

## BE AN AGENT OF CHANGE

Neighborhood Ministries relies on volunteers and contributions to fulfill our mission. We want to get to know you and find out how you can be part of someone's life and 'grow in community.'

Please complete the form below or donate at **NMAZ.ORG**. We appreciate your tax-deductible contribution of any size.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact me about involvement at Moms' Place

Contact me about volunteering

Put me on your mailing list

For credit card payment please check one:

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Make checks payable to Neighborhood Ministries, Memo: Moms' Place

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## DO LIFE WITH A YOUNG MOM

Caring volunteers and donors make Moms' Place possible. Become one today! You can impact lives by simply showing-up.

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**BIG HEART & GOT TIME** - build friendships with the young moms -- become a mentor.

**TALENTS TO TEACH** - do art, crafts, writing, cooking, storytelling, etc. We want to learn!

**MEALS** are welcomed.

**GOOD DRIVER?** take a mom to activities or doctor's appointments

**GIFT CARDS** for groceries, hygiene, and entertainment are a plus!

**BABIES LIKE** - diapers, layettes, books, toys, clothes, baby goods.

### MAKE A LONG LASTING COMMITMENT

\$100 worth of **DIAPERS** would benefit 3 moms a month

\$100 worth of **PREMATURE BABY** clothes would bring warmth to a new born baby

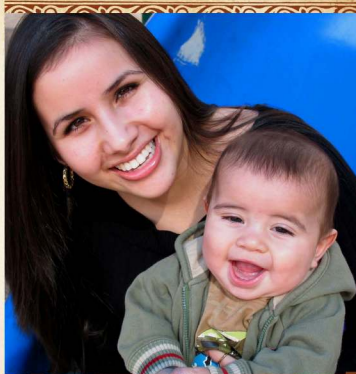
\$100 worth of **CRAFT MATERIALS** would supply 2 creative activities a month

\$250 worth of **FOOD** would feed 40-50 moms every Thursday for a month

### LEAVE A POSITIVE MARK

**TESTIMONY** - "One of the problems in our young moms' lives is unsafe housing. We help these young women find, apply for, and move into their own housing. This creates a sense of stable and healthy independence. I am amazed to see how these young women have managed to overcome incredibly difficult obstacles." ~ Gumecinda Medrano, Moms' Place Assistant

# MOMS' PLACE



...A MOTHER CARING FOR HER LITTLE CHILDREN,  
LOVING AND DELIGHTED TO SHARE WITH YOU  
NOT ONLY THE GOSPEL OF GOD BUT OUR LIVES AS WELL...

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**NEIGHBORHOOD**  
MINISTRIES

## MISSION

To be the presence of Jesus Christ, sharing life-transforming love, hope and power among distressed families of urban Phoenix, to ignite their passion for God & His Kingdom.

For over 25 years, Neighborhood Ministries has been **BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY** in vulnerable neighborhoods by caring for individuals' physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs. NM is a non-profit, faith-based organization with a non-discriminatory policy welcoming everyone.

## OUR PROGRAMS

- Meet clients' basic needs
- Discourage school dropout rate
- Encourage academic excellence
- Restore hope in youth & families
- Develop leaders

**CORE WORK** NM houses a food/clothing bank, classrooms, a ball field & a playground buzzing with 750+ children weekly. 1,000+ volunteers annually offer encouragement & stability.

## A HARSH REALITY

A young mom came from an unhealthy family, spending most of her adolescence behind bars and giving way to her inner rage. When she discovered she was pregnant, she reluctantly came to Moms' Place. She was terrified of being pregnant... terrified that she would repeat the same cycle she had lived herself... terrified that she wouldn't know how to be a mom, much less a good mom. This courageous mom chose to keep her baby. Amazing changes and a deep softening of her spirit have emerged. She still struggles, but chooses life & peace instead of death & rage.

## OUR MOMS ENDURE

- No healthy modeling of parenting skills
- Drop-outs, victims of abuse of all types
- Exposure to drug abuse
- Homeless, extreme poverty level
- No/limited access to government resources
- Poor relationship skills, absentee father
- Loss of hope for a future for self and children

**MOMS' PLACE IS THE FAMILY WHERE  
A NEW FRESH START IS ALLOWED**

## CARING FRIENDSHIPS HEAL

**MOMS' PLACE** lives out Neighborhood Ministries' mission by creating a safe environment for young mothers and their children to provide friendship, community, parenting skills and discipleship.

A dedicated group of mature women support the young mothers, ages 13 and up, to nurture and enhance their parental, spiritual, personal and communal development through compassionate friendships.

## YOUNG MOMS RECEIVE

- Unconditional love given uniquely to each young mother
- Emotional, mental, physical, & spiritual stability
- Encouragement to counteract negative influences that lead to family and social dysfunction
- Long-lasting mature friendships and wise counsel
- Family oriented activities such as Easter Egg Hunt, family portraits, memory books
- Retreats: jewelry & pie making and prayer



## MOMS' PLACE HARD CORE FACTS

- 95% of teen moms in our initial program (5 years ago) struggled with substance abuse issues
- 21% of teen moms currently enrolled struggle with substance abuse (a 74% decrease!)
- 25% of teen moms from our initial program finished high school or obtained GED
- 55% of teen moms currently participating have graduated high school or are currently enrolled (a 34% increase)

**SIGNIFICANT NOTE**, more moms choose to breastfeed their babies or hold them while bottlefeeding – strengthening bonding between mom & child.