



Along THE LINE



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What's New at Neighbors Along The Line?

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Neighbors Along The Line, (NATL)

a non-profit organization

whose mission is to:

meet basic needs and provide
opportunities for development
and increased independence.

Located by the old Katy Railroad

line at 5000 Charles Page

Boulevard in Tulsa, NATL is in

its 34th year of operation. Its

5 1/2 square-mile primary service

area is bounded on the north

by Edison Street the east by

Hwy. 75, the west by 81st West

Avenue, and the south by the

Arkansas River.

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Things have been very busy at Neighbors Along The Line over the last several months but we are finally able to slow down and take a moment to appreciate all the changes and successes we experienced recently. We don't anticipate a long break however since September begins our busiest time of year.

Last year was a record-setting year with regard to the number of people we served in many of our programs, especially Food Pantry. This year our numbers so far indicate a similar level of need. Thankfully, through the generosity of local donors as well as Federal Stimulus Programs we continue to meet the needs of our clients.

The Literacy Program at Neighbors focuses primarily on two areas, GED preparation and tutoring. In addition, area residents can access the Internet for free in our computer lab. This year we already have 12 graduates, 50% more than at this time last year, with more already either waiting on test results or with test dates scheduled.

Another area seeing growth at Neighbors is the Community Activities Program. Areas like Life Skills and Utility Assistance account for the largest growth in the program so far this year. However upcoming new programs should provide an increase as well. Some examples of new programs include, art classes for children and seniors and a weekly story hour for children and their families. Of course WestFest is fast approaching and should be another successful event. We recently finished this year's Children's Summer

Reading Program, the Reading Railroad. While attendance was lower than in past years, the kids all had a great time and learned a lot. They interacted with therapy dogs, learned about beekeeping, participated in chemistry experiments, learned to make some yummy items during no-bake cooking day and much more. Most importantly, the kids continued reading, built their home libraries with books from our program, and exercised their brains while they were on their summer break.

Unfortunately, the biggest changes we saw over the last few months were in the Medical Clinic Program. After over six years, the OU Bedlam Clinic at Neighbors Along The Line shut its doors. Although we still have our Monday night clinic, we no longer have a day time clinic or the ability to refer clients for blood work or specialty care. OU cited funding as the reason they were closing this and a number of other area clinics. The staff and board at Neighbors continue working on replacement options for the Thursday Bedlam Clinic.

Although the economy continues to be challenging, I am thrilled to acknowledge our donors for their generosity. Not only have we met our clients' needs, but thanks to their generosity, we paid off a debt on property we purchased a few years ago as well as doubled the amount in our endowment fund.

If you haven't already, I hope you'll consider getting involved and contributing to our success either as a volunteer or as a donor.

Medical Clinic Volunteer Opportunities Mon. 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Additional times possible in the coming months.

- Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, medical assistants and others needed.
- Dentists - call us to find out how you can help in your own office, on your own time.
- Donations needed - sample, in-date meds, equipment and monetary donations are always welcome.

Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities Mon., Tues., Thurs. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. & Wed. and Thurs. 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.

- Sack Groceries, Take Groceries to clients' cars, stock pantry shelves, sort donations, etc.
- Donations always welcome! Protein items most needed!

Literacy Volunteer Opportunities Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- Tutor, IT help, Library Maintenance, etc.

Community Activities and Board Membership Opportunities Available Call for more information.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

Ask Iva how to earn \$10 in grocery money!

WestFest is coming up at Penney Park on Saturday, September 18th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held here on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings held here on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

WIC is here the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

See calendar on back for many more events such as Life Skills Classes and regular program times.

August 2010 Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2 Food Pantry - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Medical Clinic - Sign in at 5:15 p.m. Legal Aid - 6:00 p.m.	3 Food Pantry - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	4 Senior Bingo - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry - 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00 p.m.	5 Food Pantry - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry - 5:00 - 6:45 Narcotics Anonymous - 6:00 p.m.
9 Food Pantry - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Medical Clinic - Sign in at 5:15 p.m.	10 WIC - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. walk-ins welcome Food Pantry - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. *Volunteers needed to unload Food Truck 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.*	11 Senior Bingo - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry - 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00 p.m.	12 Food Pantry - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry - 5:00 - 6:45 Narcotics Anonymous - 6:00 p.m.
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30 Food Pantry - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Medical Clinic - Sign in at 5:15 p.m.	31 Food Pantry - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. <u>Life Skills Class - Credit Identity Theft - 6:00 p.m.</u>	1 Senior Bingo - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry - 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00 p.m.	2 Food Pantry - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Food Pantry - 5:00 - 6:45 Narcotics Anonymous - 6:00 p.m.

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