



The Neighborhood Table ■ P.O. Box 512 ■ Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495 ■ (715) 422-1980 ■ [www.theneighborhoodtable.org](http://www.theneighborhoodtable.org)

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### **The Neighborhood Table announces additional Tuesday meal**

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – The Neighborhood Table (TNT) today announced the addition of another meal day to its meal program to help meet the need for food in the Wisconsin Rapids community. TNT will now serve meals every Thursday and the last two Tuesdays of each month beginning January 2013. Thus, Tuesday meals this month will include January 22 and January 29.

According to Dale Bikowski, president of TNT, the additional Tuesday had been considered and discussed by the board of directors for several months last year. The decision to include the second-to-last Tuesday of the month was made in the latter part of 2012. “Our board listened to the feedback of our dinner guests as well as the need for free food noted by the United Way of Inner Wisconsin’s 211 Call Center. We felt the additional Tuesday meal toward the end of the month would help people out in times of need,” Bikowski said.

All meals are served from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday meals do not offer carry-out meals; however, Thursday meals do offer carry-outs for those who cannot attend in person. Requests for carry-outs need to be submitted by noon on each Thursday by calling 715-422-1980.

Since the inception of TNT in late 2003, more than 170,000 meals accumulatively have been served. Over the course of the years, TNT has worked with more than 100 sponsor groups from the community and surrounding areas including various businesses, churches, school organizations, other nonprofit organizations, and private families and individuals. TNT is recruiting additional meal sponsors for the new Tuesday meal. If your group would like to sponsor a meal, please contact The Neighborhood Table at 715-422-1980. To learn more about TNT and available volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.theneighborhoodtable.org](http://www.theneighborhoodtable.org).

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*We share not only a meal, but also an atmosphere of hospitality and mutual respect.*

### **About The Neighborhood Table**

The Neighborhood Table is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charitable organization with the mission to reduce hunger, improve the quality of life and create an awareness of the needs that exist in the Wisconsin Rapids community and surrounding area. The organization was formed in 2003 and served its first meal on December 31, 2003. Since then, the frequency of meals served has increased from one meal a month to a meal served every Thursday and the last two Tuesdays of each month. Currently, approximately 170 and 375 meals are served each Tuesday and Thursday, respectively, to local participants. Over 100 different groups, businesses and clubs in the area sponsor TNT meals.

The Neighborhood Table is staffed by a corps of volunteers who carry out the meal/soup kitchen program by offering a free meal to anyone who is in need. Meals are served every Thursday from 4:30 to 6 p.m., with carry-outs available. Additionally, a meal is served on the last two Tuesdays of each month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (no carry-outs). The Neighborhood Table is governed by its Board of Directors.

The Neighborhood Table services the communities of Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, Port Edwards and surrounding areas in central Wisconsin.

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