

Dear Friends,

September 25, 2003

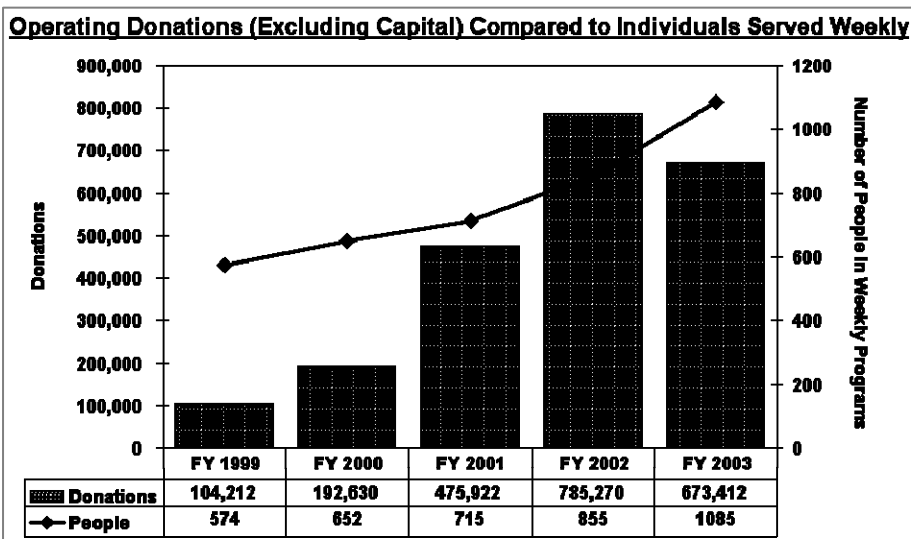
Thank you all for the many ways you participate in what the Lord is doing through Neighborhood Ministries. Your prayers, hours of volunteer service, and financial gifts are the means by which many children and their families receive God's healing touch. Working alongside Kit Danley every day, we both appreciate your help immensely.

We are now serving more children and families than we've ever served: Over 1000 in our weekly programs! Young adults have started participating in our programs since they were children begin to emerge as volunteers and leaders. Many of them are saying that they want to "give back" to other children to honor what God has done in their lives. Their stories of faith and courage growing up strengthen us in our mission "to be the presence of Jesus Christ, sharing His life-transforming hope and power among distressed families of urban Phoenix, igniting their passion for God and His Kingdom."

This coming November, we will have been in our facility at the Neighborhood Center for two full years. We are facing the challenges and opportunities of growth. The number of lives we are touching is increasing, while ministry donations are decreasing.

This trend means that we are facing a financial shortfall between now and the end of the year. Please help us in one or more of the following ways as the Lord leads you:

1. Make a tax-deductible donation using the enclosed envelope.
2. Make up to a \$200 donation using Arizona Tax Credit 321, "Credit for Contributions to Charities that Provide Assistance to the Working Poor." The instructions for how to do this are enclosed. You must itemize your taxes to take advantage of this choice.



3. Participate in your corporate designated or matching gift program and designate Neighborhood Ministries as your charitable organization.
4. Sign up for the eScrip Program. Many merchants sign up with eScrip and agree to donate a percentage of your purchases to Neighborhood Ministries. Enclosed is a form you can use to enroll in eScrip and designate Neighborhood Ministries.

Please pray that the Lord will increase the number of individuals, churches, foundations, and businesses that support this work. If you have questions about our budget or would like to visit Neighborhood Ministries in person, please give us a call. We are grateful that you care about the at-risk children and families of Phoenix!

Warmly,

Richard Speck  
 Executive Director