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Dear Neighbor Ministries

eNews Update

June 2012

Dear Friends, it seems a little strange, but this is our last eNews of the...fiscal year. On July 1, we start FY 2013. On behalf of the Sisters, staff and volunteers, we appreciate all you have done to support our mission during this last (fiscal) year.

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Box Fans Help People without AC

The forecast calls for temperatures of up to 105 degrees all week and those without air conditioning are suffering. We purchased all the fans our local Ace Hardware had in stock to help the elderly and those with medical conditions cope with the heat.

One of our Hilltop neighbors receives a fan from Julie Onwugbufor our outreach coordinator. It was on the way to 104 degrees at the time she picked up her fan.

Meanwhile, we anticipate additional requests for fans and other assistance as the heat continues.

If you would like to help, [click here](#) to donate to our **emergency assistance fund**. Please note in the "other" section, "emergency fund". Thank You.
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Standards for Excellence for Catholic Nonprofits

As part of our strategic planning we are working to integrate the eight Guiding Principles and Fifty-five standards to serve as more specific benchmarks to assist the board and staff in strengthening our operations.



It all starts with our Mission statement and alignment of programs, policies and processes to that Mission. Some many not be familiar with our Mission, so this month we are sharing that with you:

Mission Statement

Through Sisters of St. Joseph Dear Neighbor Ministries the sisters, staff and volunteers work to transform the lives of poor, abused and neglected of our community. We provide transitional housing, support services and direct assistance to help people master the skills to become self sufficient.

If you'd like to learn more about the Standards for Excellence, [here is a link](#) to the Standards for Excellence website.

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Gretchen Hoobler, one of our many valued volunteers.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Gretchen Hoobler a relatively new member of the Dear Neighbor team, but one who you may already know. Gretchen is a graduate of Wichita State and until recently worked for Pepsi in the human resources department. We are more than glad to have her around while she is looking for that next job.

Hopefully she will continue to volunteer and share her many talents when she finds that new job, because we have yet to find a task she can not handle.

She is a life-long Wichitan with three grown children and has been a member of the choir at the Cathedral for 32 years.

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**9th Annual Shamrock Open
Oct. 1, 2012**



Our friends at Kansas Imaging Consultants are the presenting sponsors for this years charity golf tournament at Willowbend.

Early registration or sponsorship is now open at [this link](#).

If you have an item for our silent auction, or would like to be a sponsor, contact: Pat O'Donnell 316-201-6818 or Bob Walterscheid at 316-258-1152.

You can also email us at: [Golf top](#)



Leave a Legacy

Bequest in a will or trust

What is it? A bequest is a gift of property or assets in a will or trust to a beneficiary. This is the easiest and most common way for many of our supporters to make a planned gift.

How does it work? You can make a bequest to Dear Neighbor Ministries or StepStone by naming us in your will or trust. Because specific language is required for this type of gift to be effective, and to ensure the appropriate estate tax treatment, please see your lawyer to make sure your wishes are carried out.

An example of such a bequest is:

I give and bequeath the sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) to the Sisters of St. Joseph Dear Neighbor Ministries, to be held or expended as determined by the governing board of such charity, without restriction.

What is my benefit? By donating property in your will or trust, you not only experience the joy of giving but also the potential benefit of your estate claiming an estate tax deduction upon your death.

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