

## Our Mission

*To be the presence of Jesus Christ, sharing life-transforming hope, love and power among distressed families of urban Phoenix, igniting their passion for God and His kingdom.*



## Building A Cycle Of Hope

Founded in 1982 by Arizona native Mary “Kit” Danley, Neighborhood Ministries has lived out its mission to break the cycle of poverty in Phoenix’s poorest neighborhoods by ***caring for the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual needs of the community.***

Our goal is to see lives transformed and empowered to make a difference in the community.

Today, NM is a thriving, non-profit corporation serving 1,000 children, youth, and families each week. While faith-based, NM has a strict non-discriminatory policy welcoming every one regardless of their beliefs.

## Inner-city Reality

The Neighborhood Center campus is located on the northwest corner of 19th Avenue and Van Buren in the heart of urban Phoenix.

NM’s targets children and youth who live in an approximate 5-mile radius from The Neighborhood Center in three of the most impoverished communities in the urban core of Phoenix – West Buckeye/Matthew Henson, St. Mathews, Oakland/Sherman Park.

The violent crime statistics are quite alarming. The per capita homicide rate in the NM service area is 358% higher than the city as a whole, while sexual assaults and aggravated assaults are 144% and 170% higher respectively.

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLE U.S. CENSUS 2005	MARICOPA COUNTY	SERVICE AREA
Median Family Income	\$46,322	\$26,771
Households living below poverty line	13%	36%
People over 25 with less than a high school diploma	18%	58%
Unemployment Rate	4%	20%
Female Heads of Household with children under 18	11%	45%

Youth have grown up impoverished and have struggled in homes filled with domestic violence, drugs, physical and sexual abuse, and gang activity. Nearly all lack healthy role models and the resources needed to break the cycle of poverty.

**Join** a team of donors, families, volunteers, staff and indigenous leaders, representing all ages, races, and economic classes to bring to life a community once barren of hope.

## Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

### Outreach

Our outreach programs are designed to meet our clients’ most basic needs including food and clothing assistance, safety, youth programs, crisis housing, and medical and dental services.

### Empowerment

Our Empowerment programs grew out of our long-term relationships, realizing that the children we served needed case management, academic support, college or trade school placement, and workforce development.



### Goals

- Provide the basic necessities to the underprivileged in the urban Phoenix community.
- Provide a safe, alternative place where community youth can congregate after-school and engage in enriching activities such as sports, the arts, etc.
- Provide the urban Phoenix community with resources necessary to break the cycle of poverty and abuse that has existed for generations.
- Provide a place where whole families are nurtured, from the parents to the children, promoting family unity and community responsibility.

## Programs

**Kids' Life** is a weekly outreach to children in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade providing a positive, safe, after-school environment, with food and recreation. (Includes summer camp programs.)

**Education For Life** offers incentive based education and mentoring programs for K-12<sup>th</sup> graders and includes an onsite Head Start program and Fast ForWord reading program.

**Barrio Works** is a hands-on workshop where youth learn craftsmanship skills giving youth knowledge useful for jobs in trade professions.

**Moms' Place** offers expectant teen and single mothers access to resources, parenting and problem resolution skills to successfully cope with the challenges they confront.

The **Jeremiah Project** provides case management and a variety of financial literacy, job readiness training and character development services to adjudicated youth.

The **Parent Volunteer** program provides opportunities to parents in the community to volunteer earning points that can be turned in for necessary goods for their families such as school supplies, Christmas gifts, and home furnishings.

The **Church at the Neighborhood Center** is a bilingual community church in which whole families come together to learn and worship.

Other programs at NM such as the **Food and Clothing bank** and **Neighborhood Christian Clinic** are offered to all participants in our programs as well as residents of the community.

## How You Can Help

*Neighborhood Ministries is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers and contributions to fulfill its mission. We wish to know you and share with you our stories. Please complete the form below so we can begin to build a relationship. You may also register at [www.nmaz.org](http://www.nmaz.org).*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please contact me about volunteering
- Please put me on your e-mail/ mailing list



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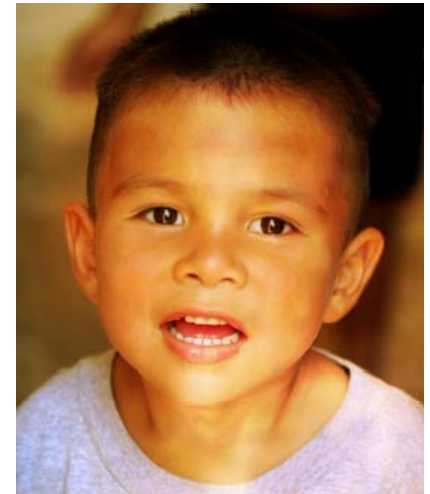
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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
IN URBAN PHOENIX FOR 27 YEARS**

*You will be called...  
Repairers of broken walls  
and Restorers of streets  
Where people live.  
Isaiah 58:12*