grads at the DOCK*



*DOCK teen, Tanaysia, was able to imagine life on the FIU campus during a summer field trip*



*Zamari Walton, a DOCK grad and current Georgia Tech student, tells youth about his experiences*



*DOCK summer campers learned to swim this summer, thanks to funding from the Margaret Heins Foundation and the cooperation from our friends at the City of Melbourne Recreation Department*



*Our friends from L3Harris spent the day with DOCK campers and brought their imaginations to life on a 3D printer!*



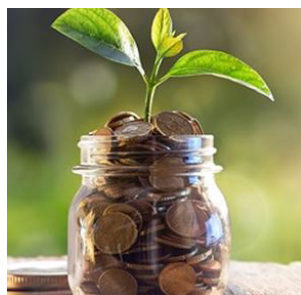
*Neighbor Up Brevard and Evans Center were honored at this year's Summit of Seven luncheon. We received the "Going the Extra Mile" award!*



# Giving that Grows:

John D. Rockefeller said, "I have always indulged the hope that during my life I should be able to establish efficiency in giving, so that wealth may be of greater use to the present and future generations."

The concept of social capital clearly reveals that you have a choice—and the power—to direct how assets *you will not be allowed to keep* will ultimately be distributed and used. See the following example of a person who gives efficiently versus one who gives involuntarily. Before his death, Mr. Rockefeller planned how he would like his wealth to be used. Mr. Ernst didn't plan so well! 56% of Ernst's wealth was paid in taxes, while only 3% of Rockefeller's estate was taxed.



	Involuntary Philanthropist: <u>Alwin Ernst</u>	Voluntary Philanthropist: <u>John Rockefeller, Sr.</u>
Estate	\$12,642,431	\$557,905,182
Tax	\$7,124,112	\$17,124,988
% Lost	56%	3%

Please consider making a planned gift to Neighbor Up Brevard and leaving a local legacy. To learn more, contact Brandy Bean by e-mailing [development@neighborupbrevard.org](mailto:development@neighborupbrevard.org) or calling 321-253-4214, ext. 207.



*Did you know* that \$1645 sponsors a DOCK youth for an entire year? Join us on October 19 and make it possible for the DOCK to continue offering its programs to over 160 youth per year. We cannot do this without your support!

Sponsorships and tickets available at [www.neighborupbrevard.org/friendsfest](http://www.neighborupbrevard.org/friendsfest)

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## GIFTS FROM THE HEART *is Preparing for Christmas*

December 7th is the opening date for the 4th annual Gifts From the Heart Christmas Shop. This year we have nine (9!) local nonprofit organizations partnering to create a unique, affordable, and dignity-affirming toy shopping experience for the parents of children in their respective programs. Partners include Neighbor Up Brevard, Club Esteem, Love INC, Community of Hope, Family Promise of Brevard, Brevard Rescue Mission, Eckerd Connects, Habitat for Humanity of Brevard, and—new for 2019—the Children's Home Society. You can find more information about the program and how you can help at: [giftsfromtheheartshop.org](http://giftsfromtheheartshop.org).



## VOLUNTEER Spotlight

### Mary Baker, Evans Center Board Member

Mary Baker is committed to her neighborhood. She is a proud native Floridian, who has been living in Brevard County since 1956 and in the neighborhood surrounding the Evans Center since 1963! Mrs. Baker remembers the original Evans Market and owner, Ross Evans, fondly. She shopped there regularly and gathered with friends. According to Mrs. Baker, it was "a prosperous, healthy and safe place for all residents."

That's why Mrs. Baker joined a group of neighbors that wanted to bring the Evans Market back to their community. From 2010 until the Evans Center opened in February 2019, Mrs. Baker has been an active facilitator for making it happen.

Mrs. Baker is happy to be shopping at the Evans Community Market at least two to three times a week! When she's not shopping there, she is helping create programs for the community in the classroom. Mrs. Baker is currently leading the "Seniors & Friends Fun Spot", a weekly Monday morning gathering that includes bingo, raffles, games, activities, speakers, food and field trips—this program aims to bridge the gap between senior and millennial generations.

# WHAT we DO

**THE DOCK** the Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids is a safe haven for children and teens of the Booker T. Washington neighborhood. Youth receive academic and spiritual mentoring and enjoy enrichment programs.

**GREATER HEIGHTS** an 18-unit apartment complex for low income working families and the elderly, also in Melbourne's Booker T. Washington Community.

**EVANS CENTER** a multi-use project in the Powell/Driskell Heights area, serving residents with a fresh food market, Brevard Health Alliance clinic, and workshops on topics such as health & wellness and youth job training.

## Welcome New DOCK Staff Members



*We're so blessed to have Taujihana Brown and Tammy Robinson on the DOCK staff! Taujihana is the Elementary Program Coordinator and Tammy is the Teen Program Manager.*



## EVANS CENTER *News*

The Evans Center is a multi-purpose facility housing a community market, Brevard Health Alliance clinic and a community room. The staff take great pride in the mission and purpose. We are a community partner providing programs and services that support the felt needs of people who live, work, worship and visit in the Powell/Driskell Heights neighborhoods. Evans Community Market is fully stocked with fresh foods! Thanks to support from the Space Coast Health Foundation, we can offer "buy-one-get-one" on produce for our food stamp customers. Complementing the market and health clinic on site, the meeting/training room at Evans Center offers the opportunity to host programs and services that provide guidance and experiential learning for successful, healthy lifestyle choices. Our Evans Center Director coordinates programming, which is offered to the community at no cost. Current events include:

**The Front Porch Family Happy Hour:** On the last Friday of each month, The Evans Community Market hosts a family happy hour for an evening of music, free appetizers, mocktails and community conversation on the market's beautiful front porch!

**Diabetes Prevention Program:** based on a study by the Centers for Disease Control, this year-long program targets prediabetes patients, lowering their risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by 58%.

**MaxOut Church Exercise Program:** Evans Center collaborates with this weekly program. Participants receive fresh produce coupons to spend at Evans Community Market.

**Seniors & Friends Fun Spot** – (read more in "Volunteer Spotlight!")

**Coming soon is: Nutrition in the Kitchen:** This six-week program will explore identification of nutrients and their relationship to foods and weight management. It will be held in the fall 2019 and spring 2020.

**Tech-ish:** Computer and internet training for "dummies". These workshops will target residents who have limited exposure to technology. L3 Harris is providing computers. Workshop sessions will focus on basic computer skills, terminology, navigating and doing research on the internet.

Are you looking for a place to host your meeting or special event? Check us out! The space is beautiful, and when not in use for community programs, is available for rent.

**For more information, please contact LeAngela at 321-216-6909**





# Donations sustain the mission of Neighbor Up Brevard —

*To plan, facilitate and implement solutions for the revitalization of impoverished communities.*

Neighbor Up Brevard has been blessed with generous grants from the following sources since the last issue of the Catalyst. Thank you for your support!

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Unity Church of Melbourne set DOCK kids up for academic success with backpacks and school supplies.



We're grateful for the ongoing support of our partners at Bank of America!



Candice Simmons, of the Wells Fargo Community Relations Group, pays a trip to the DOCK.



Chefs Susan Vallette and Julie Rogers-Martin lead our popular healthy cooking classes, which are made possible through Space Coast Health Foundation.



Thanks to Community Foundation for Brevard, we were able to compensate our Teen Leaders this summer.



Teens visited college campuses this summer, thanks to funding from L3Harris

## Special thanks to our Community Partners — donors who make a monthly pledge to Neighbor Up Brevard and provide necessary operating funds for the organization:

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