

Work in Progress Update

April 1, 2005

Dear Friends:

God has blessed us with an amazing group of people who serve this mission!

Two weeks ago, our staff and board of directors joined together for a retreat. We came together to take another major step toward the completion of our strategic plan (the "Road Map" in our language). This was the first time that both groups, staff and board, have spent an extended period of time together away from the day to day activities of The Neighborhood Center. Everyone was excited to have time for planning, sharing brainstorming, problem-solving, and praying.



Our facilitator at the retreat told the whole group, "This group knows and understands their mission better than any organization or group of people that I know." She has observed us closely over the last few months leading up to the retreat and helped us prepare a plan for the next few years.

We have also been tremendously blessed by the volunteers and friends who put together our 2nd annual Neighborhood Ministries Golf Classic. A group of men in a Bible study out in Fountain Hills decided to raise money to send our 4th-6th graders to summer camp a few years ago. This year's event will send over 65 young people to camp and help us with other summer activities! These men, along with many of their wives and friends who helped with the tournament, are actually providing a way for God to transform the lives of children through this charity golf event.

We're very grateful for our staff, our board of directors, and for all the volunteers willing to "be the presence of Jesus" in our city.


Kit Danley
President


Richard Speck
Executive Director

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Job Readiness Workshop: April 2
 - ◆ Phoenix Urban Leaders: April 21
 - ◆ Spring Parents' Store: April 23
 - ◆ Kids Life Volunteer Appreciation Night - April 29
 - ◆ May 2-6 End of Spring evening programs
 - ◆ May 2 Moms Place Graduation
 - ◆ May 26 Summer Internship begins
- www.neighborhoodministries.org or
602-252-5225 for details

