

Our Mission:

To be the presence of Jesus Christ, sharing life-transforming hope and power among distressed families of urban Phoenix, to ignite their passion for God and His kingdom.

Vision Becomes Reality

For 22 years, Neighborhood Ministries has been serving Phoenix's poorest, most vulnerable residents, caring for their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs. Hundreds of at-risk children and their families turn to Neighborhood Ministries for food, clothing, crisis assistance, academic tutoring, leadership training and parenting classes. For those trapped in the cycle of poverty, our goal is to see their lives transformed and empowered to make a difference in their families and community.

“I should have been one to drop out. I didn't have parents, I grew myself up, and I made my own choices to go to school with the strength God gave me. Now I am going to college and I want to be a nurse.”

—Neighborhood Ministries Teen

Our bustling Neighborhood Center is strategically located in the heart of the urban community at 19th Avenue and Van Buren Street. It houses a food and clothing bank, classrooms, a ball field and a playground buzzing with more than 700 joyful youngsters each week. The kids join more than several hundred volunteers who offer encouragement and stability in a faith-based, safe and fun-filled environment.

Many of those we serve are kids who have turned to drugs, gangs and crime to dull their pain and sense of despair. Our programs aim to meet their basic needs, thwart the community's pandemic school dropout rate, encourage academic excellence, develop student leaders, and restore hope in young victims of neglect, abuse and poverty.

“Neighborhood Ministries has helped to train and equip our people to serve in an urban context, helping to break the cycle of poverty that has held so many in bondage for so long. People have taken small steps to overcome the fear of serving outside their comfort zone (and) God has radically changed their lives forever.”

—Missions Pastor, Scottsdale Bible Church



“We believe there are no throw-away kids in the Kingdom of God...”

—Kit Danley, founder and president of Neighborhood Ministries, Inc.

Program Overview:

- **Food and Clothing Bank**—We distribute essentials to those in need each Friday.
- **Kids Life**—About 450 elementary students attend this Monday night program and enjoy creative activities, sports, small group sharing and Bible stories.
- **Kids Club**—An intense two-week summer camp for 400 kindergartners-through-sixth graders.
- **I CAN DO IT!**—An incentive-based program designed to help fifth-through-12th graders succeed in school.
- **Internships**—Young adults staff many of our programs and gain ministry experience.
- **Parent Volunteer Program**—We provide work opportunities for parents to develop and use job skills. The points they earn can be redeemed for Christmas gifts, school clothes and other essentials.
- **Teen Programs**—About 250 junior high and senior high students find fun and safety in these mid-week programs that offer discipleship and leadership training.
- **Mom's Place**—Young, unwed mothers learn parenting skills, experience community support, and connect with mature women in mentoring relationships.
- **Back to School/Christmas Outreach**—More than 400 pairs of new shoes are distributed to children in need in August. Hundreds of Christmas gifts are distributed in December.
- **Head Start Wraparound**—Before, during and after-care for preschoolers who attend the Head Start program at the Neighborhood Center campus.

How You Can Help

Neighborhood Ministries is an Arizona non-profit organization that relies on volunteers and contributions to fulfill our mission in Phoenix. Please allow us the opportunity to get to know you and tell you a little more about Neighborhood Ministries by completing the form below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- Call me about volunteering, donating food and clothing, or tutoring
- Put me on your mailing list
- Enclosed is a donation of \$ _____
- Send me your email prayer letter

Return to: Neighborhood Ministries, Inc.
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Photo courtesy of Food for the Hungry

Community Recognition

Neighborhood Ministries was named the non-profit organization of the year in February 2003 by the Arizona Alliance for Community and Faith-Based Action.

In 2002, Kit Danley, the founder and president of Neighborhood Ministries, was awarded the Phoenix-area George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedom Foundation for promoting responsible citizenship through words and deeds.

Articles about the work of Kit Danley and Neighborhood Ministries have appeared in *The Arizona Republic*, *Christianity Today*, and recently in *Churches, Charity and Children*, a University of Pennsylvania study of faith-based organizations that have succeeded in reaching America's at-risk kids.

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La Vida por los niños
Children for Life...

