



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

***Our mission is to reduce hunger in our community, improve quality of life for our residents and create awareness of needs that exist in our community.***

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### **The Neighborhood Table announces operations manager**

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – The Neighborhood Table (TNT), a free community meal program, today announced that Jennifer Dolan will serve as its Operations Manager. This is the first time since TNT’s inception in 2003 that the nonprofit organization will have a paid position. Mary Schultz, President of TNT, said, “The Neighborhood Table has grown to the point where we need to have a dedicated person to carry out the day-to-day administration of our free community meal program. Jennifer brings the experience and passion to promote awareness of the hunger issues that face our community and surrounding area.”

Dolan comes to this position after finishing two years of service as an AmeriCorps VISTA, and after numerous years as a college instructor and communication specialist. “This will be a nice extension of the work I have performed with VISTA, the branch of AmeriCorps that specifically addresses issues of hunger and poverty,” Dolan said.

Dolan received The Governor’s Service Recognition Award for VISTA participant of the year at a ceremony held in Madison on June 2. One of Dolan’s main projects had been to help develop a farmers’ market gleaning program called Glean Central Wisconsin. Last year, Dolan received a Pollination Project grant to expand the program to include the Rapids Mall farmers’ market. More than 4,000 pounds of produce from that program were donated to clients of TNT from July, 2015 through October, 2015. This year, produce collected through the program in Wisconsin Rapids will go to the South Wood County Emerging Pantry Shelf (SWEPS).

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### **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 has grown to serving approximately 20,000 meals annually on 75 meal dates. TNT meals are served every Thursday and the last two Tuesdays of each month. More than 115 different groups, businesses and clubs in the area sponsor TNT meals.

Core volunteers of The Neighborhood Table carry out the meal/soup kitchen program by offering a free meal to anyone in need. Meals are served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Wisconsin Rapids, 441 Garfield Street, Wisconsin Rapids. Take-out meals are available on Thursdays only by calling 715-422-1980. TNT's Board of Directors guides the organization's efforts through its Operations Manager. The program serves 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](http://www.theneighborhoodtable.org).

Attachment: Jennifer Dolan picture

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