

Northbrook Community Nursery School returns to The Village Presbyterian Church

SUBMITTED BY NORTHBROOK COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL

Founded 65 years ago, Northbrook Community Nursery School will return to one of its original homes in the summer of 2018.

The nonprofit, non-denominational school will relocate to The Village Presbyterian Church in downtown Northbrook in July 2018. The preschool was previously based at The Village Church from 1955-1975.

The Village Church offers NCNS bright, big

classrooms and facilities suited to the school's creative curriculum model and enrichment programs. The back garden gives children the chance to explore outside, and will be equipped with a shared playground.

The school's experienced teaching staff will work hand-in-hand with church leadership to ensure that all shared spaces benefit both preschool students aged 15 months to 5 years and the church's thriving "The Village Kids" program.

"This move allows our school a wonderful envi-

ronment for NAEYC-accredited, play-based education," NCNS Director Gail Nemoy said.

In addition to a commitment to excellent education, Northbrook Community Nursery School is known for its inclusive atmosphere and deep local ties. The school hosts several popular family events each year, and will now have the opportunity to expand programs that bring parents and children together.

The return to downtown Northbrook will grant families easy access to The

Village Green as well as many local events in which the school participates, including Northbrook Farmers Market, Fourth of July parade and Northbrook Days. The preschool is also welcomed by neighboring merchants, many of whom have supported and partnered with NCNS over the decades.

With a history of serving generations of local families, both The Village Church and NCNS seek to continue the tradition of building a strong community. The two organizations

will continue to operate separately, and will explore opportunities to collaborate on projects that reflect their joint commitment to community service and supporting young families.

"This is the consummate homecoming story," Northbrook Community Nursery School board president Janelle Duthie said. "It's the perfect time for us to join with the Village Church with both our school and the church poised for growth. We are thrilled for the opportunities afforded to our students, families and staff.

We look forward to a bright future in the heart of our community."

Likewise, the Village Church is very excited to renew an old partnership.

"Working with NCNS offers a perfect opportunity to enact our new mission study vision of greater community engagement," said Roger Smith, clerk of the Session.

For more information on Northbrook Community Nursery School, visit www.ncnskids.org. For details on The Village Presbyterian Church, visit www.tvp-church.org.