GOOD NEIGHBORS PROGRAM

Resource Guides

NEIGHBORS BUILDING *Neighborhoods*

CREATING NEIGHBORHOODS OF CHOICE

Ideas for Neighborhood Projects and Activities

- Create a directory of names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of neighborhood residents and provide a copy to everyone in the neighborhood.
- Organize a Friday night barbecue.
- Adopt a local park, do a clean-up and plant and maintain a flower bed.
- Have a pancake breakfast fundraiser.
- If there are elderly residents in your neighborhood, set up a group of volunteers to visit them around holidays or other times of the year. Include a small basket of goodies to leave as a reminder of your visit.
- Organize a holiday house decorating contest.
- Establish a service exchange such as teaching a particular skill, child care, home repair, gardening, auto maintenance, etc.
- Hold an outdoor concert or performance.
- Create a "helping neighbor" committee to assist residents that are unable to keep up with some of their property maintenance. It is amazing how fast a group of volunteers can fix a fence, put up storm windows, or even paint a house.
- Have a progressive dinner.
- Conduct home improvement demonstrations - wallpapering, stenciling, house painting, tile laying, landscaping, etc.

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- Organize a neighborhood garage sale.
- Have neighborhood festivals, block parties, art & craft exhibits, face painting for children, hot dog and drink sales, games, etc.
- Have an ice cream social.
- Start a neighborhood Watch - organize the community by groups to have neighbors get acquainted, discuss common problems, and help protect their neighborhood by being aware of unusual or suspicious activity.
- Establish a neighborhood computer lab.
- Get to know the neighborhoods around you by having a multi-neighborhood picnic.
- Establish a neighborhood tool "lending library."
- As a neighborhood group, adopt a family for Christmas. There are many organizations that can help you find a family that needs assistance.
- Start a weekly produce exchange from neighbors' summer gardens.
- Clean-Up, Green-Up – get involved in the annual city-wide clean-up.
- Start a neighborhood garden – be sure to involve neighborhood youth.

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