



Dear Friends:

October 3, 2005

We've already had 2 full weeks of Kids Life, Jr. High Kids Life, and Senior High group. After a few weeks of transition between summer and fall, it's great to see The Neighborhood Center teeming with children, students, and young adults – all still remembering great times in the summer and eager to be with their leaders and enjoy the activities each week. Pray for this eagerness to continue!

With the new season, God brings amazing new ideas and activities into our mix. We have so much to tell you about in the next few months.

First of all, you football fans will know that Kurt Warner, two-time Super Bowl winner and MVP, came to Phoenix this year to play for the Arizona Cardinals. He and his wife, Brenda, have selected us to bring our kids to each of the home games this year! The group on Sept. 18 was surprised to be invited down on the field before the game. Afterwards, Kurt met with the group personally and signed autographs even though it was a tough game.



“Storytellers” is another one of the amazing new things God is doing here at Neighborhood Ministries. After a year of prayer for the next step in their lives, ten young women who recently graduated from Moms’ Place (our mentoring and learning group for teenage mothers) started a group to continue to learn and grow in Christ together. They are also now the mentors for Moms’ Place and volunteer in our programs for children.

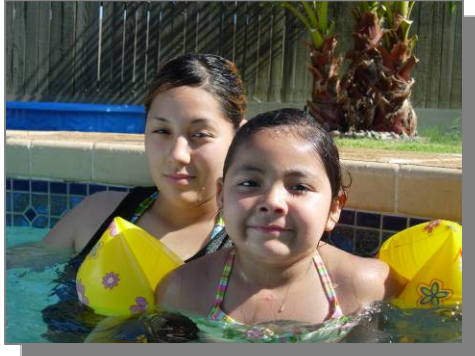
Each Monday night (while their children are in Kids Life), our Storytellers meet to study and apply biblical principles to life experiences, pray together and learn to share their life stories with one another. Several dedicated volunteers, including Ellen Antill, Manuela Sheehan and Melissa Powers volunteer with the group. Ellen had fears about facilitating the group: “I had more than a few anxious moments, asking God, ‘Are you sure I’m the right one to do this? Me? A middle-class, middle-aged white woman? Will I be accepted, will I be trusted?’”

Upcoming Schedule:

- **Oct 27** Ministry Wide Day of Prayer
- **Oct 29** Reload Phoenix: Citywide Urban Ministry Training Day
- **Dec 3** Parent Volunteers Christmas Store
- **Dec 10** The Neighborhood Center Christmas Party!

For details, call 602-252-5225 or visit www.nmaz.net

“What I couldn't know until Storytellers actually got underway two weeks ago is how much each woman loves and trusts Neighborhood Ministries . . . and because Kit and Susan Leon and others have vouched for my trustworthiness, the Storyteller participants have welcomed me with amazing vulnerability. They are already a family, and I'm in awe that they're willing to let me be a part of their close-knit group. These are beautiful women who blow me away with their desire to risk trusting God and each other with the intimate truth of their lives.”



So as usual, God is showing up in all our lives. He continues to surprise us! If you would like to come

to The Neighborhood Center for a tour or to serve a meal to our children or to bring a work group, please give us a call.

Thanks for walking with us,

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