



Neighbor to Neighbor

A center for women

We're a center for women and women with children in downtown Concordia, Kan. Our services and programs are all offered without charge to the women taking part, thanks to continuing support from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, our growing cadre of volunteers and generous donations from people who care about making our community a better place, today and into the future.

FALL/WINTER 2015



5th Annual Neighbor to Neighbor

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

§ everybody's favorite Bake Sale, of course!

Can you believe this will be the fifth annual Holiday Boutique? And each year it has included a wider variety of hand-crafted and handmade items all created by the women and friends of Neighbor to Neighbor.

In 2011, items created at Neighbor to Neighbor were included in the annual Arts & Crafts Sale that was held at the Motherhouse. But during the next year, the women at Neighbor to Neighbor were busy as elves to get items ready for their first "stand-alone" Holiday Boutique.

The sale — and the chance to show off their artistry and craft skills — has now become a much-anticipated annual event.

Items featured in the boutique include one-of-a-kind jewelry, handcrafted holiday décor, artwork, knit scarves and hats, quilted items, children's clothes and toys, women's apparel, bobbin lace designs and other décor for the home.

Then there's the always popular bake sale that will feature homemade cookies, candies, breads and other goodies.

All the items are made by the women who come to the center, along with friends and supporters of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

This year's Holiday Boutique & Bake Sale is set for Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the downtown center, 103 E. Sixth St. in Concordia.



El Puerto
Restaurant
\$50.00
Gift Certificate

PRIZE DRAWINGS

As part of the Holiday Boutique, there will be a drawing for five wonderful prizes, all pictured at right:

- 18-inch doll complete with a wooden bench and a wardrobe of clothes and shoes
- Twin-size "Neighbors in Bloom" quilt
- \$50 gift certificate to El Puerto
- Hand-knit teddy bear on his own chair
- Hand-painted decorative Christmas shovel

Tickets for the drawings are available at Neighbor to Neighbor and at the Nazareth Motherhouse, 1300 Washington St., and Manna House of Prayer, 323 E. Fifth St.

The prize drawing will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at Neighbor to Neighbor. Ticket-holders need not be present to win.

All proceeds from the annual event support the programs, artists and craftswomen at Neighbor to Neighbor.



A Message of Thanks

To our good neighbors

We want to express our gratitude to everyone for your support to Neighbor to Neighbor throughout the year.

We are grateful for your friendship and your contributions of everything from diapers and art supplies to homegrown tomatoes, volunteer time and financial support. Each donation benefits the women and children who come to Neighbor to Neighbor.

During this season of giving thanks, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to each one of you. We could not do this work without you! Be assured of our prayer of gratitude for you and your intentions.

Blessings and peace,



Sister Jean Befort Sister Pat McLennon Sister Ramona Medina

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Hours

9 am-4 pm M,T,W & F
1 pm-6 pm Th

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Sisters of St. Joseph
of Concordia, Kansas
... loving God and neighbor without distinction ...



'Reading with Friends' returns!

Our popular storytime program for preschoolers is back for the fourth year, thanks to the generosity of our supporters and our belief in the program's motto: "A love of books begins with just one."

On the second Friday of every month, "Reading with Friends" features a new book and a guest reader, plus 30 preschoolers excited about spending their morning in Neighbor to Neighbor's second-floor playroom.

Each session includes playtime and a snack, plus children receive a free copy of that day's book to take home.

This year's "Reading with Friends" is funded by a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Fund, through the Community Foundation for Cloud County, and a gift from the Cloud County Attorney's Diversion Fund, with continuing support from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, who operate Neighbor to Neighbor.

TOP PHOTO: Marilyn Douglass kicks off the 2015-16 "Reading with Friends" series in September; the book she chose was "The Kissing Hand," which allowed her to give each child a special "souvenir" (pictured in the photo top right). **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Connie Palacio used a 1926 typewriter to help the preschoolers understand the book "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type" during the October "Reading with Friends" program.



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sandra Detrixhe

When Sandra Detrixhe stopped by Neighbor to Neighbor's first open house in May 2010, she knew immediately that that's where she would be spending her Tuesday mornings for the next five and a half years.

Well, maybe she didn't know that *exactly* — but what she *did* know from that very first introduction was "it's such a wonderful place, the atmosphere is something so special."

And she has in fact spent almost every Tuesday morning since then in the downtown center as a volunteer — teaching sewing and basic quilting skills to anyone who wants to learn, and taking donated old or worn quilts and quilt pieces and turning them in to revitalized works of art.

"I loved it here from the moment I walked in that evening," she says now, thinking back to that open house. "It's such a calming atmosphere, with the understated decorations, the beauty of the set-

ting, and the sisters themselves."

And then there's what she calls her passion: quilting.

She has turned that passion into a home-based business called Hand-to-Hand Quilting, where she finishes quilts, turns blocks into quilts, edges and repairs old quilts and hand-quilts for others.

Those tasks leave time for her responsibilities as a self-described "farm wife," helping her husband Joe, and an on-call job with Brown Business Services.

Plus spending one morning a week at Neighbor to Neighbor.

"It's not very complicated what I do here," she says with a laugh, "but I do look forward to my Tuesday mornings."



SANDRA DETRIXHE