

## About My Neighbor

### My Neighbor's Mission, Vision and Purpose

To Promote self-sufficiency or return people to self-sufficiency by extending help through information or qualified financial assistance and connecting those that need help (crisis help, short-term or otherwise) with those that are willing and able to give help.

My Neighbor will utilize the available resources and tools to help solve situations, to prevent this same situation from resurfacing, and to improve someone's situation for the long term and in essence creating a self-reliant member of our Brookings community.

### History of My Neighbor... an Extension of the Churches

**THE WHEELS STARTED TURNING** when members of the Brookings Ministerial Association wanted to address a major gap in assistance that is left for private resources to pick up and many times people would come to the church needing help or direction. The goal of the Brookings Ministerial Association was not to further band-aid the problems that presented themselves in individuals and families, but to empower people by deeply evaluating the issues in order to create a self-reliant member of the Brookings community by helping to improve their quality of life and at the same time promoting Christianity. In order to better fulfill these goals the My Neighbor Program was created and opened its door in 2007.

For more information, please contact us at:

**(605) 691-3225** or

**info@myneighborbrookings.net**

You can also visit:

**www.myneighborbrookings.net**

or find us on Facebook: "My Neighbor"

My Neighbor is a faith-based community program with 501(c)3 non-profit status that serves Brookings, SD



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OUR COMMUNITY

YOUR NEEDS

ONE PLACE



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**IT'S IRONIC**, but those who work, and those who remain mostly self-sufficient, qualify for virtually "NO" help from our social service organizations. That's why we invite you to join our mission.

**YOUR DONATION** helps families in Brookings get through financially difficult times, manage a financial crisis, and restore their ability to live productive lives. Your donation will bring hope and resources to those in need.

### What does YOUR donation mean to My Neighbor?

It means a Single father with a 5 year old son was able to get help with 1 mo. past due rent and the current month's rent while he continues his job search.

He was employed full-time, but was experiencing scheduling problems at work. He had explained to his boss that he needed at least a days notice before they changed the work schedule on him. Because he was a single father, he needed to make sure he had someone to watch his son, and these last minute changes were making it difficult for him to meet attendance requirements at work. They let him go...

My Neighbor helped with the over-due rent and teamed with a resource for Dec. rent as he was job searching.

My Neighbor also discussed community resources, budgeting, job searching tips and application and interviewing insight.

### Our Community, Your Needs, One Place

My Neighbor will help solve the immediate need or crisis by offering resources and financial support (*supplied by donations from the community*) when no other service exist.

Each person who requests help from My Neighbor goes through an assessment process to determine a plan of action with long-term solutions.



### How Your Donation is Used January 1 - October 31, 2013

#### Who is Helped?

Households	304
# adults	408
# children	329

#### Funds Granted

Utility Shut-Offs	\$7,511.13
Stop Evictions	\$18,993.58
Transportation	\$8,566.17
Personal/Health	\$748.63

#### Other Financial Information

Total Amount of Requested Financial Assistance ( <i>verified real "crisis need"</i> ) .....	\$90,351.82
Total Amount of Need Left <u>UNMET</u> ( <i>due to exhausted funds</i> ) .....	\$37,391.41
Connecting People to Qualified Resources/Referrals .....	\$31,473.81
Total Help Requested Last 5 Years .....	\$516,427.77

### More than Just the Money

A young couple moved to town and after bouncing around with temporary homes for their 1 year old & new baby due on Christmas they needed rent and deposit help. The young father had 2 jobs but was unmotivated to keep a job. She finally got a job- 8 months pregnant. *And this is where the work began...*

She visited me 3x and we set up a maternity plan. I helped her find the words and thoughts to have a heart to heart with her fiancé about their financial reality; what she might expect & how to respond.

She came back and shared the conversation she had with her fiancé. She was relieved and smiling and said how grateful she was for the rent help and advice on how to talk to him, she said that she didn't really have anyone that she could've talked to or get good advice from.

### Make an Impact

Your tax-exempt donation will stay in the Brookings community, helping struggling families and individuals.

I would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support My Neighbor.

Any contribution, even a small gift of just **\$1 a day**, can make an enormous difference to a person trapped between **Hope and Hopelessness**.

### Please mail completed form and donation to:

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