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**Dear Friends,**

We hope your new year is off to a good start. Here is a quick update on our two ministries. Please use to share icons above to help us reach more people.



***TOOLS NEEDED***

Do you have duplicate tools in workable condition? Dear Neighbor Ministries and StepStone can use tools





### Forrest Ehmke new Program Director

Forrest, a masters prepared social worker, started on January 6th, and is quickly getting involved the the various services we offer. As a CSJ Associate, he is no stranger to the congregation and has been active in Peace and Social Justice issues. Forrest and his wife live in College Hill, they cheer for Kansas State and he favors folk music. You can welcome him with an email to:

[fehmek@dearneighbor.org](mailto:fehmek@dearneighbor.org) .

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for our neighborhood projects and transitional housing program. If you would like to help [click here](#) and send us a note on how to reach you.

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### Free Tax Returns

Our annual tax return project is underway. Our IRS certified volunteers will prepare and electronically file returns for those with income under \$52,000.



## StepStone Kids Give Back with Day of Service

Children in our StepStone program spent the afternoon on the Martin Luther King holiday picking up trash in the Hilltop Neighborhood. They were supervised by our child therapist and three social work interns. A focus on positive activities for these young survivors of domestic violence helps build their self-esteem and improve the neighborhood.

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We want to hear from *You* !

Appointments are required. To learn more call 316-684-5120.

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### Keep up with StepStone on Facebook.

Thanks to volunteer Megan Kemper Sullenger, StepStone is getting more awareness in social media. Please like us and share with your Facebook friends.

We hope to introduce a new Facebook page for Dear Neighbor ministries in the near future. Click the logo above to view our page.

It's time again to ask for your opinion. How are we doing? Is there anything about Dear Neighbor Ministries or StepStone you would like to know more about? Is this monthly Update, Too long? Too short? Please give us your feedback by sending an email to either of the following links.

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