



EMCC's "NEW" Building Addition Celebrates 10th Anniversary

It's hard for many of us to believe, but it's actually been exactly 10 years since the Center hosted the grand opening for what was called the Center's "Wellness and Multipurpose" expansion. Following over two years of planning and raising funds for EMCC's "capital campaign", the doors were finally open for business. And what was once just a pipe dream, was now ready to serve 1000's of additional youth and families on Madison's N.E. side with dozens of new and expanded programs.

The 13,000 sq. ft. expansion included a full-size gym, a large, multipurpose room with a stage, a commercial-style kitchen, two locker rooms, a fitness room, two meeting rooms, an office, three outdoor handball courts and a beautiful neighborhood courtyard. And all this new space was ours for the "blue-light-special" price, of under \$2,000,000.

Because of the addition EMCC serves more than 2000 additional participants each year with wide array

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First non-apartment ▶



◀ 1997 Addition

2008 ▶ Construction



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Building Anniversary

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of different activities that range from a toddler prom to Alzheimer's screening and food pantry to break dancing. (See list below). The idea of the addition was to reach out further into the community for program participants

and to offer wider range of program options that reflect the interests of families living in the Centers service area. We are proud to say that all the effort that staff and volunteers put into the planning and fundraising for the capital campaign has more than fulfilled our expectations.

Thank you to Jim Glueck who was actually our architect for all three of our building additions (1991, 1997 and 2008) and also to Roberts Construction (now NCI – Roberts), who built our initial building in 1981 (following over a decade in two apartments) as well as the three building additions. Both

Glueck and "Roberts" were professional, supportive, cordial and did excellent work in meeting and exceeding our expectations. Thank you also to the 400 donors who made our long-needed expansion a reality. ■



Examples of New or Expanded Center Activities Since the 2008 Building Addition:

- AARP-Driver Safety Training
- ACLU Conference
- Alliance Screening
- Alzheimer's & Dementia Screening
- Backpack Giveaway
- State Basketball Tournament
- Black/Latino Unity Event
- Boy Scouts
- Breast Feeding Support Group
- Child Obesity Prevention
- College Prep Workshop
- Community Garden Orientation
- Community Police Listen/Ask Session
- CPR Training
- Boot Camp
- Cultural Class
- Daddy/Daughter Dance
- DAIS Community Event
- Diva Style Social Club
- Neighborhood Association Meetings
- East Swim Banquet
- Fit For the Future Program
- Table Tennis League
- Food Share Program
- Employment Trainings
- Freedom Inc. Dance Group
- Gay Safe Alliance
- GED Classes
- Globe University – Free Massage Clinics
- Wellness Fair
- Grassroots Empowerment Program
- GSAFE Fundraiser
- Hawthorne School Pancake Breakfast
- Head Start Program
- Hispanic Smart Training
- Hmong Gardening Group
- Jam For Food
- Janneh Fashion Show
- JFF-Programs
- Assorted Concert and Live Performances
- Holiday Events
- Line Dance Group
- Literacy Network
- Living Well With Diabetes
- Local Sustainability Meeting
- Mad City Ballers
- Madison FC Soccer
- Medicare Seminar
- MMSD Programming
- Monona Grove Youth Soccer
- Most Coalition Meetings
- Weddings
- Funerals
- Birthday Parties
- North East Side Youth Basketball Leagues
- Nigerian Women's Group
- NUNA Wellness and Meditation Class
- Operation Welcome Home
- Organic Gardening Classes
- United Way Play & Learn
- African Dance Party
- Public Health Workshops
- Book Club
- Rugby
- Sisters With Books
- Spark Focus Groups
- Starkweather Fish Fry
- Stride Fit Camp
- Susan G. Komen Events
- Tae Kwon Do
- TNA Fall Festival
- TNT Yoga
- Toddler Prom
- Trade Foundations Recruiting Seminars
- Truax Neighborhood Association Activities
- Truax Women's Group
- UA Volleyball
- Break Dance Classes
- Basketball Camp
- Vibe Dance Group
- Virtues Project Pantry
- Wanda Fillmore Teen Employment Program
- WI Workforce Training
- Women Anonymous
- Workforce Diversity Orientation
- Young People in Recovery Benefit
- Youth Summit Auditions
- Zumba Classes/Zumba-thon



Learn more about EMCC programs at www.eastmadisoncc.org



Woody Carey Scholarship Awardees

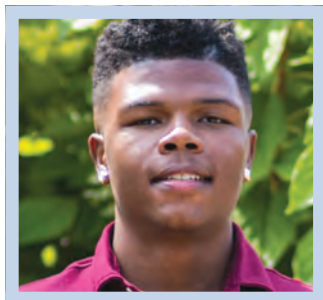
Each year since 2013 the East Madison Community Center has awarded scholarships to local students as a part of the Woody Carey College Scholarship Program. Long-term EMCC Board Member, Dr. Ellwood "Woody" Carey served on as a volunteer here for over 25 years. The Scholarship is a meaningful and long-lasting tribute to Woody's legacy, loving spirit, and positive values, especially in the area of equal opportunities. ■

The EMCC is proud to offer scholarships to six exemplary students this year.



Sarah Jacobsen
UW-Madison/Chemistry

My passion is working with kids: showing them how cool the natural world is, educating them on where their food comes from, and convincing them to try new and healthy foods. Kids are our future leaders, and I want to become an educator that helps prepare the next generation to be conscious of how their food choices affect their bodies and environment. I also want to prepare them to be advocates of change. ■



Montel Montgomery
Dillard University of Louisiana/Psychology

I want to work as a child/adolescent Psychiatrist, many children suffer tremendously with mental health and are unable to seek help. I want to be accessible to children who deserve the support they need to live a better life. ■



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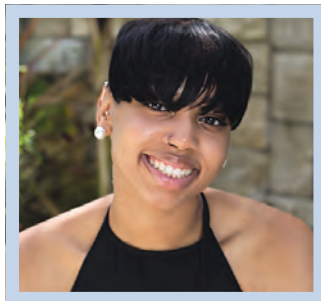
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Renee Robinson
UW-Milwaukee/
Social Work

My ultimate goal is to work as a bilingual licensed social worker. For the past six and a half years I have dedicated myself to advocating for and serving others. This scholarship will help lift the financial burden that often keeps adult learners from re-entering higher education and pursuing higher academic goals. ■



Asha Thompson
Xavier University of Louisiana/Biology

This scholarship will award me the opportunity to pursue the career of my dreams; a career rooted in service but underrepresented by African-American women. It will bring me closer to achieving my lifelong dream of attending a historically black university, and receiving an excellent education at a school that prioritizes me as a student. ■



Gaoza Jennifer Xiong
Stanford University/
Computer Science & Music

This award will further strengthen my relationship with the East Madison Community Center. The EMCC has been an enormous part of my life so far, and I am so proud to have grown up participating in its youth programs. I have learned a lot about life in my time as a participant. I cannot wait to find out what I will discover and experience at Stanford. ■



Panya Xiong
UW-Madison/Electrical Engineering or Computer Science

After graduation my goal is to work in Silicon Valley which is the base of cool tech companies such as Apple, Google and Intel. Although I will be across the country in the future, if I get there I want to start a scholarship for kids in the EMCC community that I grew up in because I know the struggle. I will forever remember this scholarship because it's given from the EMCC which is one of the most important places in my life. ■

SUMMER CAMP

EIGHT WEEKS OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL SKILLS AND WELLNESS!

2018



YOUTH PROFILE



Nakia Rowe

Age: 13

School: O'keeffe Middle School

Grade: 8th

GPA: 3.9

Years attending the EMCC: 4 years

Favorite EMCC Program:

Positive Options Program

Hobbies: Volleyball, Singing

Role Models: My Mom



By John Harmelink

This was East Madison Community Center's 46th year providing 8 weeks of Summer Day Camp for over 100 youth ages 7-14 from Truax, the east side of Madison and neighboring communities like Sun Prairie. Summer camp has been a key component in assisting youth with an opportunity to further their academic skills along with learning valuable social skills and participating in recreational activities.

Summer Day camp runs from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm 5 days a week. The camp is an extension of our yearly programs with a few added programs and service learning field trips. This year's camp theme for field trips

was called "Getting to know Wisconsin". The kids traveled to Green Bay to visit Lambeau Field. They also went to Sheboygan to see Kohler Andre State Park and Lake Michigan. One of the other highlights was heading to LaCrosse to go fishing on the mighty Mississippi River. There were also trips to Milwaukee to see the Museums and the Bucks new arena.

The Education classes included math, language arts, science, social studies, reading, and nutrition education. The Social skills section consisted of manners class, alternatives to violence class, drug and alcohol prevention, self-esteem improvement and conflict resolution skills. The wellness activities consisted of gym activities at the center

and outside the center classes such as rock climbing, canoeing, swim lessons, golf lessons, handball, squash, gardening and many others.

The camp also provided 12 youth from the area the opportunity to gain valuable job experience as summer camp youth counselors. The 12 youth counselors have been positive role models for the kids throughout the school year also by assisting the children with reading and homework. Each one of the youth counselors maintained over a 3.0 g.p.a throughout the school year and the 12 of them had a cumulative g.p.a of 3.5. ■



GARDEN CLUB:

Cultivating creativity, curiosity and dedication.

By Sarah Jacobsen

Every year, Garden Club is filled with passionate, excited kids ready to care for our garden and cook some tasty and healthy recipes. This year, summer camp preteens went strawberry picking for our second annual strawberry shortcake festival. They happily ran down the strawberry rows searching for ripe berries and filled our flat in about 30 minutes! Once we got back to the community center, we went to work making enough strawberry shortcake for everyone at summer camp. It was a lot of work, washing and cutting 20 pounds of strawberries, but the crew of young chefs worked diligently to share strawberry shortcake with everyone for a snack.

Sometimes it can be difficult to convince the teens to leave their video games or computer time for Garden Club, but this year, teens

have really enjoyed picking out and developing their own recipes. Often, I have one recipe planned, and after we finish that recipe, the teens look for other ripe fruits and vegetables in the fridge and garden to make a recipe of their choosing.

Some of their own recipes have included veggie sushi, broccoli scramble eggs, and Mexican street corn on the cob (so far!). Kareem, who made the veggie sushi, said "I would eat this everyday for snack and lunch if I could."

One of the many reason I love this job is the amazing kids I get to work with. Each of them is curious, creative, and hardworking. Gardening can teach patience as they wait for raspberries to ripen, hard work and dedication as they pull weeds and water the plants, and an appreciation of nature as they watch bees fly from flower to flower and hold earthworms in their hands. ■



YOUTH WORKER PROFILE



Jennifer Xiong

Age: 18

School: Stanford University incoming Freshman

GPA: 3.91

Job: Youth Counselor

Years at EMCC: 11 years

Favorite EMCC Program: Pre-Teen Nights

Hobbies: Drawing, Playing Music, Video Games

Role Model: My Dad

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We are on Facebook! On Facebook, we have our up-to-date schedule of events. You will also be able to see pictures of EMCC events. Give us a "Like", so you stay up-to-date with what is happening in the community.

A letter from...

Alderman David Ahrens

DISTRICT 15

I've never met anyone who doesn't love or at least appreciate trees. They do so much for us – provide shade in the summer, consume tons of carbon-dioxide and grow food- but ask for so little.

Many folks are losing the trees on their street terrace or in their front or backyard due to the Emerald Ash Borer. There are about 70,000 Ash trees in Madison on the street, on private lots and in parks. Most of them will die and be removed because of the infestation.

Some neighborhoods that don't have many trees to begin with have an unusual opportunity to get a free tree

for their homes. Not only is the tree free but trained arborists will come to your home and evaluate if the tree is suitable for your soil, sun and space.

There are a number of different kinds of trees available that range from medium to tall trees, trees that flower and are more ornamental. Among those available are chinquapin oak, bur oak, swamp white oak, pecan, yellow birch, sour gum, sycamore, catalpa, tulip tree, ironwood, Ohio buckeye, and redbud.

Early Fall is a great time to add to your home and neighborhood. ■

The map below has the names of the neighborhoods where the trees are offered.



If you are interested in getting a free tree from the Madison Canopy Project, you can contact them at this website:

www.urbantreealliance.org/resources/madison-canopy-project/

or to get more information call: 556-5331.

I am interested in hearing your views on this and other issues. If you have questions, concerns, problems or opinions about city policies or operations please feel free to contact me at district15@cityofmadison.com or 608-334-1156.

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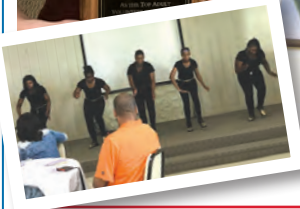
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Appreciation and honors served up at the Annual Volunteer Dinner

At this year's Annual Volunteer Dinner the East Madison Community Center honored over 75 Top Volunteers. The dinner was held at the East Side Club on Friday, June 1st. Those in attendance included volunteers, staff, and community members. The guest speaker for the event was Dane County Executive Joe Parisi. This year's Outstanding Youth Volunteers of the Year included **James Moore** (Pre-Teen) and **Maleevong Xiong** (Teen). The Adult Volunteer of the Year was **Quentin Sears**. Also honored were the **UW-Madison Badger Volunteers** for Community Non-Profit Partner of the Year and **CUNA Mutual Foundation** for Community Business Partner of the Year. ■



Thank You!

Save ^{the} Date



Mark your calendar for these upcoming EMCC 2018 Events!

- **September 29th to October 14th:** EMCC Closed for Design for a Difference Makeover
- **Monday, October 15th:** EMCC Reopening
- **November 10th:** Saturday, 12 to 3 pm, 22nd Annual EMCC Bowl-a-Thon
- **November 15th:** Thursday, 6 pm, EMCC Annual Meeting
- **December 17th:** Monday, 6 to 8 pm, Pre-Teen Holiday Party
- **December 20th:** Thursday, 4 to 6 pm, Holiday Food Baskets for residents of Truax and Webb-Rethke CDA Housing



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FOOD PANTRY

The EMCC Choice Food Pantry

is open Tuesdays from 12 noon to 2pm with sign in starting at 10am. Bring identification and proof of residence to get signed up.



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EMCC 2018 VOLUNTEERS

Youth Volunteers

Nakea Black, Koko (Koriyanna) Fitzpatrick, D'lylah Gowes, Amira Hampton, Keyan Harper, Antuan Haskins, Jelonzo Jackson, Iyonna Jones, James Moore, Adonis Pickett, Nikia Rowe, Heaven Thomas, James Xiong, Maleevong Xiong, Richard Xiong

Food/Clothing/Household Items Distribution Volunteers

Kenny Brumfield, Pat Haak, Madison College Service Learning Academy, Karen Oliver, Nathan Oliver, Bonnie Raemisch, Quentin Sears, Mylas Sparks, LC Williams, East Madison/Monona Rotary

Resource Development

Larry Hamlin, Bunny Lenburg

Program Volunteers

Meshan Adams, Ali Braddock, Pedro Diosardo, Martha Galston, Malinda Sloan, Amanda Toy, Design for a Difference-Madison, Madison College Botany Students, Madison College Service Learning Academy, Madison Missions-Blackhawk Church, UW Badger Volunteers

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