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## Together We Open Doors to Better Futures for Chicago's Youth

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 in Delavan, Wis.

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 annual fundraiser, House In The Wood programs continually evolve to focus on campers' academic and social-emotional growth.

In 2015, the program expanded to offer traditional summer camp and STEM-based outdoor education sessions during the school year, tripling the number of intercity children served by the camp annually. This year, Northwestern Settlement's new Family CARES Center will begin to collaborate closely with House In The Wood. 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 13, 2018

The House In The Wood Gala: *Glitter for Good* opens with a VIP reception at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Venue Six10, 610 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago and features silent and live fundraising auctions, fine dining, live music and dancing. All proceeds benefit Northwestern Settlement House In The Wood campers and programs. Admission is \$350 per guest. Black tie is optional. Various sponsorships include complimentary admission. Learn about sponsorships and reservations at [northshoreboard.org](http://northshoreboard.org)

## Valerie Hall Outdoor Education Center Inspires Students to Learn

The House In The Wood Hall of Fame Award recognizes individuals who elevate the Northwestern Settlement Mission to nurture, educate and inspire children and families in need. The third annual award will be presented to North Shore Board alumna Valerie Hall on Oct. 13, 2018, recognizing her integral role in the expansion of the camp's outdoor education program.

Valerie and her husband Bill literally open doors to better futures for each camper and teacher who walks through the doors of the Valerie Hall Outdoor Education Center. Since 2015, over 3,000 children have experienced hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) lessons inside the ecology laboratory. Students interact with indigenous plants and wildlife inside the center's Exploratorium and outdoors while exploring 23-acres of natural aquatic, woodland and prairie habitats. The innovative curriculum aligns with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), National Science Foundation (NSF) standards and Common Core Curriculum research-based standards, and many school sessions are sponsored by corporate or foundation grants.

## About the North Shore Board of the Northwestern Settlement

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. Volunteers and their families serve Thanksgiving dinner to Settlement House neighbors, grant holiday wishes through the Adopt-a-Family program, make holiday meal baskets for food insecure families, organize St. Patrick's Day BINGO with the Golden Agers senior club, host the Mother's Day Gift Room for Early Childhood Education and Rowe Elementary charter school scholars and plan Funday Sunday activities for House In The Wood summer campers. Members currently reside in Chicago, Glencoe, Northbrook, Northfield, Wilmette and Winnetka.

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## 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 break the cycle of generational poverty. Northwestern Settlement programs reach over 20,000 people each year, and each day, over 2,000 people are served:

- Over 1,000 children are inspired by the [House In The Wood](#) residential outdoor education center
- Over 2,000 families are nurtured by Adopt-a-Family drives providing food, clothing, essentials and children's gifts
- 4,300 children and families receive nutritious food through the food pantry
- 200 children are empowered through educational programs after school
- 100 percent of our Early Childhood Education students meet or exceed Illinois literacy skills benchmarks
- 100 percent of our [Rowe Elementary School](#) 8th graders advance to high performing high school
- 850 children are inspired by [AmeriCorps Project YES!](#) mentoring program
- 9,600 students, families and neighbors are inspired by [Adventure Stage Chicago](#) theatre

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