

KIDS PROGRAMS ARE THE SPICE OF LIFE AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

On the North Shore, parents are so fortunate to have a wealth of enriching programs for their young children. We are proud to be a provider of high-quality learning opportunities for pre-school and kindergarten students.

Our Youth Enrichment Program is a centerpiece of our operations. In 2000/01 we expended close to \$832K of a \$1.3M programming budget to compensate top quality educators. These individuals are dedicated to providing the very best early learning and enriching classes.

One particular program, *Extraordinary Kids, Ltd.*, is a shining example of our commitment to youth enrichment. This program is a nurturing and challenging kindergarten program which:

- Encourages the intellectual, creative and social

growth of each child;

- Enhances the basic kindergarten curriculum;
- Emphasizes fun and creativity;
- Establishes a love of learning.

Preparing young minds for the academic journey ahead is core to the mission of this program. Each session explores several thematic units that will be integrated into all areas of the curriculum: science, math, language arts, music, creative dramatics, art, social studies and geography.

The *Extraordinary Kids, Ltd.* program, at the Community House, has grown exponentially. In Fall 2001, the first year it was offered, there were 4 classes held twice per week and 68 children were enrolled. The next winter saw



6 classes per day for 3 days each week with 108 children enrolled. This Fall, 114 children are registered for 7 classes held 4 days per week.

It is our pleasure to offer such well-received and meaningful educational options for this community's youngest students in the place where community happens.

The mission of the Winnetka Community House is to enrich the lives of North Shore residents, their families, and friends by providing diverse educational, cultural, social, and recreational opportunities for people of all ages. This privately supported unique facility does not receive tax dollars.
