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## Dear Neighbor Ministries

*eNews Update*

*September 2012*

*Dear Friends, It's Indian Summer, one of our favorite times of the year. We hope you find this update of interest.*

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### Under Construction

*Thanks to a generous grant from the BNSF Railway Foundation a new 12 x 16 foot shed is being built to provide temporary storage of beds, furniture and appliances donated for families in our StepStone program.*

### New Shed for StepStone

*The women and children entering StepStone have very little to start their lives over in a new home. Many very generous people help us with donated items and until now storage space has been a problem.*

*The grant will allow us to stage donated items until they are selected by a new StepStone family.*

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### Hilltop Journal by Sr. Ann Catherine

*The sign in front of the Dear Neighbor office says, "Faith makes things possible - not easy." People in Hilltop do not find things easy, but I hope they find things possible. At the office we have faith in God that we*

*can be of help in their needs. Our clients also have great faith in God as I can attest to many of them displaying that faith. Nor do I doubt that many or all of you who read this message will not find things easy. Life is that way.*



*So with that understanding, let me cite some of the difficulties that our clients have undergone this past month and have come to us for help. One family owned their house but found it sold to another person because of non-payment of taxes. Another person has had no utilities – water, gas, or electricity –since last April and others are having utilities shut off because of being behind in payment. Many have come to us needing food, clothing and shoes. We tried to the best of our ability to help these people either by paying out of our limited funds or helping them plan what they can do to better their situations. Our motto is “hand up” rather than “hand out”. Sometimes it has to be both.*

*God helps us by sending you who are his hands and eyes and mouth to give of your time, talent and money to assist these people in their needs. You are in my prayers.*

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### **Run Shelly Run!**

*Shelly Kemper a recent K-State graduate, now living in Overland Park, has been training for her first half-marathon. She plans to complete the 13.1 mile Pilgrim Pacer Run, November 10 at Shawnee Mission Park.*

*Many of her family and friends have pledged to sponsor her to keep her motivated for something she thought she could never do. Shelly choose StepStone as the beneficiary of her efforts since her sister Megan is one of our dedicated Volunteers.*

*If you would like to support Shelly, send your gift to StepStone,*

1329 S. Bluffview, Wichita, KS 67218 or [click here](#) for our secure on-line donation portal then enter "Shelly" in the comments box.. We will notify her of your support to assist women and children survivors of domestic violence.

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### StepStone Staff Master Masks

*Paper Mache masks can be a little tricky, but they can also be a great activity to build trust and friendships. Recently StepStone advocates and counselors learned the art of forming a face mask. They plan to teach women and children of StepStone how to make and decorate their own masks.*



Angela LyDay applies paper mache to the face of Anita Jobert.

*Monthly support groups for the StepStone participants feature a variety of activities that may look like play, but are planned to have more meaningful purposes.*

*We are always in need of volunteers to assist at support group. If you are interested, please contact one of the StepStone staff at 265-1611.*

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