

Urban Village Report

November 2023

Urban Village officially opened in March of this year. In the following months mission developer, Jeff Shaver, worked to build a place for children, youth, and adults to take martial arts classes. Jeff and some of the Urban Village staff participated in several community activities during the late spring and summer months.

In August of 2023, Jeff Shaver accepted a new call in a different presbytery. At that time, Rev. Beth Garrod-Logsdon was named as the temporary mission developer/executive director. Since August we have seen growth in both program offerings and numbers of people involved.

At the writing of this report, Urban Village's kids' program (open play and martial arts) has fifteen children, ages four through twelve, enrolled. The adult jiu jitsu program has five adults enrolled. Our Sunday evening youth group (which began October 1) has seven youth grades five through eight. We also regularly have other children and youth who come for drop-in activities and classes.

During the month of October, Urban Village offered open play and Nerf game times during Jessamine County School fall break. We also participated in Nicholasville Elementary School's fall festival and Visit Jessamine's "Spooky Time on Main." However, the crowning event of October was the Urban Village Block Party. At the Block Party we had nearly 100 children and families come by to eat chili and hot dogs, play in the gym, play games outside, and get to know each other.

Beth has been working with Brian Clark from Phila Consulting to create a business plan that will ensure a healthy fiscal and missional future for Urban Village. We will be communicating more of this plan in the coming months, but trust me, God is indeed doing great work through this new worshipping community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Garrod-Logsdon