

2016
ANNUAL REPORT

 Near Northwest Neighborhood 



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*Avenues, Homes,
Neighbors,
Where We Live!*

CREATING A PLACE WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATED BY ALL

Neighbors, supporters, and friends,

We are grateful for the opportunity to highlight some of the events occurring in our shared neighborhood that might have had you exclaiming: “It really seems like a lot is happening in the NNN!”

2016 was a year of greatly expanding energy in the NNN as we engaged in all of our work: physically revitalizing the neighborhood, strengthening the social fabric of our community, and ensuring the long-term viability of the organization.

We have continued our highly successful affordable home-ownership program, have greatly expanded our capacity to use our NNN Community Center, and engaged and communicated with neighbors on a more frequent, and in-depth capacity. With an increased focus on creating a neighborhood where all are welcome and there is a high quality of life for all, we remain strongly committed to our mission.

Neighborhood Housing

In 2016, the NNN was able to impact multiple properties in the neighborhood:

- Four affordable houses were put on the market after rehabilitation in 2016, welcoming four new families into the NNN.
- Partnering with the City of South Bend, the NNN is holding nine Blight Elimination Program properties to help facilitate the removal of blighted and vacant properties from the NNN.
- Four vacant lots were re-platted and transferred to neighbors as side lots.
- In collaboration with Indiana Historic Landmarks, Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County, and the City of South Bend, the NNN is participating in the Leland Avenue Revitalization Project which has renovated and sold one house, built a new house, and a third house is currently under renovation.
- The NNN has been working with Thrive Michiana on providing land for future net-zero energy housing on Shetterley Triangle (between California and Demaude). There is also a partnership with Habitat for Humanity for new construction and remodeling of four houses on this same block.

Neighborhood Networking

- We welcomed our **Neighborhood Networker**, André Stoner, to our staff. Beginning part-time in 2016, and coming on full-time in early 2017, André takes on the NNN’s mission of engaging and empowering neighbors.
- Over a dozen NNN **general meetings** brought residents together around a variety of topics impacting the neighborhood. We dialogued about Avenue’s Edge, experimented with digitally mapping the neighborhood, net-zero



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OUR MISSION

AT THE NEAR NORTHWEST
NEIGHBORHOOD

We are an organization of citizens dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of the neighborhood through:

- Providing affordable housing to low-moderate income households
- Organizing and empowering community residents
- Promoting the neighborhood's interest within the neighborhood and the entire community



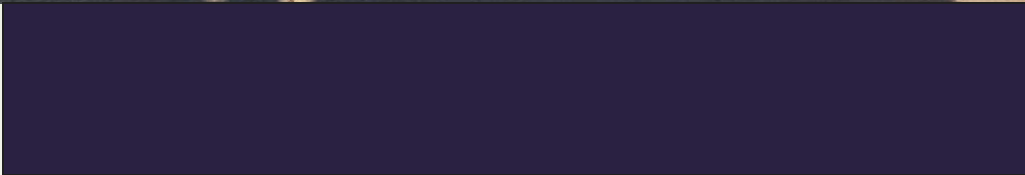
OUR CORE VALUES

AT THE NEAR NORTHWEST
NEIGHBORHOOD



in the near northwest neighborhood (including Holy Cross Parish), helping equip and mobilize them to address significant human need in their neighborhood. From January through March 2017, a series of three trainings for this group, along with identified neighborhood leaders, is being led by Dr. David Hooker, ND professor of conflict transformation and peacebuilding. A core of neighborhood clergy will then travel to Chicago in April to visit ministry sites that will help them reflect on their own situation and stir imagination for what might be possible in our neighborhood.

- New Census Tract information on lead levels in blood tests of children aged 0-7 was released in December 2016. This information identified Census Tract 6, which encompasses the western portion of the neighborhood, with the highest rates of children with elevated lead levels in the County. In response to this, the NNN placed itself at the front of an urgent conversation to address the issue, to understand where our community is within this very stubborn problem, and to facilitate communication with both community members and experts. Within three weeks, the NNN convened an Information Session attended by 80 members of the public, a Town Hall meeting attended by 85 members of the public, and convened a first meeting of a proposed Lead Exposure Affinity Group of community experts currently working on the issue in the community, or representing those impacted by lead exposure in their children to create next steps forward as a community.



These are just highlights of the many things that you, our energized neighbors, and the NNN have been doing during the past year. In the pages that follow, you will learn more about the currents of energy in our community through the voices of neighbors who, of course, are at the heart of it all. We are so grateful to be a part of this community, and greatly look forward to working together for the continued revitalization of our common home.

energy housing, the Leland Avenue partnership, how to participate in the County Certificate Sale, our solar energy project, and designing healthy neighborhoods. Partnering with other community organizations, we brought many additional programs to the neighborhood, including hosting programs with Iron Sharpens Iron, Youth on Stage, the Michiana Community Male Chorus, REAL services, and many others.

- In 2016, NNN's **Adopt-a-Block** litter reduction program once again adopted every block in the neighborhood. With a beautiful day for us, we collectively removed over 5 tons of litter from the neighborhood. We are grateful to the City of South Bend and others for partnering in this yearly effort!
- The **NNN Arts Café** continued some new favorite attractions in 2016: a hayride "tour" of our neighborhood and NNN-rehabilitated affordable housing and a Kid's Zone celebrating the creative energy across generations. As always, the signature event provided countless opportunities to explore good food, enjoy local musicians, and discover South Bend artisans.
- Featuring exceptional locally roasted coffee and other local products, **The Local Cup** is now open every weekend, and two mornings a week. With its unique pay-it-forward model, the TLC provides hospitality to all who enter the doors. The Local Cup not only provides space for neighbors to meet one another, have fun, and enjoy community; it also houses a volunteer-run Leadership Development program for neighborhood youth who help staff the shop. Volunteers, Thrive Michiana, and Borkholder Builders also expanded The Local Cup by designing and building an outdoor patio area in the courtyard for NNN tenants, and Local Cup visitors to enjoy.
- Another group of neighbors continued a **55+ social group** for neighbors 55 years and older. This group is bursting with energy and ideas, drawing people together – sponsoring speakers, providing community service, and sparking new ways to create community at each monthly meeting. The neighborhood certainly will be hearing more from this group of engaged neighbors!
- The **Church in the City initiative**, funded by a CCHD grant through the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, connects pastors and faith leaders of over fifteen churches and groups





COMMUNITY The NNN Community Center is hopping, with your events, ideas, and shared community meetings



The Local Cup was open for over 350 hours in 2016, with approximately 100 neighbors coming through every weekend. Local Cup interns worked a combined total of over 1,200 hours in 2016.

Adopt-a-Block Volunteers consumed 15 dozen donuts to fuel efforts of over 200 volunteers in taking FIVE TONS of trash off the streets and alleyways of the neighborhood.



Neighbors volunteered to clean bikes for South Bend's 2016 Bike to Work week, cleaning over 60 bikes.

415 NNN households participate in the neighborhood list-serv, which had over 4,000 posts last year, keeping communications easy and up to date. The NNN facebook page grew to over 600 members in 2016, reaching over 1,000 viewers a month



A combined 335 events, meetings, yoga, art, and music classes, and gatherings were hosted at the NNN Community Center in 2016



Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2015

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 275,137
Grants receivable	173,693
Prepaid expenses	22,285
Property & Equipment	1,077,736
Other Assets	\$130,539

TOTAL ASSETS \$1,850,510

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 116,444
Accrued expenses	25,509
Grant advances	163,239

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$305,192

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$1,541,971
Temporarily Restricted	3,347

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$1,545,318

**TOTAL LIABILITIES
AND NET ASSETS \$1,850,510**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended December 31, 2015

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions	\$ 12,551
Rental Income	40,794
Gifts In Kind	5,984
Grant Income - other	22,975
Grant Income - federal	945,663
Other Revenue	659

Loss on sale of real property
(402,759)

**TOTAL SUPPORT AND
REVENUE \$625,867**

EXPENSES

Change in Net Assets
(\$ 91,492)

Net Assets, beginning of year
\$1,636,810

Net Assets, end of year
\$1,545,318



NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

In 2016, neighbors initiated and launched Neighbors Together, a \$50,000 fundraising campaign, and a neighbor-to-neighbor community building initiative dedicated to creating a better and more vibrant South Bend for everyone.

We are now \$30,000 toward our total goal of providing support for The Local Cup and the Youth Leadership Development Program, creating an Incubator Commercial Kitchen, and increasing our capacity for Community Engagement.

We care about and are committed to one another, our neighborhood, and the city. Our goals are to:

- Strengthen neighborly relations
- Engage and Empower local youth
- Support local and neighborhood producers and entrepreneurship
- Identify, develop, and deepen neighborhood assets and networks
- Create a vibrant, healthy, and sustainable community

We continue to need your help to realize this program! Together we can build a sustainable community through these initiatives. Your financial support is essential to this grassroots campaign. Contributions can be made out to the Near Northwest Neighborhood, made online (via PayPal) at nearnorthwest.org, or at The Local Cup

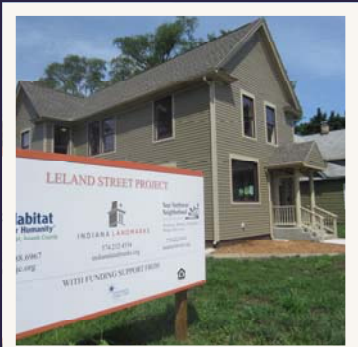




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THANK YOU!!! THE NNN COMMUNITY IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Board of Directors and staff of the Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc. extend deep gratitude to all of our supporters. We are singularly fortunate to have so many generous collaborators—individuals, corporations, foundations, and partner organizations who assist our efforts. It is only with your help that we are able to further and to accomplish our mission. Many thanks to all of you who have shared your time, talent, gifts, and financial resources with the NNN this past year! We look forward to our continued partnerships!

2016 Major Contributors

- 1st Source Foundation
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
- City of South Bend, Department of Community Investment
- Community Development Block Grant
- Indiana Association of Community and Economic Development
- The Sandusky Family
- St. Joseph County Housing Consortium
- Sisters of the Holy Cross
- Stanley and Flora Clark Trust
- Wells Fargo Foundation
- Contributors to Special Projects
- 55+ Social Group (NNN Neighbors)
- Aldridge Insurance
- Alliance Architects
- Amy Jonason
- Ann Clark
- Beth Salman
- Borkholder Buildings
- Colleen New
- City of South Bend, Bureau of Streets
- City of South Bend, Department of Code Enforcement
- City of South Bend, Department of Parks and Recreation
- City of South Bend, Division of Environmental Services
- City of South Bend, Police Department
- Community Foundation of St. Joseph County
- Dave Thomas, County Commissioner
- Englewood Development Company
- Erasmus Books
- Grass Roots Media
- Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County
- Holy Cross Parish and School
- Indiana Landmarks of Northern Indiana
- Krugger, Lawton, and Company
- Martin's Supermarkets
- Meridian Title Corporation
- NNN Arts Cafe Committee
- NNN Property Development
- Notre Dame Federal Credit Union
- Place Homes
- Roy & Peggy Hruska
- South Bend Brew Werks
- South Bend Music Exchange
- St. Joseph County Commissioners
- St. Joseph County Health Department
- Teacher's Credit Union
- The Local Cup
- Thrive Michiana

And to all of the Near Northwest Neighborhood Neighbors! Thank you for all of the gifts that you share!

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