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Dear Neighbor Ministries

eNews Update

August 2012

Dear Friends, finally some rain. What a good way to end the month. Here is some other news for you. Please forward to a friend.

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1,110 bags of food given in July

On average, we helped 15 households each day during the month of July. Many of those coming to our door for help are new to us and live in areas of Wichita other than the immediate neighborhood.

We are blessed to have support from Cargill to purchase food from the Kansas food bank and other donors who provide personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies. The food and toiletries go out the door as fast as they come in. We also plan to purchase frozen meals from **Save-A-Lot** at the request of many seniors who are cooking for only one. Many low-income seniors run out of food before their next social security check arrives.

It is obvious to see how hard it is for most to come in and ask for help. They almost whisper when they ask for food or toilet paper.

If you would like to help you can donate to purchase food or drop off non-food items during regular office hours at 1329 S. Bluffview. [Click here to donate](#).

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9th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Dear Neighbor Ministries and StepStone

Join us Oct 1, 2012 at Willowbend Golf Club in Wichita for the "best golf event bargain" you could wish for. This years event is again

sponsored by Kansas Imaging Consultants. Golf, carts, lunch, on-course beverages, reception and signature steak dinner all for \$150 per golfer.



New this year

Make a Hole In 1 on #12 and Win a ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP to Willowbend Golf Club.

Click above for on-line registration

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Sister Barb Ramisch, CSJ

Home Visits Make a Difference

Meeting people in a comfortable environment goes a long way in building trust. That is exactly what Sr. Barb Ramisch and two other volunteers do for clients of our Representative Payee Program.

We currently have nearly 120 people on social security disability that count on us to manage their funds. Thirteen volunteers meet with clients, pay their bills and make

sure the basics are covered.

Sister and the two others provide the social interaction and listening ear for many who do not have family or friends they can depend on. It can be as simple as sharing a TV show, playing a game of checkers or talking about the things they enjoy.

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Governance Committee Takes the Lead

The effort to meet the criteria of Standards For Excellence for Catholic Nonprofits of the National Leadership Roundtable has been assigned to the Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of Dear Neighbor Ministries.



Click the logo above the learn more.

These eight principals and fifty-five standards provide guidance and clarity to

ensure the highest quality management, ethics and transparency of the organization. The standards answer the call for good stewardship and accountability while staying focused on the Mission of the ministry.

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Gardening Despite Drought

Our community garden has flourished this year thanks to our water well and some very dedicated gardeners. This weekends rain didn't hurt either.

Watch a short video on our garden, click on the photo above.

The garden was started in 1997 as an attempt to stop dumping on what was then a vacant lot. It has grown into a great place to build a diverse community of people and nothing has been dumped there since.

This year new raised beds were added at the request of seniors and those unable to work a ground plot. We are thankful to Mary Lynn and Bill Oliver and Cargill Cares for their support.

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