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## Dear Neighbor Ministries

*eNews Update*

*Spring 2011*

**Dear Friends,** Our April **eNews Update** did not make it before the end of the month. Things have been very busy the last three weeks, but here is our latest roundup of news.

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Lunch organizers from left; Patti Edison, Dana Hensley, Sharon Bastian, Cozy Goebel and Colleen Dondlinger.

### Angels Among Us

Over 100 women were invited to a formal lunch at Mount St. Mary Convent to learn about Dear Neighbor Ministries and StepStone. The event took place April 27th and was well received by those in attendance.

Speakers included a survivor of domestic violence who talked about her experience in our StepStone program and Sister Ann Catherine Burger who told stories about her ten years serving people in the Hilltop neighborhood. See related story about a typical day below.

We are most grateful to the planning committee and all who attended.  
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### Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently looking for people willing to share their time and talents. Volunteers are needed for the following efforts:

- Coordinate children's activities twice a month while their mom's are at support group.



You can make a difference!

- Mow and maintain yard at StepStone home near St. Joseph hospital.
- Work half day as a receptionist in the Dear Neighbor/StepStone offices.
- Social Media Volunteer, work from home keeping StepStone and Dear Neighbor Social media fresh and current.
- Help manage the personal budget of people unable to manage their own disability income.
- Jack or Jackie of all trades one day a week doing odd jobs.
- Teach cooking, budgeting and other skills on a rotating basis to survivors of domestic violence.

Those interested should contact Kathy Gilmartin, volunteer coordinator, 684-5120 or [kgilmartin@csjoseph.org](mailto:kgilmartin@csjoseph.org)

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89 year old Sister Ann Catherine Burger, CSJ talks about her ministry in the Hilltop neighborhood.

### **A Typical Day at Dear Neighbor Ministries and StepStone**

On April 14th staff and volunteers counted their activity. Here is a sample of some on our accomplishments on that day.

- Sister delivered food to 25 homes in Hilltop
- Answered 6 cell phone calls for help
- Provided groceries to 6 people
- Gave bus passes to 2 people and drove 2 others to appointments
- Housed 40 survivors of domestic violence (15 women and 25 children)
- Answered 36 calls to the office
- Referred 3 people to other agencies
- E-filed 12 tax returns
- Visited the home of one payee client
- Organized bank statements for 100 payee clients
- Paid bills for 30 payee clients
- 9 volunteers worked a total of 39 hours this day
- Moved one new family into our transitional housing
- Paid bills and managed organizational finances

We were able to touch 359 lives that day....this

is all possible because of our volunteers and donors. Thank You.

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