



# NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

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## Work in Progress Update

These are really amazing days at The Neighborhood Center. It has been over a year in our new home. You would think we would get used to it, but how do you get used to a miracle... a permanent home where lives can be transformed.



Can I help you picture a week around here ...

On Monday night about 400 kids show up



and take over the place - the neighborhood comes alive. From every block surrounding

the center, children grades K-6, are walking to church. Cars, buses and vans are coming from every direction and the activity increases into the night



then ... it's Tuesday night and it all happens again on a smaller scale (grades 7 & 8) ... and

then again on Wednesday night for high school,

- Thursday is for Moms Place and parenting classes
- Friday we are privileged to host the International House of Prayer, who often take the worship outside.



Daytimes are pretty astounding too ... parents of our program kids are everywhere ... taking care of The Center. Once we decided to "give Christmas back to the parents", a volunteer program was kicked off



and continues year round, earning parents' vouchers. The food bank's morning devotion has a weekly attendance

of folks that came for food one Friday, and now come back every Friday morning for "Friday church".

Thursday mornings the preschoolers of



"Moms Place" moms come for school ... while some of the moms are in sewing class.

The weekends are filled with non-stop activity



... lately our Saturdays have been filled with prayer walks, education

extravaganzas with science, math and drama, Thank you dinners for volunteers and trainings for summer.

Sundays are for The Church at The Neighborhood Center, both Spanish



and English services (*Easter was great!*). This past month there were two weddings

and this week, a young man who grew up in the ministry will have his funeral at The Center.

Probably one of the greatest gifts is the power of presence. Kids who grew up in the



ministries here and are now grown somehow find their way back.

Almost every week we get to re-impact someone who was connected in the past. In addition, a permanent location allows new dreams to be imagined and birthed. This community Center is filled with the community.

Did you picture this when you invested in the work of Neighborhood Ministries? You helped us begin to build this Neighborhood Center, while God was leading us all to build lives. Every month, from this letter on, we will update you on one of the programs of



Neighborhood Ministries. We want to work really hard to keep you updated. We need you! Your praying, caring and supporting

of this place has a lasting influence. Please take a minute to fill out the enclosed card and let us know how you would like to continue participating in the work in progress...God transforming lives.

God Bless you dear friends.

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