

We believe...

that God calls us to “share the good news” of justice and liberation (Luke 4:18-20) and to accept God’s reign in which there will be no unmet needs (Acts 4:34). For us, partnerships are a way of discovering our strength and our hope. It is in the process of partnering that we reveal and know who we are. The Christ in each of us discovers God in each other, often in the least likely person.

Our discovering good news began in the mid-1970’s when God led us to start listening to young people in the North of Howard neighborhood of Rogers Park. As we heard each others’ stories, we felt the immensity of our challenges. We celebrated God’s gifts, as well as the neighborhood’s resilience and courage. We committed ourselves to making hope tangible, no matter how difficult our circumstances. We continue to discover how we are all one.

Over the years, we have seen much positive change in the lives of individuals and the community. We know that miracles happen. But challenges remain as the pressures of street life tempt our children and as gentrification makes it difficult to maintain housing for low-income families. God’s faithfulness in the past gives us hope.

We are...

a neighborhood organization and a Christian ministry, a community of partners seeking God’s universal will in a particular place and time. We strive to bring about conditions in which hope, justice, community responsibility, and reconciliation can flourish. We work through a diverse partnership of community residents, churches, other non-profit organizations, corporations and foundations, and hundreds of individual supporters and volunteers.

Please join us.

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Good News *Partners*

We work with God and the community

- ... to end hopelessness and homelessness with everyone God brings to us
- ... to foster justice, and to build bridges of reconciliation



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Yes, I would like to partner with Good News Partners

Name

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Church Community

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E-mail

I am interested in:

- volunteer opportunities at GNP
 - tutoring
 - youth activities
 - counseling
 - administrative and/or technical support
 - coordinate a work crew project for building rehab
 - Board of Directors involvement
 - prayer network
- scheduling a site visit at GNP
- hosting a small gathering of friends to hear about GNP
- becoming a contact person for my church's involvement with GNP

Please feel free to contact the development staff with any questions or for further information at 773/764-4998

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We seek to bring about God's justice...

one person, one family at a time. As a community-based ministry, we focus on community development, spiritual growth, and economic empowerment.

We begin with safe and affordable **housing**. In 1980 we acquired the Jonquil Hotel, which is now a thriving SRO community of 60 families and individuals. Many are single parents with young children. Over the years we have also rehabbed 18 buildings, and we currently manage 12 buildings housing more than 500 people. In our cooperatives families' monthly assessments and sweat equity build co-op ownership. More than 140 families have made the additional step of leveraging their co-op equity to become home owners.

New Life provides interim housing and spiritual renewal for otherwise homeless women and children who have experienced abuse, displacement, or unemployment. New Life is a safe, supportive environment in which mothers can regain stability for themselves and their children. New Life staff and volunteers work with residents to create tangible hope through permanent housing, education, counseling, and jobs. Some residents move into the Jonquil or our other rental or co-op housing.

Good News actively seeks to provide **employment** opportunities. Residents of the Jonquil Hotel and the co-ops help staff the hotel desk and maintain our properties. We are a licensed general contractor. In the process of rehabbing and maintaining buildings many of our crew receive training in carpentry and other skills.

Our **children and youth** deserve healthy activities and positive role models. We mentor our kids through after-school tutoring, Saturday Kids' Time with informal learning, field trips, and a reading clinic at our neighborhood school. We are trying to create strong Girl and Boy Scout troops. Each summer dozens of our youth celebrate wilderness camping in Tennessee.

We build **community and spirit** by caring for one another and sharing outings, field trips, 12-step programs, neighborhood dinners, resident meetings to decide building issues, one-to-one relationships with volunteers, family counseling, and pastoral care.

In all of this, we try to make God's love tangible and to empower people to exercise their gifts and to build lives of dignity and hope.

We invite you to partner with us...

to demonstrate God's love in our community and to let us demonstrate that love to you in return. Consider the gifts, talents, and aspirations you might share with us as

- ... financial partners in our general programs or with specific projects or families
- ... tutors for the Reading Coaches program at our neighborhood school
- ... mentors
- ... camp counselors for our wilderness trips to Tennessee
- ... spiritual friends through companionship, Bible studies, and counseling
- ... partners for families accomplishing goals
- ... administrative aides for mailings, data entry, typing, and office support
- ... carpenters, painters, and gardeners for building renovation and landscaping
- ... short-term mission projects for church and other groups
- ... listeners and advocates.

We welcome financial contributions of any size, as well as donations of furniture and household goods.

Most of all, we welcome your prayer support. Please e-mail bud@goodnewspartners.org to be added to our prayer network.