



Neighbor by Neighbor

Monthly Newsletter

May 2023



Come to our Founders' Day Gathering on June 17th!!

Please join us for a festive brunch gathering honoring the history of Neighbor by Neighbor. June 17th, from 11 am-1 pm at Prariewood Place, Neighbor by Neighbor will be hosting a brunch to honor individuals and organizations who have had a significant impact on the development of Neighbor by Neighbor. We hope this will be an annual event to honor those who have made NbyN what it is today. This year, we will honor Linnea Berg, The Rev. Paula Durren, the Episcopal Church of the Mediator, and The Pokagon Fund. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased here. Don't Delay, as there is a limited number available for purchase!!

We would also love to say a HUGE thank you to all our current sponsors: Maureen Culp, Alapash New Home, Barb Warren, Rob Gow and Chris Pfauser, Harbert Community Church, Dan and Jeanne Hook, Ron and Hollis Oselka, Bob and Vickie Wagner, Garden Grove Inn, Judy Gadiel, David Walden, Heidi Smith, Cheryl and Mike Ahlert, Ann Goldblatt, Will Schauble (@properties) and Jason Spohn, Jeff and Allison Goldberg, and other valued anonymous donors. We would also love to say a tremendous thank you to our hosts, Gary Allen and Kirk Amptmeyer, for opening their lovely home for the event. Thank you all for supporting your neighbors!!

If you cannot make it but would still like to donate, this would be greatly appreciated, as it will help meet the needs of our struggling neighbors. Our address is P.O. Box 30, Union Pier, Michigan, 49129, if you would like to write a check.

Because we are a 501c3 nonprofit, donations to Neighbor by Neighbor are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Can you help?? We need food!!

With the inflation of food costs, our neighbors are struggling. We are seeing more people than ever before ask for food gift cards and pantry food. While Neighbor by Neighbor wants to be able to fulfill these needs, we rely heavily on donations of pantry food from neighbors like you. That being said, we need more food items for our food pantry here at the office. The following items would be desirable, but we can accept any dry or canned goods:

- Granola Bars
- Cereal
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Mac and Cheese
- Canned Ravioli, Spaghetios, etc.
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned Beans and Chilis
- Canned Soups -- the Campbell's hearty are great for people experiencing homelessness!
- Individually wrapped snacks -- crackers, goldfish, chips, etc.
- Water bottles
- Ramen Noodles
- Cups of Minute Rice
- Peanut Butter

Please consider donating these items to help your neighbors, as food insecurity is great. Please get in touch with our office if you would like to donate at 269-231-0648 or email keri@neighborbyneighbor.org.



Getting Educated: Neighbor by Neighbor and GEDs

Neighbor by Neighbor is thrilled to announce that, in partnership with Michigan Works! And New Buffalo Schools, we are opening a new GED site, which will be housed in the New Buffalo Library. The program is in its early stages, but four participants are already enrolled and taking steps towards a better tomorrow.

The GED program has already been implemented in Galien and is working well, with fourteen students currently enrolled. By expanding to New Buffalo, it makes the program more accessible to residents of our area, and keeps them from having to find the transportation to Benton Harbor. Kip Walker and Liz James are volunteers with Neighbor by Neighbor and are spearheading the program, and are doing a phenomenal job.

Kip says from day one, each potential client can expect the following from the program:

- A GED plan to fit each individual with one-on-one support from teachers and volunteers.
- Each plan is designed so clients can work at their own pace.
- Free laptops, while in the program, which allows clients to study GED materials at home.
- GED support software and workbooks aimed specifically at getting clients ready for each test.

When asked about the program and its expansion to New Buffalo, Kip stated, “This has been an amazing journey, as we have met some incredible clients who are working hard to hold down jobs and work toward a GED in the process. They are an inspiration to us all.” We are so thankful for Kip and Liz and their willingness to help fulfill this vital need in our area.

If you would like more information about the program, you can contact Keri at Neighbor by Neighbor 269-231-0648 or email her at keri@neighborbyneighbor.org.

Our Neighbors are the Best!!

This month at Neighbor by Neighbor, we witnessed many organizations and individuals who came together to help our neighbors. The Marina Grand Hotel brought scones and muffins that we were able to give to many thankful neighbors who often would not buy breakfast treats like these for themselves.

Additionally, we were gifted a freezer by a local community member! Our neighbors have been struggling since the COVID food assistance was cut; for some of our clients, this cut was as much as 75%. We are so excited about having this extra appliance, as it will allow us to store more freezer meals for those in desperate need of food. Thank you to our neighbors for helping your neighbors!



Last Month's Assistance Summary

\$11,515.07 IN CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

56 CLIENTS SERVED

1,403 TOTAL CLIENT COUNT

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