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Together, We Open Doors to Better Futures

Founded in 1936, the all-volunteer North Shore Board is committed to nurturing, educating and inspiring children from Chicago's most economically disadvantaged neighborhoods at the Northwestern Settlement House In The Wood camp. At House In The Wood, at-risk youth are empowered to change the trajectory of their lives after meeting inspiring role models, strengthening their leadership abilities and developing essential life, social and academic skills.

Thanks to support from neighbors and Chicago area businesses who support the North Shore Board of Northwestern Settlement's House In The Wood camp benefit, we have contributed over \$11.5 million since 1982 to sponsor campers and introduce holistic, year-round programs focusing on children's academic and social-emotional growth.

In 2015, the program expanded to offer traditional summer camp plus STEM-based outdoor education sessions during the school year, tripling the number of inner-city children served by the camp annually. In 2018, Northwestern Settlement's Family CARES Center began collaborating closely with House In The Wood staff to provide training to support campers social-emotional development. The center provides family counseling services, and operates in partnership with Children's Home + AID to help at-risk children recover their health, their hope, and their trust in people.

House In The Wood Gala: Saturday, October 26, 2019

The Oct. 26th *House In The Wood Gala* at Theater on the Lake in Chicago will be an inspiring night with cocktails, fantastic food, live music and an epic fundraising auction — all to nurture, educate and inspire inner-city youth at Northwestern Settlement's summer camp and STEM-based outdoor education program. Admission is \$350 per guest. See sponsorship and reservation information at <http://northshoreboard.org>

The Settlement House In The Wood Hall of Fame Award

The House In The Wood Hall of Fame Award recognizes the lifetime achievements of individuals who elevate the Northwestern Settlement mission to disrupt poverty by nurturing, educating inspiring Chicago's underserved children and families. Since 2016, Northwestern Settlement has presented this honor to three inspiring North Shore Board alumna: Kathy Elliott, Patricia M. Johnson and Valerie Hall. The fourth annual award will be presented October 26, 2019.

The North Shore Board of the Northwestern Settlement

Members currently reside in Chicago, Glencoe, Northbrook, Northfield, Wilmette and Winnetka. In addition to organizing the only House In The Wood fundraiser, North Shore Board members volunteer throughout the year at the Northwestern Settlement in Chicago's West Town neighborhood.

During the holidays, members and our families volunteer together to serve Thanksgiving dinner to Settlement House neighbors, grant holiday wishes through the Adopt-a-Family program, make holiday meal baskets for food insecure families and homebound senior citizens and collect toys for parents to 'shop' for their children at the Toy Room.

In March, new associates organize St. Patrick's Day BINGO with the Golden Agers senior club, tour Adventure Stage and meet scholars and faculty at Rowe Elementary the Early Childhood education programs at the Settlement.

Our Camp & Settlement team organizes a gift drive for the Mother's Day Gift Room, and members volunteer as personal shoppers and wrap gifts with the Early Childhood Education and Rowe Elementary charter school scholars in May.

The board organizes activities with House In The Wood campers in May during the outdoor education open house, and in July during summer camp open house and throughout the summer, members and our families plan Funday Sunday activities for House In The Wood campers. See our upcoming events at northshoreboard.org

About Northwestern Settlement

Since 1891, Northwestern Settlement has been empowering youth and families to achieve the American dream — focusing on nurturing and nourishing families, educating the next generation and inspiring the community to disrupt poverty. Northwestern Settlement programs reach over 20,000 people each year. visit the [Northwestern Settlement](http://NorthwesternSettlement.org) website to learn about our programs:

- 100 percent of [Early Childhood Education program](#) scholars meet/exceed Illinois literacy skills benchmarks and all [Rowe Elementary Charter School](#) 8th graders are accepted to high performing high schools
- 200 children participate in the After School Program and Summer Adventure Day Camp
- 1,100 children attend summer camp and STEM-based outdoor ed sessions at [House In The Wood](#)
- 850 children benefit from [AmeriCorps Project YES!](#) mentoring programs
- 4,300 children and families receive nutritious food, clothing, essentials and support through the [food pantry](#)
- Over 2,000 families receive warm clothing and gifts through community holiday drives
- 9,600 students, families and neighbors are inspired by [Adventure Stage Chicago's](#) original theater at the Settlement's Vittum Theater.