



**EL MERCADO DE LA COMUNIDAD**  
**Coming Soon!**

Dear Friends,

We are very excited to tell you about a dream that will soon be realized here at Neighborhood Ministries. Our board has approved spending that will renovate our Micro-Enterprise building that lies in the middle of our 8-acre property.

This building is 10,000 square feet of warehouse space that will house El Mercado de la Comunidad, our community thrift store, and two other community businesses. For so long, NM has had the desire to own space that brings in its own source of income as well as provide jobs and job training to members of our community. Due to the hard work of a faithful volunteer team, the viability of businesses successfully operating here at The Neighborhood Center is becoming a reality.

**El Mercado de la Comunidad**

Just last month, NM hosted its second annual *Come For Lunch...Take Home Dinner* luncheon which raises funds for the thrift store. This fundraiser raised \$11,000. That money, combined with other efforts, will be used towards renovations and store needs.

One of the main purposes of the thrift store is to provide a way for parent volunteers to use their "parent bucks" year round instead of waiting for the parent stores, which happen once every four months. For many parents, their volunteer hours and earned "parent bucks" are a key source of income for the family. One parent spoke to



Above: The Micro-Enterprise building as it looks today. Below: Artist's rendering of renovated building.



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**BUY OUR KIDS' CLUB 2009 T-SHIRT**

Help support a child for Kids' Club 2009 by buying your Summer 2009 t-shirt. Your \$20 will support all of our summer activities and will be a constant reminder to you of how great a Jesus Encounter can be. You can **order online** at [www.nmaz.org/store](http://www.nmaz.org/store) or you can send in your **order with a check** to Neighborhood Ministries.

Name:

Address (include City/St/Zip):

Phone:

Email:

Size: S M L XL XXL



Above image is the back imprint of t-shirt. Front of t-shirt has NM logo over pocket.

guests at the luncheon, "I don't know what I would do without the Neighborhood parent stores. It is the only job I have." Their needs are year round and they would like the opportunity to turn their bucks in as needed.

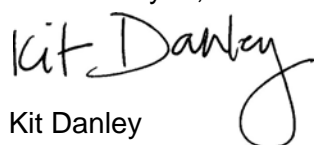
And of course, the thrift store will be open to friends, donors and the community as a source of income for the mission. The thrift store hopes to open in November 2009 and will begin accepting donations on September 15.

### Other Businesses

Two other businesses will go into the building as well. Our friend, Jay Olander, will have a t-shirt business, *OpportuniTees*. And a small carpentry shop will be going in, too. Both tenants are developing business plans and will be moving in by the end of the year. All three businesses hope to hire people from the NM community.

We are so grateful to begin these forward-looking stages even in the midst of this troubled economy. **We receive these blessings from the hand of a mighty God that makes all things whole and good, regardless of the circumstances.**

God bless you,



Kit Danley  
President



Above: Ladies enjoying their time at the *Come For Lunch* luncheon.

Below: The Micro-Enterprise building was used for the Parent Store in April.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP!

The thrift store needs:

- Volunteers
- Store fixtures
- Cash register
- 6 or 8 foot folding tables
- Furniture and small appliance donations
- A retail spatial architect to help with store layout

### DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR E-NEWSLETTERS

In an effort to save money and help the environment, NM is moving to electronic newsletters. **If you would like to begin receiving your monthly newsletter via email, please register online at [www.nmaz.org/register](http://www.nmaz.org/register) or send an email to [register@nmaz.org](mailto:register@nmaz.org).** Please include your name and address in your email so that we can remove the correct address from our mailing list.

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