## **Monthly Newsletter**

October 2023

We apologize if some of this information is a repeat for some of you, but we realized that not everyone received the last e-mail communication who was supposed to, and we wanted to give a general update to all of our supporters. Thank you for your understanding!

## What a Night: Meagan McNeal rocks the Acorn!

Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, volunteered at, or donated to our "Do it with Love" fundraiser. The concert and VIP event were both lively opportunities with delicious food and amazing music. Meagan McNeal truly stole the show and we were so grateful to have her as our performer. However, while the event was enjoyable, it is important not to forget the purpose: to raise awareness for the economically disadvantaged neighbors in our community. As Keri mentioned, we have many neighbors struggling to afford what for most of us is a daily necessity. There are transient homeless clients living in a motel on disability that have spent their ENTIRE check on their rent so that they can have a roof over their head. That being said, these people do not have "extra" funds to spend on maintaining their own personal care. One client in particular was putting her newborn baby into dirty onesies because laundry simply "wasn't in the budget" that week. Without assistance, these individuals will continue to struggle to buy groceries, put gas in their car, or get a job – things that people of an average income level do every day.

### So, how can you help?

- Donations are always welcome. Whether it is a one-time donation or you choose to become a monthly sustaining member (someone who regularly donates to Neighbor by Neighbor each month), your support can help a new mother do her laundry or keep a homebound senior citizen warm this winter. You can donate either online at our website <a href="HERE">HERE</a> or mail a check to P.O. Box 30, Union Pier, Michigan 49129.
- If you would rather donate something tangible, you can donate to our food and hygiene pantry. Check out our Amazon Wishlist <u>HERE</u> for ideas of what we need. We are in **DESPERATE** need of toilet paper right now!!

- Volunteer! We are always in need of people to help serve our neighbors.
   There are opportunities for food delivery, home repair, one-on-one relationship building, office organization, etc.
- Spread the Word! Like us on Facebook and Instagram and share our posts with others in the community so that we can serve more of our neighbors in need

Thank you all again for your continued support of our organization. We could not persist in meeting the needs of the most vulnerable without your help. See you all again next year!







# The Holidays are coming at Neighbor by Neighbor!

Candy canes, Santa Claus, Christmas trees, menorahs – it is almost that time of year. For all of us, the Holidays mean extra expenses. We save all year to have enough money to buy the perfect gifts for our cherished family members and spend extra funds to have an extravagant dinner. But what do the Holidays look like for someone in poverty – someone who can barely afford the basic necessities to live their day to day life? It looks like the loving parent, hiding their sobs from their children because they just could not afford that doll or truck that their child wanted. It looks like a family eating warmed ravioli from a can because that is all that they could afford. That being said, Neighbor by Neighbor wants to help remedy this situation and provide a memorable holiday season for our clients. In order to help with this, Neighbor by Neighbor will be having a giving/angel tree this year for the Holiday season. Neighbors in great need will have an "angel" on our tree with their age, clothing sizes, and interests. Those who are interested will then be assigned as many clients as they would like. If you would like to help, please reach out to either Jessica or Meg at

jessica@neighborbyneighbor.org or meg@neighborbyneighbor.org. This way, we

will know to contact you once we get the program started. Thank you all for your continued support of our neighbors.



### Last Month's Assistance Summary

\$14,013.84 IN CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

1,499 TOTAL CLIENT COUNT

To support Neighbor by Neighbor, checks may be written to Neighbor by Neighbor and mailed to P O Box 30, Union Pier, Michigan 49129. To donate online using PayPal, please click the "Donate Now" button, or visit neighborbyneighbor.org/donate. Donations to Neighbor by Neighbor are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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