

Neighborhood House Association



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Mission

To alleviate poverty at its root, through an array of programs that provide critical short-term relief to diverse communities, while facilitating long-term recovery.

Neighborhood House serves over 6,200 people a year through a variety of diverse programs. Neighborhood House also acts as a hub, with over 30 organizations providing services to meet additional needs of the families served.

FIGHTING HUNGER

Hunger is such a prevalent issue in the community that we don't advertise some of our feeding programs because we struggle to keep up with the need.

More than 1,000 seniors in Peoria and Tazewell counties rely on meals to remain independent in their own homes. Many of these seniors are able to keep their pets through our Critters Meals on Wheels program, which decreases isolation and depression.

Children who are food-insecure are able to eat at Neighborhood House after school or in the summer, or at one of our partner sites: Dream Center, Common Place and Sunnyland.

The Power of the Purse Grant through Heart of Illinois United Way allows Neighborhood House to provide weekend snack packs to nearly 500 kids at Neighborhood House, Dream Center, Common Place, South Side Mission, Carver Center and Proctor Center.

We are blessed to have 13 churches provide a hot meal for those less fortunate on Sundays, and two exceptional volunteers coordinate our food pantry.

MEETING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Educational needs have been a driving force

Signature Events

Gut Buster

June 9, 2018

Fun Run with refreshment stands

Saddle Up 2018

August 10, 2018

Dust off your cowboy boots and enjoy a full dinner, auction items and the Joe Stamm Band!

Food Fight 2019

April 4, 2019

Live culinary competition with food, dessert and drinks

in implementing new programs. Since 1904, Neighborhood House has provided child care to working families. Education has become an integral part of this program, whether preparing children for kindergarten in the Preschool for All Program or utilizing the one-on-one education specialist to ensure all kids are meeting and surpassing developmental milestones.

An art program and music program are provided to every child above five who receives any kind of service at Neighborhood House.

Education is also provided to adults through the Financial & Employment Empowerment Program. With a 69% high school graduation rate in Peoria, it is imperative that individuals learn the soft skills needed to obtain and maintain a job, as well as how to manage their finances.

How to Help

We have volunteer opportunities throughout the year, with the holiday season being the time with the greatest need. Potential volunteers may call Bryna Dixon at (309) 674-1131 to learn about current needs. We appreciate monetary donations, items for our food pantry, and business clothes for our clients entering the workforce throughout the year. Seasonally, we need new toys for the Toy Shop, wrapping paper for Santa for Seniors, and scotch tape. New or gently used coats (size infant to 4X) are collected from August to October for the coat giveaway.

Top Volunteer Opportunities

- Gut Buster: June 9, 2018
- Santa for Seniors wrapping: November 19 & 20, 2018
- Santa for Seniors delivery: December 1, 2018

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