



**Mission Statement**

Northwestern University Settlement helps low-income families and individuals take personal responsibility, explore opportunities and options, and become or remain self-sufficient by providing a central point around which social and specialized services, education, arts and collaborative programs can be accessed.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Style Under the Stars September 24
- CCT Gallery Opening - September 25
- Glitter Ball - November 7
- Fall Lecture - November 15
- Cherub Brunch - November 22

**Annual Appeal Giving**

**FY 2010 Individual Gifts**

Actual -\$4,540

Goal -\$200,000

**FY 2010 Board Events**

Actual -\$1,000

Goal -\$440,000



**Monthly pledges** are an efficient way to donate to the Settlement. If you are interested please contact the development office at 773.278.7471 and ask for Valery or Cait. Or, visit our website under Fundraising.

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**A Message from the President**

Dear Friends and Supporters:



Something momentous happened last week for our Settlement House and many families in the West Town Community. **After nearly two years of research and planning, Rowe Elementary School opened its doors on Tuesday, September 8 to 141 bright-eyed kindergarten, first and second grade scholars.** We expect to be at our maximum enrollment of 150 by the end of the month. As our mascot, Rowey Rocket would say, "Blast-off was successful!"

On the first day, the sidewalk in front of the school was crowded by 7:15 am with excited parents and scholars. The Rowe Elementary faculty greeted all those smiling faces individually and then escorted the young scholars to their classrooms for their first full day.



This year we will be sharing space in the Noble Street Golder College Prep high school campus while we search for a permanent new home for the 2010 school year. Rowe Elementary School is a contract school with Chicago Public Schools and is run independently by Northwestern Settlement. The Settlement will offer a full array of services to scholars and their families. Many current Settlement programs will be integrated into the school – scholars will spend time at House In The Wood Camp beginning in third grade. Adventure Stage Chicago, AmeriCorps, After School program, and many others



will enrich the school's rigorous academic curriculum. **Our school is committed to preparing all of its scholars to graduate from college by placing emphasis on that goal from the first day of kindergarten.** Our commitment is simple: to give our scholars the finest elementary school education possible and assist in their matriculation to the best high schools in Chicago, which will then lead to college placement.

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For more information on the Harriet Vittum

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development office at 773-278-7471

## Are you a Settlement alumna/us? If so, we want to hear from you.

Let us know what you've been doing since we last saw you, and we'll let you know how Northwestern Settlement has grown since you attended our programs. [Click here to email](#)

**Cait** or call her at (773) 278-7471.

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### Rowe Elementary School Student Creed

I am an exceptional student of the Rowe Elementary School.  
**I will achieve success.**

I prepare for my future by working hard and using my time wisely.  
**I will stand tall.**

I have pride in myself.  
**I will show honor.**

***I believe the choices I make will affect what I will have, what I will be, and what I will do in the future.***

We look forward to sharing our school's successes with you over the coming years. Thank you for believing in us and our scholars.



Ron R. Manderschied  
President

**PS: If you'd like to visit Rowe Elementary School contact us. Visitors will be welcome beginning in mid-October. Please contact Valery De Long at (773) 278-7471 for more information.**

## My Life at the Settlement by Cait Allen

### Meet External Affairs' Data and Communications Manager



Hello! My name is Cait Allen. I moved to Chicago in 2008 to work for development office at Northwestern Settlement. I grew up in a small town in New Hampshire, which is where I first learned how a small group of people really can make a difference in the world. My parents are both from large working-class families where everyone looked after each other. I was taught the attitude that "we're all in this together" extends to everyone else, too! For example, my father drives shut-in seniors to church, my mother volunteers at the local pumpkin festival every year, and my brother currently serves as a Marine Corps Officer. Our family is not unique. In fact, I believe anyone can make a positive impact on our world. That belief has led me to work at Northwestern Settlement.

In 2006, I graduated from Colleges with a degree in political science. As an undergraduate, I was involved in a wide range of activities from student government to alternative spring break to study abroad. While studying in Eastern Europe, I met individuals who strove for greater freedoms and collaborated to subvert Soviet rule. And in student government, I witnessed students working

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together to improve the quality of life not just for themselves, but also for the citizens in the town that generously hosts HWS students. I discovered that making connections with others leads to constructive problem-solving on the most pressing issues of our time.

So following graduation, I served as an AmeriCorps member in Montana. During my term of service I learned that the faces of poverty didn't look so different from mine. I worked with financial institutions and grassroots organizations invested in stopping the cycle of poverty and domestic violence. Together, we designed and implemented an asset-building program for survivors of domestic violence. When my service ended I moved to Seattle. There, I coordinated Annual Fund activities for a domestic violence services agency. From these experiences, I learned that cultivating relationships to support accessible community resources is one of the most powerful ways to stop poverty.

Currently, I'm the Data and Communications Manager for the Office of External Affairs. I focus on three areas: fundraising data and technology, communications, and volunteers. My goal is to provide high-quality tools and thoughtful resources to colleagues, volunteers, and donors so we can financially support the work of the Settlement.

Every day I'm inspired by the individuals, organizations, mentors, community partners, artists, parents, kids, students, educators and more that are working together to fulfill Northwestern Settlement's mission. When I told my family that I was moving to Chicago, they were amazed that a small-town girl like me would move to such a huge city! Here at the Settlement though, I feel right at home.

## Back to School with the Evanston Board



Many children do not look forward to going back to school after a summer jam-packed with fun and adventure. At the Settlement, though, School Age participants are excited to return because they just received brand-new supplies! The backpacks were chock full of all the things School Age children need to succeed: paper, crayons, pencils, scissors, glue and more! Thank you so much to the Evanston Board for hosting this event and providing the backpacks.

*Left: The Evanston Board with School Age children ready for the fall season!*

## A Walk Down Memory Lane...

### *Settlement Alum Visits To Reminisce*

"Mrs. Vittum...boy, was she stern! But she was the nicest lady I ever knew." For Max Piekos, his memories of the Settlement as a child are still very fresh - even though it's been over 70 years! Mr. Piekos visited the Settlement on a sunny September day "just to catch up." He was amazed to see that the Settlement looks

exactly the same. As a child, he came to the Settlement afterschool for a snack and to play games. Mr. Piekos also noted that the old billiards hall and bars surrounding the Settlement have disappeared. "You must've been a good influence!" he jokes.



**Are you an alumna/us of the Settlement?** If so, we'd love to catch up! Contact Cait at (773) 278-7471 to share your stories and memories.

## Sign up for YOUR Invitation

### *Sign up to receive an invitation to upcoming Auxiliary Boards' events*

Interested in the myriad of activities coordinated by the Auxiliary Boards of Northwestern Settlement? Sign up for YOUR invitation to any event that you choose. Below is a list of upcoming events from September 2009 to February 2010. If you'd like to receive an invitation, please contact Cait Allen at (773) 278-7471.

### **Evanston Woman's Board**

- **Fall Lecture - November 15**

The Evanston Woman's Board is pleased to present a fall lecture as part of their 100th Anniversary Celebration. Professor Henry Binford is an acclaimed, engaging lecturer who will discuss the influence of the Settlement House

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movement on the City of Chicago. The event will be held at 2 p.m. in the Hardin Hall of the Rebecca Crown Center located at Northwestern University. Seating will be limited and reservations are recommended.

- **Lift A Fork For The Settlement - January 22 to 29**

Enjoy dinner with family and friends and a portion of the cost of your meal will be donated to the replacement of windows at Settlement. More information will be available in the coming months.

### North Shore Board

- **Glitter Ball - November 7**

The North Shore Board's annual Glitter Ball raises money each year to make the dream of summer camp at House In The Wood a reality for low-income, inner-city children from across the City of Chicago. Attendees enjoy a gourmet dinner, live music, dancing, and exciting speakers in addition to live and silent auction bidding.

### Park Ridge Board

- **Cherub Brunch - November 22**

The Park Ridge Board will hold the 11th annual Cherub Brunch at Park Ridge Country Club in support of the Emergency Services Program. Silent and live auctions, raffles, brunch, live music and games are just some of the ways Cherub Brunch guests celebrate the work of Northwestern Settlement.

### Winnetka Board

- **Style Under The Stars - September 24**

The Winnetka Board presents the 83rd annual fashion show at Michigan Shores Club to provide general operating support. Guests will enjoy champagne, passed hors d'oeuvres, buffet, and a look at the latest fashions during a New York style runway fashion show. **Style Under the Stars is this Thursday, so go to [www.nush.org/style](http://www.nush.org/style) to register or donate.**

## Get Your Passport for Adventure

### Adventure Stage Chicago Offers Passport to Performances



Get your family involved in a season of adventurous, thought-provoking entertainment with Adventure Stage Chicago! The "Passport to Adventure" is a series of tickets offered at discounted rates with special benefits. Families can enjoy Chicago's premiere destination for theatre for young audiences up to 45% off regular ticket price!

Each Passport is good for a certain number of admissions to any performance in ASC's season. You may use your Passport in any manner you wish - one admission for each show, multiple

admissions to the same show, or any other combination in between. Simply call in advance to reserve your seats, bring your passport to the box office on show day, and then sit back and enjoy the ride.

- Adult: 2 admissions for \$30 (regular tickets \$17 each)
- Child: 2 admissions for \$20 (regular tickets \$12 each)
- Family: 8 admissions for \$96

The Passport to Adventure is available in three options:

- Family Workshops: *Passport holders get in free!*
- Birthday Party Packages: *Passport holders get 15% off!*
- Theatre Adventure Camp: *Passport holders get 15% off*
- Holiday Drama Kids Workshops: *Passport holders get 25% off!*
- New Play Workshops: *Passport holders get first shot at reservations!*

ASC's Passport to Adventure holders save up to 45% on general admission, PLUS enjoy a myriad of other benefits and savings such as:

For more information, please call the Box Office at (773) 342-4141.

## Why Volunteer?

### *Volunteer Opportunities at the Settlement*

In 2008, over 25% of the American adult population contributed 8 billion hours of volunteer service. Despite the challenges of a tough economic situation, volunteer participation has risen in the past year. Volunteering and in-kind donations remain one of the most important ways for supporters to contribute to their favorite causes. The Midwest leads the United States with a whopping 30% of the total regional population volunteering - that means you or someone you know is pitching in to make our community better!

With so many other stressors in life, some ask "Why Volunteer?" At the Settlement, volunteers can:

- Learn new skills
- Make new friends
- Gain a sense of achievement
- Contribute to the betterment of their community
- Build leadership skills
- Enhance their career network

Some volunteers have been a part of the Settlement community since childhood. Others are professionals, college students, and parents who contribute valuable time and resources as tutors, food pantry helpers, youth mentors, teaching artists, field trip leaders, and care givers...the list goes on. Volunteers ages 8 and up are welcome to participate in Settlement programming. Children under the age of 8 are welcome to volunteer with an adult or group.

Volunteer positions are available daily, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On a quarterly basis, some volunteer opportunities are available on the weekends or after 5 p.m. Corporate and community groups are encouraged to contact Cait Allen, Data and Communications Manager, at (773) 278-7471 to explore more options.

**For a full listing of volunteer opportunities, please contact Cait Allen, Data and Communications Manager, at (773) 278-7471.**

### **NUSH in the News**

- Attend *Gossamer's* opening day and enjoy a post-show Q&A and book signing with Newbery Medal winner, Ms. Lowry. Seats to this performance are sure to sell out quickly, so get your tickets NOW: <http://www.adventurestage.org/pages/gossamer/142.php>
- Read the Adventure Stage Chicago's Adventure Page blog to catch the behind the scenes work on the upcoming productions, like Lois Lowry's *Gossamer*: <http://adventurestage.blogspot.com>.

*See or hear about NUSH in the news?  
Contact Cait at (773) 278-7471 to include  
the mention in next month's e-Neighbor.*