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Building on Our Impact 2026-2027

October marks the start of our 2026–2027 program year, and we are incredibly excited about what lies ahead for Newtown Connection and its partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties.

What began with a vision to create greater opportunity for children in the Newtown community continues to grow. This year, we are expanding our programming across five locations, reaching more than 600 children with an even broader range of experiences designed to educate, inspire, and empower.

At the heart of every program is a simple belief: a child's circumstances should never determine the opportunities available to them. Reaching 600+ children across five locations represents an exciting milestone for Newtown Connection, but more importantly, it represents hundreds of individual young lives being given greater access to opportunity, mentorship, and experiences that can help shape their futures.

None of this growth happens without you. Your generosity has allowed us to expand our reach, strengthen our programs, and continue saying "yes" to opportunities for these children.

As we begin this exciting new chapter, we respectfully ask for your continued support of our 2026–2027 programs.

Together, we can continue expanding opportunities, opening doors, and giving more children the confidence to believe that their future can be bigger than they ever imagined.

With Gratitude,
Vince Northfield & Ian Desmond
Co-founders, Newtown Connection

Help Our Mission

Baseball Program:



Led by Coach Strong, we are expanding our baseball program where kids will build physical strength, sharp hand-eye coordination, and learn valuable life skills through teamwork and resilience.

Brainy Bots Program:

This program is designed to build confidence in robotics, foundational coding skills, engineering concepts, and collaborative problem-solving.

Students will explore computer science concepts through hands-on activities.



Bricks4Kidz Program:



In collaboration with Bricks4Kidz, students participate in a series of classes, constructing a new and exciting model each week. This program equips students with skills that are essential in an interconnected world-skills like collaboration, critical thinking, and adaptability.

Cultural Immersion Program:

This program will support eight high school upperclassmen through a year-long leadership experience, expanding access to a proven Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties opportunity. Past participants have traveled to Panama, Hungary, Ireland, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Georgia, and Albania.



Earl's Art House Program:



Earl's Art House will provide a program featuring self-paced video art lessons for kids ages 8–13. Students will learn to sequence and communicate ideas visually while developing their skills as storytellers through comic creation and guided art activities.

Field Trip Program:

Newtown Connection will provide enriching field trip experiences to Florida Studio Theatre, Bishop Museum of Science and Nature, and TreeUmph!, creating opportunities for learning, exploration, and connection.



Flag Football Program:



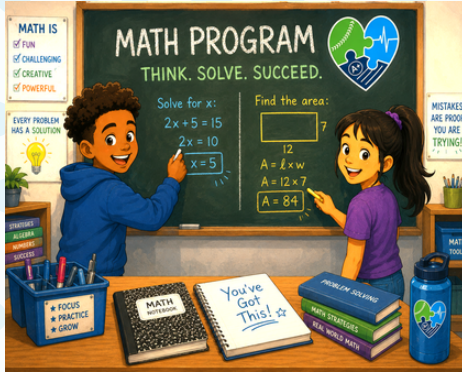
Led by Coach Strong, participants will build flag football skills, teamwork, confidence, and sportsmanship through drills, games, and team challenges.

In partnership with The First Tee Sarasota Manatee, participants will develop important life skills, including confidence, communication, goal setting, perseverance, and self-management.

Golf Program:



Math Program:



Given the success of the Reflex Math program during the past 2 years, where fluency in math increased from 23% to 87%, and the school reaching 'A' Grade status, we are thrilled to be continuing this program in 2026-2027.

Medical Program:

Continuing our relationship with Little Medical School, kids will learn about regions of the brain, the skeletal system and how to take care of injuries



MISS Program:



Marine Science Program: In collaboration with Minorities in Shark Sciences (MISS), this program is designed to increase awareness, access, and representation within marine science fields while exposing students to career pathways in ocean conservation, shark research, and STEM disciplines.

Scholarship Program:

The purpose of this scholarship is to increase access to postsecondary education for two graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated resilience, leadership, and a commitment to their future despite barriers they may have experienced.



Tampa Bay Watch Program:



Members explore Florida's coastal ecosystems through hands-on investigations, microscopy, and specimen dissection while developing observation and critical-thinking skills and learning the importance of protecting natural resources.

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“THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP AS WE CREATE A CULTURE WHERE **SPORTS, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION** INTERSECT. TOGETHER, WE CONTINUE CREATING OPPORTUNITIES THAT EMPOWER AND INSPIRE OUR YOUTH.”

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