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The Neighborhood Table surpasses 200,000 meals served

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – The Neighborhood Table (TNT), a local independent nonprofit soup kitchen/meal program, surpassed a major milestone on Thursday, July 24. TNT served its 200,000th meal since the program began in December of 2003.

TNT serves free meals every Thursday and the last two Tuesdays of the month, from 4:30 to 6:00p.m. in the parish hall at St. John’s Episcopal Church. TNT does not have any paid staff to help run the organization. It relies heavily upon the support it receives from more than 100 local businesses and groups, and about 1,500 volunteers during the year who coordinate the meals by performing various duties: planning what to cook, helping to prepare or serve the meal, preparing take-out meals for those unable to attend in person, and helping with cleanup after the meal is served.

Dale Bikowski, president of The Neighborhood Table, commented, “It’s hard to fathom the number of meals we have provided over the past ten and a half years. This would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors and our dedicated volunteers. Our guests and The Neighborhood Table greatly appreciate all the support we have received for our program. Thank you to all who have helped us reach this milestone.”

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



Pictured above is the parish hall at St. John's Episcopal Church where The Neighborhood Table serves its meals. Here, the tables are set and ready for dinner guests.

About The Neighborhood Table

The Neighborhood Table (TNT) 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 late 2003 and grew the frequency of meals served since that time to 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 volunteers who carry out the meal/soup kitchen program by offering a free meal to anyone in need. Meals are served 4:30 to 6 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, with carry-outs available only on Thursdays. The Neighborhood Table is governed by its Board of Directors. The program services the communities of Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, Port Edwards and surrounding areas in central Wisconsin. To learn more about TNT, available volunteer opportunities, or to make a donation, please visit www.theneighborhoodtable.org.

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