



Neighbor by Neighbor

Monthly Newsletter

March 2025

GRANOR FARM'S

COMMUNITY BENEFIT DINNER

FOR NEIGHBOR
BY NEIGHBOR

March 20, 2025 @ 6:30PM



You are a Good Neighbor, Granor Farm!

What makes a good neighbor? It might be someone who lets you borrow their lawnmower or waters your plants while you are out of town. It could also be someone who supports your goals and helps you achieve them, just as Granor Farm is doing for Neighbor by Neighbor.

For the second year in a row, Granor Farm is hosting a Community Give Back Dinner to help us support our neighbors in need. Please join us for a delicious evening in Granor's stunning greenhouse on Thursday, March 20th, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM (EST). The night will begin with a brief presentation by our Executive Director, Laura Richards, followed by a gourmet meal prepared by the talented Chef Abra. The dinner will feature many of Granor's organic ingredients, grown right on-site.

Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#) for \$266, which includes all taxes and fees, as well as a \$120 donation to Neighbor by Neighbor. Not only will you enjoy a delicious meal and the chance to connect with your neighbors, but your participation will also make a meaningful impact on those who are struggling in our community.

Speaking of Good Neighbors: Thank you, Bentwood Tavern!

A big, grateful shoutout to Andrew Bell and all of our neighbors at the Bentwood Tavern for hosting the “Love Your Neighbor” Give Back Dinner in February. What a treat it was to feast in their gorgeous facility and meet all of NbyN’s generous attendees! Bentwood’s hospitality allowed us to raise funds well above our goal. The money that Bentwood “gave back” to us could provide 68 days of emergency housing for our homeless neighbors or a full bag of food for 229 people. We cannot thank Bentwood and our attendees enough for their support!



From L to R: Laura Richards - Executive Director, Brian Campbell, Mary Campbell - Accountant, and Andrew Bell from Toast Hotel Group pose for a photo together before dinner.



From L to R: Dominique Armentrout and Marcie Dust - Board Member, socialize together at the meet and greet.

Free Bread Friday!

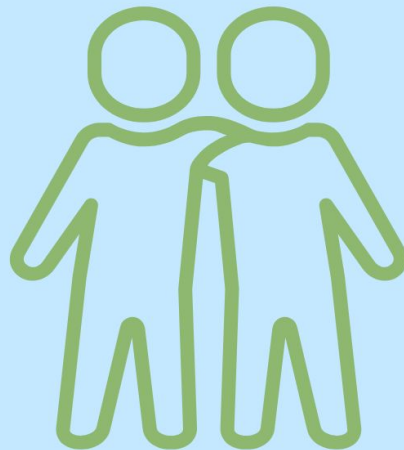
When we provide food to our unhoused clients, it is often something they can eat right out of a can, package, or jar, since many of them don’t have access to cooking appliances. Frequently, we give out jars of peanut butter and jelly, but until recently, we’ve not been able to provide them with bread.

Thanks to a generous, anonymous donor, we will now be receiving 100-200 bags of bread products every Friday. We received our first delivery of rye, white, 15-grain, and strawberry swirl breads, as well as a variety of bagels last Friday. Immediately, we saw the impact of such a kindhearted gift. We were able to distribute the bread to our own clients, as well as share it with other churches and food pantries in our area. This generous donor exemplifies that it takes all of us coming together to help our neighbors in need. Thank you, neighbor, for doing your part to help those who are facing adversity in our community.



I Am Your Neighbor: a story from the neighborhood

I am your neighbor



Last week, we received a call from a local mother in a panic. Her family had no running water due to an issue with the pipes in their home. In an effort to save money, they tried to fix the problem themselves, but it resulted in a clogged drainage system. We contacted a local repairman and asked him to assess the situation and provide an estimate as quickly as possible. We could not imagine the health hazard that non-working drains would present, and we were also concerned that the estimate and work would take a week or more to complete.

The local repairman jumped on the task and went to the home right away. When he arrived to assess the issue, he was so moved by their situation that he immediately fixed all of the drains on the spot. He couldn't bear the thought of this family living in those conditions any longer.

This story perfectly exemplifies NbyN's mission, but it also highlights the importance of working together to solve a problem. To serve the community and help alleviate poverty in Southwest Berrien County, it truly takes all of us coming together. Thank you, repairman! We appreciate your generous heart!

Welcome, Allyson!

We are excited to have hired a new team member as our new Case Management Assistant!

Allyson obtained their Bachelor's degree in Psychology, English, and Anthropology from Albion College and earned their Master's degree in Social Science from The University of Chicago. They formerly worked as a Graduate Researcher at The University of Chicago studying the interdisciplinary lived experiences of vulnerable populations. In their free time, Allyson volunteers at a local organic farm and pursues their hobbies in mounted archery, blacksmithing, writing, and the fine arts.

Allyson will be working alongside our Social Worker to provide case management for our clients as both the need and our client base continue to grow. Additionally, they will be sourcing and writing grants to boost NbyN's funding streams so that we have enough money to continue meeting the growing demand. We are so happy to have Allyson with us and hope you get to meet them soon!



From L to R: Jessica - social worker, Michael - AmeriCorps Member, Allyson - case management assistant, Meg- service and communications coordinator, and Mary - accountant.

Neighbor by Neighbor Upcoming Events

March 13 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM EST): Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency will deliver boxes of canned goods to Neighbor by Neighbor, which we will then distribute to our senior neighbors. This happens once a month. If you're not already participating in this program, give us a call! If you're interested in becoming a volunteer to help deliver boxes, please contact Allegra at the email address above. Please note that the boxes are quite heavy (approximately 40 lbs), so this opportunity is not suitable for individuals with lifting restrictions.

March 16 (12:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST): David's Deli is hosting their 15th Annual Corned Beef-Off! Celebrate St. Patrick's Day early and enjoy some delicious traditional Irish fare. Tickets are \$25, and all proceeds will benefit Neighbor by Neighbor.

March 20 (6:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST): Granor Farm's Community Benefit Dinner. Join us for an evening of top-tier gourmet food, mingling, and a short presentation by Neighbor by Neighbor Executive Director, Laura Richards. See the section above for more details.

March 26 (2:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST): MI Works is coming to our office to work with our

neighbors in need. MI Works is a local organization that helps individuals with job assistance and can aid with resume building, interview skills, job searching, and more!

March 28 (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST): A representative from the Area Agency on Aging will be at the Neighbor by Neighbor office. The Area Agency on Aging is an excellent organization that supports our aging and disabled neighbors with essential services such as home-delivered meals, in-home caregivers, and respite care for elderly caregivers. They also offer opportunities to connect with the community through volunteer work, employment, support groups, and more.

April 28 (12:00 PM - 9:00 PM EST): Sonny D's Give Back Day. Skip cooking dinner (or lunch) and support Neighbor by Neighbor! From noon to 9:00 PM (EST), 15% of all food and drink purchased at Sonny D's will be donated to NbyN. Their mouthwatering menu ranges from juicy burgers to fresh seafood, and their signature cocktails will make you want to clink glasses. Mark your calendars, and we hope to see you there! Additionally, Sonny D's will create a Signature Drink, and when purchased in the month of April, 15% of the proceeds will go to NbyN.

Last Month's Assistance Summary

\$17,200.87 IN CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

11 NEW CLIENTS SERVED

117 FOOD AND HYGIENE BAGS GIVEN

1,835 TOTAL CLIENT COUNT

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