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Neighbors Receives South St. Paul / Inver Grove Heights Rotary Club's 2022 SOHR Award

At their annual club banquet on May 5, 2022, the South St. Paul / Inver Grove Heights Rotary Club recognized Neighbors, Inc. with the Service to Others Humanitarian Recognition award. Former South St. Paul Mayor and current Neighbors Board Chair Beth Baumann presented the award. Here is a portion of her presentation:

Neighbors has affected the lives of hundreds of thousands of people throughout its history. Their core values of respect, generosity and inclusion are lived out every day as they serve people from throughout northern Dakota County with compassion.

Neighbors has and continues to passionately serve the community. Tens of thousands of volunteers and donors have given generously in service and support of their neighbors in need. Their dedication and commitment are the reason Neighbors is still here today and will continue to be here for many years to come.

Founded by neighbors for neighbors, Neighbors has been a force for good for a half century. Providing opportunities for their neighbors to thrive by connecting volunteers to people in need is more than a mission. It is their north star.

Neighbors is a trusted institution that stewards community resources for those in need. We can think of no greater honor than for the Rotary Club of South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights to recognize Neighbors (and the community it serves and represents) with the 2022 award. Congratulations!



New Saturday Hours

Neighbors is now open the third Saturday of each month. On these days, the Clothes Closet Thrift Store is open to the public from 9 a.m. until noon and offers a special 50% off sale on all clothing. The Food Shelf also holds a free food distribution for people in need from 10 a.m. until noon.

Food Shelf Need Growing

Many people are asking if Neighbors has noticed an impact from the recent inflation. Comparing the first four months of 2021 to the first four months of 2022, we have seen an average of 150 more households per month.

Your donation of food or funds can help us meet this growing need. Standard items needed include:

- **Breakfast** items such as hot and cold cereal, pancakes and syrup, oatmeal and granola bars
- **“Super Foods”** such as dried beans, canned beans, peanut butter and canned meat
- **Personal care** items such as tampons, pads, soap, shampoo, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and laundry detergent
- **Cooking and baking** supplies such as oil, flour, sugar, baking mixes, seasonings and spices
- **Baby** items such as diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and baby wipes



Donation of a variety of breakfast items.



Community Support Remains Strong During Annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

During another challenging year, our neighbors and supporters came through for us once again. We received over 355,000 pounds/dollars from our generous community and we are so grateful. Every day you help us help our neighbors who are struggling. Thank you for supporting us for 50 years and counting!



Donation drive-thru event in West St. Paul.



South St. Paul's "55075" food drive donation collection event.



Student food drive at Somerset Elementary.

National Volunteer Week Celebration at Neighbors



Neighbors is grateful to all of the individuals who give of their time and talents to volunteer throughout our programs and services. To recognize and say thank you for their dedication to our mission, Neighbors distributed special t-shirts and other treats to volunteers during National Volunteer Week April 18-22 and ended the week with a tie-dye party and refreshments. It was a wonderful time for volunteers to get together to have fun and to socialize. Thank you, volunteers, for all you do to support your neighbors in need!



Above: Volunteers in the Food Shelf show-off their new “I love Neighbors” t-shirts.

Below: Volunteers at our t-shirt tie-dye party!



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Money Milestones

Each stage of life offers new opportunities to learn about money. Our Financial Empowerment counselors work with a variety of people in our community, including new graduates, growing families, recent retirees, people starting a new job and even families sending their youngest child to kindergarten. At each of these stages, plans for income, saving and spending change.

Recently, we assisted a couple with a new baby on the way in setting up a debt payment plan for some outstanding medical bills. The family was able to qualify for public benefits and temporarily increase their income through the gig economy. These proactive changes helped prevent them from being sent to collections and will make for an easier transition into parenthood.

If you would like to set-up an appointment to meet with one of our counselors about your financial well-being, call us at 651-455-5000 or visit: neighborsmn.org/services/financial-empowerment.

NEW Financial Empowerment Center Opening this Summer

During the past couple of years, Neighbors has been making improvements to its physical space to better meet the needs of our community. Thanks to generous support from the South St. Paul Lions Club, we will be transforming our lobby and welcome center area into a Financial Empowerment Center.

The Center will be a space for our clients to work on improving their financial well-being. The Center will include access to technology and business tools as well as highly trained facilitators.

We look forward to opening the new Financial Empowerment Center sometime in July.

Mailing List Updates

Neighbors News is a publication of Neighbors, Inc. If you have any changes to your mailing address or wish to be removed from the list, please call 651-306-2149 or email info@neighborsmn.org. Neighbors does not sell our mailing list to anyone.

Monthly E-Newsletter

Sign-up for our monthly e-news blast! Keep in touch with what is happening at Neighbors each month. To subscribe, visit: neighborsmn.org/email-updates.

Alumni News

Calling all Alumni Volunteers—we'd like to hear from you! We want to stay connected, so if you have recently moved, please let us know. Email us at: info@neighborsmn.org. We'd love to keep in touch!

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You are Invited to Our 50th Anniversary Celebration



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Friday, September 16 // 4PM—7PM

Live Music, Food & Drinks

Saturday, September 17 // 10AM—3PM

Family Fun Day Activities

Our generous community has supported Neighbors since the beginning in 1972, so let's gather together to celebrate! The staff and board of directors invite you to commemorate our milestone anniversary together. For more information about our anniversary celebration events, Neighbors' history or opportunities to get involved, visit: neighborsmn.org/50th-anniversary

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