

# Neighbors News

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## *AFSME—What a Great Neighbor!*

The summer of 2014 will not go down in the annals of history as a particularly good for thousands of families in northern Dakota County who are still feeling the effects of the 2008-2009 recession. But it got infinitely worse for hundreds of families when Dakota Premium Foods abruptly shuttered its packing plant on Concord Blvd. in South St. Paul, followed closely by the announcement that Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc. would close the Rainbow store on South Robert Street in West St. Paul.

For those people at Neighbors who were involved when the organization was begun in 1972 it must seem like "déjà vu all over again."

Neighbors was born out of the economic crisis that was created by the closing of two large packing plants in South St. Paul that served as an economic engine for the entire region. Now, 42 years later, the closing of two food-related businesses, while not the same magnitude of the shutdown of the Swift and Armour plants, is once again creating crisis for hundreds of families.

Fortunately, our friends at the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in Minnesota have not forgotten these people who have been thrust onto the unemployment lines or their families.

The state headquarters for AFSCME is on Hardman Avenue in South St. Paul, about a mile from the Neighbors building on Grand Ave. W. In August a representative from AFSCME called to tell us that the 2014 AFSCME State Convention would be held in Bloomington in September; that the organizing committee had decided to ask its members from throughout the state to consider donating food and money, which would be collected on the first day of the convention and given to a local food shelf. And to ask Neighbors if we would be willing to receive the food and money that was collected.

They went on to say that we had been selected, in part, because of the help we were providing to the employees of Dakota Premium Foods and the help we would be providing to employees of the Rainbow store.

AFSCME's 2013 convention had been held in Duluth and the organizing committee had put together a food and fund drive to benefit a local food shelf in Duluth. It was their first effort at doing something like this, it had proven successful and a popular activity for the AFSCME locals from throughout the state, and they hoped to build on last year's success.

And build they did!

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*With the help of its  
volunteers,  
Neighbors, Inc. will  
strive to reduce  
poverty, promote  
self sufficiency and  
build community.*



What an amazing experience it was to sit on the stage and watch as first the president of the State AFSCME organization came to the microphone and announced a gift to Neighbors in support of the food shelf, and then representatives of AFSCME locals from all over the state followed suit, coming to the microphone to announce their local organization's gift. The parade of local officials went on for several minutes! And while this was going on, members of the organizing committee passed boxes through the audience of several hundred participants and took up an additional collection of cash and checks that totaled another several thousand dollars.

Checks trickled in from AFSCME locals for several weeks following the convention, but when all was said and done we have received about 500 pounds of food and more than \$10,754.63 in funding. We at Neighbors were humbled, and very grateful, for this show of support from our friends at AFSCME.

John Kemp, Executive Director

## Neighbors Receives National Recognition



We are pleased to announce that Neighbors, Inc. has been awarded a Blue Ribbon Service Enterprise certification by Points of Light Foundation.

With this certification, Neighbors, Inc. becomes one of the

first organizations in the United States to be recognized as a Service Enterprise by Points of Light, the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service. A Service Enterprise fundamentally leverages volunteers and their skills to successfully deliver on the social mission of their organizations.

Research conducted by the TCC Group, a national program and evaluation firm, found that organizations

operating as Service Enterprises outperform peer organizations on all aspects of organizational effectiveness, and are more adaptable, sustainable and capable of scaling their work through effective volunteer engagement. Furthermore, Neighbors, Inc. is the first Blue Ribbon certified Service Enterprise in the State of Minnesota, scoring in the top 1 percent nationally of more than 330 organizations.

Neighbors, Inc. completed an extensive assessment, training/consulting, and certification process that led to this recognition. By achieving this level of excellence and certification, Neighbors, Inc. is now better equipped to leverage the time and talent of volunteers in building its organizational capacity.

For more information regarding volunteer opportunities with Neighbors, Inc., please visit [www.neighborsmn.org](http://www.neighborsmn.org). For further information regarding the Service Enterprise Initiative, please visit [www.pointsoflight.org](http://www.pointsoflight.org).

## Recycling Reusable Bags

**Are you trying to go green? Do you have a pile of those reusable cloth or woven plastic bags that you always forget to bring to the store? Neighbors would like to help you out! Bring them to the Food Shelf and we will reuse them to pack meat for our larger families and to pack groceries if a client is walking or taking the bus. Our only request is that the bags be clean as we are packing food in them. Let's reuse and recycle together!**

# More Hands Make Light Work



*3M Renewable Energy Division committed to volunteering on five separate occasions this year. In September they sorted more than 3000 pounds of food in one afternoon!*

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3M Each year Neighbors receives the support of workplaces and community groups seeking ways to serve their time to help others in need. Hundreds of these volunteers served 4,000 hours on one-time projects around Neighbors. We would like to extend our gratitude to those groups that have helped us accomplish so much in 2014:

3M	King of Kings Lutheran Church	St. George Antiochian
Affinity Plus Credit Union	Live Out Loud	Orthodox Church
AmeriCorps InterCorps Council	Lofton Label	St. John Vianney Catholic Church
Anchor Bank	Luther Memorial Lutheran Church	St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Apple Valley High School	MidCountry Bank	St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Augsburg College	Open Systems Technologies	St. Paul Jewish Community
Augustana Lutheran Church	Opportunity Partners	Center
Bethesda Lutheran Church	Packer Pad Youth Group	St. Paul Regional Labor
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	Post Office Band	Federation
Boy Scout Troop #248	ProAct	St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Boy Scout Troop #95	River Heights Vineyard Church	St. Richard's Catholic Church
Branch Out	Red Hat Society of	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Brian Moore Band	Inver Grove Heights	Guild Incorporated
Central Bank	Regalo International	The Saint Paul Hotel
City Playmates	Riverview Baptist Church	Thomson Reuters
Clark Memorial United Church	Saint Paul Public Schools	US Bank
of Christ	Foundation	Visitation Swim Team
Community of Saints Regional	Saint Paul's Outreach	Vivint
Catholic School	Simley High School	Waterous
Custom Cut	South St Paul - Inver Grove Heights	West St Paul - Mendota Heights
District 6 Leadership Group	Rotary Club	Rotary Club
Faith United Methodist Church	SpartanNash	
Fashion Show Group	St. Catherine University	



## Love Your Neighbor is in the Air

School has started, days are shorter, nights are cooler and the “Love Your Neighbor” holiday program is gearing up. Generous donors like you make it possible!

A group of young boys, calculators in hand, were spotted shopping for toys to donate. “What about this?” “Too expensive,” could be heard as the boys worked their calculators. Pretty hilarious and totally heartwarming, and we are guessing the group of parents watching from the end of the aisle felt the same way!

Bargain hunters delight in those deals too good to pass up! One of those bargain hunters brought in a bag of basketballs last year. She bought them as possible family gifts, but thought maybe the Neighbors holiday program could use them more. Oh boy could we! Sports equipment and team clothing are always popular items with the older kids.

A mother and daughter volunteering at Neighbors wanted to bring in a toy donation and asked for suggestions. We mentioned items for older kids, including art supplies. It turned out the daughter was a budding artist and a few days later returned with some amazing art supplies. Who knew there was such a thing as triangle markers?!

The number of children served through our “Love Your Neighbor” program has more than doubled in the last few years, making it very hard for our volunteers to make our resources stretch far enough to serve these children. Last year “Love Your Neighbor”

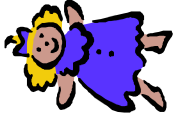
served nearly 1,700 children. We couldn’t have done it without the generous support of hundreds of families, businesses and organizations that contributed gifts.

It’s difficult to comprehend the amount of “gifts” that is distributed each year. Think of it this way; if we serve 1,700 children and our optimal goal is to make sure each child has just five pairs of underpants that means we need 8,500 pairs, both boys and girls, in every size imaginable. And that’s just underwear! We are very much in need of toys, gifts, games, clothing, athletic equipment; gifts that would be prized by infants, elementary age children, and teenagers alike.

If you have adopted families through our “Adopt-A-Family” program, or if you have donated items to our “Love Your Neighbor” program, “Thank you.” We hope you will be willing to continue helping as long as there is need in our community.

If you haven’t participated in one or both of these programs before, we hope you’ll consider doing so this year. It’s a wonderful tool for helping teach our children and grandchildren about generosity and a kind spirit. But it is also immensely gratifying to know that you’ve helped make someone else’s life a little brighter at Christmas.

Sandy, Co-Chair of Toys





# Getting Ready for the Season of Giving at Neighbors



# Santa's Helpers Back on the Job

*To give and then not feel that one has given is the very best of all ways of giving.*

Max Beerbohm

This quote best describes our friends who stop by Neighbors this time of year – they come toting gifts to drop off at “Love Your Neighbor” – a toy, a book, warm mittens, a game for little ones, gift certificates, gloves, toiletries, more books and games for teens. To our delight, each donor comes with a broad smile that infuses the gift itself.

Santa's helpers (our holiday program volunteers) welcome the donors – and the gifts – then begin the many tasks that assure that each gift reaches just the right child, teen and senior. Volunteers sort the donated gifts by age, gender and other variables. Then they gather the perfect stash of presents for each individual and family. The treasures are labeled, sorted, and secured in a special spot until the happy day the gift will make its way to its intended receiver.

Also, there is the “Adopt a Family/Senior” program. In this program, a person, family, business or organization “adopts” one or more families or seniors. Neighbors provides them with the first names and ages of each member of the family, along with a list of needs and hoped-for gifts for each. The adopters shop for each family member, wrap and label the gifts and brings everything back to Neighbors. We contact the family and they come and pick up their gift package. The joy on the faces of parents when they pick up their packages makes all the work worthwhile for everyone who works in the program. The program gives parents the gift of knowing that their children will be able to celebrate Christmas the same way their friends will be celebrating. If you are interested in adopting a family or a senior, please contact Ardy at 651-306-2152 or via email at ardy@neighborsmn.org.



## Welcome Kazoua

My name is Kazoua Yang. I am the new AmeriCorps – Talent Engagement Coordinator. I will be working with David to enhance the volunteer program. My task this year is to create new and ongoing partnerships, develop and implement new volunteer recognition tools, create successful open house events, and create monthly workshops for staff and volunteers.

# Bright Holiday Covers

With the cool weather and the invasion of holiday gear – if not cheer – our collective thoughts do turn to sharing the joy of the seasons to come. At Neighbors, some of our first thoughts are of toys – games, balls, books, things that flash in the night, baby dolls and princesses. Hold that thought!

The next image that comes to mind is clothes for kids – warm hats and mittens, socks, PJs, underwear, pink ruffles or Spiderman anything. Hold that thought too!

## Dial-a-Ride

We've talked about gifts, but we ask you also to think about the gift of time. Neighbors has a Dial-a-Ride program for which we always need volunteer drivers. These rides are for medical appointments for people who are temporarily or permanently unable to drive themselves – and for whom public transit is not an option. Neighbors matches willing volunteer drivers with people in our community in need – and both of them make a friend. For some of our drivers the relationship between driver and passenger has become a long-term friendship – in fact, one Christmas a passenger invited her several champion drivers for a holiday party at her home. Through the support of Dakota County, Neighbors is able to reimburse drivers for mileage.

## Daily Check-In

Neighbors also has a Daily Check-In program, an option if you would like to work from home and would enjoy a brief chat with homebound neighbors. You set up a time that you'll call to check on things like whether or not your tele-friend has taken the day's meds; has a medical or other appointment that day; is feeling up to par; and would enjoy some conversation, maybe a chat about the headlines, like the Vikings, the weather or the election. Often a homebound person just needs someone with whom to talk for a few moments. For them, these few moments become the highlight of their day.

## Come As You Are

Another Neighbors project for which volunteers are always welcome is the "Come As You Are" program, a monthly evening of fun, treats, games and entertainment designed just for neighbors with physical and mental challenges. The monthly social gatherings draw as many

as 160 attendees, so volunteers are always needed to help with serving, aiding guests, and entertaining. First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul generously provides space for the events.

On a day-to-day basis it is volunteers from the community who carry a heavy load of the behind-the-scene operations – volunteers help Food Shelf shoppers, pick up donations, stock the shelves, and keep the Food Shelf operating efficiently. The Clothes Closet runs entirely on the contributed time of volunteers, as well as volunteer staffers who answer the phones, staff the front desk, welcome and check in clients. We couldn't help as many people as we do without our volunteers.

The gift of time doesn't come wrapped in bright holiday covers, but it lasts throughout the year. If you're interested in knowing more, call Neighbors at (651) 455-5000 or check the website ([www.neighborsmn.org](http://www.neighborsmn.org)) for more descriptions of the many service options we are eager to share!



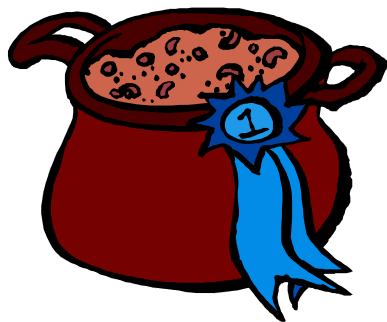
At Neighbors Inc. we give a cheer  
To each and every volunteer!  
Because you're here things just go right  
Mornings, weekends, day and night.

You greet the clients, stock the shelves  
You never think about yourselves  
You send out notes and answer phones  
And do so in the gentlest tones.

You manage mailings, offer lifts  
At Christmas time you sort the gifts  
Without your time and generous deeds  
There's no way we could meet the needs.

We shout it out so all can hear it  
It's volunteers who lend the spirit  
And so we pause and warmly say  
We thank you now and every day!





## Prize-Winning Chili

On Friday, October 10, the 4th Annual Neighbors Chili Cook-off to benefit the United Way was held. Roughly 25 people were there to taste the 13 different pots of chili. The flavors ranged from BBQ chili, white chicken chili, many traditional chilies and pumpkin chili, to our winner: Slow Cooker Tuscan Chili. The winner was made by Gayle Cedergren, one of Neighbor's front desk volunteers. The recipe is included below.

### Slow-Cooker Tuscan Chili

1 pound of Italian sausage  
1 chopped onion  
1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 each - green and yellow peppers, chopped  
1 6 oz. can tomato paste  
1 can (15 oz.) cannellini beans, drained  
½ tsp dried basil leaves  
½ tsp dried oregano leaves  
1-½ cups shredded Italian Five Cheese blend

Crumble sausage into a large skillet. Add onions. Cook until sausage is browned, stirring frequently. Drain. Transfer to slow cooker. Add tomatoes, peppers and tomato paste; mix well. Stir in beans and cover with the lid. Cook on **LOW** for 3 ½ to 4 hours (or on **HIGH** 2 ½ to 3 hours). Ten minutes before serving, stir in the dried herbs. Cook an additional 10 minutes. Stir and serve with the shredded cheese.

Shari Hanson

## Food Shelf Needs:

Yes, we need the things we always need—Pancake Mix, Tuna, and Peanut Butter. Lately, however, we have run low on a number of items that we used to always have around. Please consider donating Rice, Jelly, and Cereal if you are shopping for the food shelf. As always, we can still use anything you'd like to donate, even if it is not one of these items. Thanks very much for your generous support! If you would like to receive the monthly email update of needed food shelf items, please email Scott at [scott@neighborsmn.org](mailto:scott@neighborsmn.org).

### Client stories:

Dirk is excited because tomorrow he starts a new job doing meat processing. It is a temporary job, but he is hoping it will become a regular full time job.

Carol is here for the first time to shop for her family of five. She was excited to see that we offer sweet potatoes. She is from Puebla, Mexico, where the people are often referred to as *camoteros*, or "sweet potato eaters."

### Donor story:

I opened the donation delivery door to find a small pack of Girl Scouts, each carrying a large box of cookies to donate. We weighed in their donation, along with a check for \$20, as the mom who was with them encouraged one of them to fill out the receipt with their address. All of them were shy and quiet, but as they were walking away I heard one of the girls say to another one excitedly, "That was fantastic!" It's always good to see kids experiencing the joy of helping others.

A six-year-old boy stopped by with his mom and a four-pack of macaroni and cheese. He stood there shyly while she explained that he had been saving up his money for four months so he could buy the macaroni and cheese to donate to the food shelf. He has now joined our volunteer ranks, and he loves to stock shelves and bag fruit with his mom.



## Welcome New Volunteers

Neighbors would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest volunteers. These volunteers have joined us on a long-term basis. Be sure to give a friendly “Hi!” and introduce yourself if you see them around.

<b>Come As You Are</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Front Desk</b>
Anne Cade	Gaolee Vang	Sianeh Flomo
Julie Farrow	Ong Vang	
	Pa Chia Vang	<b>Dial-A-Ride</b>
<b>Clothes Closet</b>		Meghan
Monica Johnson	<b>Food Shelf</b>	Wetteland
(Food Shelf too!)	Krista Abramson	
Chris Klein	Micaiah	<b>Volunteer</b>
Shelby Lavacot	Abramson	<b>Programs</b>
	Ekaterina Ivkina	<b>Department</b>
<b>Donation Rescue</b>	Gabriel Villanueva	Akhokem Amin
Amy Lovgren		

## Attention All Green Thumbs!

Thank you to everyone who brought in produce from their garden this summer! Churches, individuals, universities, and community gardens brought in a total of 4,220 pounds of fresh produce this year! That goes a very long way, and the veggies were great quality, too! We also received 2,861 pounds through our partnerships with the Farmer’s Markets in South Saint Paul, West Saint Paul, and Inver Grove Heights. These numbers are accurate as of “press time” and will likely be a little more, as we still have some crops coming in. Thank you to all the growers, and all the volunteers who brought in the harvest to Neighbors!

## Mark Your Calendar



### Walk to End Hunger— Thursday, November 27

Hunger is a serious issue in the Twin Cities. Neighbors is proud to be a partner member of the Walk to End Hunger, a collaboration of hunger relief organizations who are raising awareness about hunger issues. It’s hard to imagine, as we dream of a delicious Thanksgiving meal with turkey and all the trimmings, that there are so many who will go hungry instead. At Neighbors, the need for assistance in the Food Shelf continues to rise. In July, Neighbors had a record-breaking month of service in the food shelf with more than 600 families receiving food.



We need your help! Take a stand against hunger and walk with us on Thanksgiving morning. You can make it a family affair or sign-up as an individual walker. Everyone counts in this fight against hunger. For more information, call Heidi at (651) 306-2154 or register online at:

[www.walktoendhunger.org](http://www.walktoendhunger.org).



### It’s A Wonderful Life - a Live Radio Play—Wednesday, December 10

Kick off your holiday season with a classic! Join us at the historic Saint Paul Hotel on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. for a special performance of “It’s A Wonderful Life - a Live Radio Play.” As part of the live audience, you’ll be transported to the 1940s where the cast, including Phil Callen and Jim Cunningham, will re-create a radio broadcast, sound effects and all! Whether this is your first time or you’ve chosen to make this an annual tradition, this timeless tale will remind you to count your blessings during the busy hustle and bustle of the holidays. Tickets are \$25 each and are available for purchase online at: [www.neighborsmn.org/event/its-a-wonderful-life](http://www.neighborsmn.org/event/its-a-wonderful-life). Group discounts available. All proceeds go to benefit Neighbors, Inc.



## *Remember the "Good Old Days" When Neighbors Helped Each Other Out? They Still Do!*

Are you looking for a positive way to spend your time, meet other goodhearted people, and help a neighbor in need? Have you considered volunteering at Neighbors? There are many opportunities that can use your unique interests and talents.

### **Do you enjoy driving?**

Volunteer drivers are needed to take neighbors to their local medical or dental appointments. Rides are scheduled in advance on weekdays based on the volunteer's availability. As a volunteer driver you will make a difference in the life of a neighbor who does not have access to reliable transportation. Mileage reimbursement is available.

### **Help feed your hungry neighbors!**

Neighbors relies on the generosity of the community to deliver services to people in need. We are grateful to the many local businesses that donate thousands of pounds of food daily to the food shelf. This allows us to keep up with the more than 500 families that need food support each month. Neighbors needs volunteers to help us pick up those donations so we can get it to the food shelf and pass it out to families. As a volunteer, you can help stretch the dollar of a family in need. This opportunity is perfect for a church, workplace, or other group looking to make a difference in the community by adopting a regular pick up location for the week. Individual volunteers are also welcome to sign up and help. Current pick up locations include:

- Monday around 7:30 a.m. at Cub on S. Robert St. in West St. Paul
- Monday around 9:00 a.m. at Walmart on S. Robert St. in West St. Paul
- Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday around 1:00 p.m. at Dakota Woodlands in Eagan
- Monday, and/or Thursday around 10:00 a.m. at Kwik Trip in Eagan and/or Oakdale
- Other short notice or on-call pick-ups are also available during the week for those looking for more flexible opportunities.

The morning shift is a great opportunity for volunteers looking to get up, get out, and help others—and all before lunchtime!

To learn more about other ways to volunteer or to sign up for the opportunities listed above, contact David Miller, Director of Volunteer Programs, at 651-306-2145 or [volunteer@neighborsmn.org](mailto:volunteer@neighborsmn.org).

## *Give to the Max Day—November 13*

Mark your calendars! Thursday, November 13 is “Give to the Max Day” - an on-line giving campaign for Minnesota non-profit agencies and schools. We would be delighted if you chose to give to Neighbors. Here is how you can find out more information and donate: <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Neighbors>.

# Neighbors Historian

The Minnesota Historical Society Legacy Grant program has awarded Neighbors a generous grant to explore the story of Neighbors, Inc. The title of the grant is “Where There is Hope: The People of Northern Dakota County Create a Community of Care.”

We are eager to gather personal memories, photos, and memorabilia that tell the story of Neighbors forty-plus years. No story is too old or too marginal; no photo, clipping, newsletter or bit of memorabilia is too small.

We want to preserve and tell the story of all the people who have worked over the decades to build this essential community resource. We also want to share the stories of individuals and families whose lives have been touched by Neighbors.

Please contact Mary Treacy at [mtreacy@onvoymail.com](mailto:mtreacy@onvoymail.com) or (612) 703-3290.

## Cross Training Program for Volunteers

Have you always wanted to learn about the different volunteer programs we offer at Neighbors, Inc.? Now is your chance to try them out. We are offering a new Cross Training program for current and new volunteers. The cross training program is a way for volunteers to experience all the other volunteer opportunities that Neighbors offer. Every month a program will be featured and if you are interested you can sign up to try out a different program. The programs we are highlighting in the coming months:

- **October** - Dial-A-Ride (ride along with a volunteer and take clients to medical/dental appointments)
- **November** - Food Distribution (directly pass out supplemental food boxes to families in need of help)
- **December** - Holiday Program (sort and organize toy and clothing donations for families needing assistance over the holidays)
- **January** - Dial-A-Ride (ride along with a volunteer and take clients to medical/dental appointments)

To learn more or to sign up, please contact Kazoua Yang at 651-272-1133 or [kazoua@neighborsmn.org](mailto:kazoua@neighborsmn.org).



*Thanks to everyone who helped make the  
Great Neighbors' Duck Race a success  
again this year!*



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