

A close-up photograph of a young child with dark, curly hair. The child is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. They are holding a large, bright yellow daisy flower up to their face, partially obscuring their mouth. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The overall mood is calm and contemplative.

Imagine...

...A community
transformed by
simple acts
of kindness



Families are the foundation of our communities. We believe that if we build up a family, we build up a community. *Adopt a Family* makes a way for participants to sponsor immigrant and at-risk families and invest into their lives in a number of practical ways:

- Enculturation Assistance
- English Tutoring
- Reading Support for Children
- Food and Resource Subsidies
- Youth Building Programs
- Holiday Sponsorship

Adopt a Family

Adopt a Community

Our efforts extend the focus from the family out to the larger community as we develop strategic partnerships in order to promote community dignity and well-being. Through a concerted effort to restore hope in a community, our teams do the following:

- Resource Distribution
- Community Clean-up Projects
- Educational Scholarships
- Recognize Community Achievement
- 12-Step Programs

Strategy

Environment Changing

Inspiring neighborhood decency through focused acts of kindness
Revitalizing the environment through clean-up projects and prayer
Promoting safety and upholding justice
Restoring neighborhood dignity through our *Adopt-a-Community* program
Serving as a resource distribution catalyst for the community

Perception Changing

Establishing a recognizable presence of Good in the 'Hood
Promoting positive values and healthy respect for others
Inspiring a contagious atmosphere of kindness
Encouraging residents to take responsibility for the well-being of their community
Removing the "welfare mentality" by giving a hand-up rather than a hand-out

Life Changing

Reading, tutoring and recreation programs for children
English tutoring for immigrant/refugee families
Providing practical resources and assistance for at-risk families
Serve-a-thon opportunities for volunteer groups
Providing strategic partnerships that benefit both the individual and the community

We know the value of partnerships in making a difference in people's lives, and that's why our *Resource Sharing* plan has such an impact in the urban community. We want to demonstrate the value of people from all walks of life, and we can do this through effective urban and suburban partnerships. Our goal is to develop a streamlined system for bringing resources back into the city. Our challenge is to give in such a way that we don't re-victimize those in need, giving a "hand out", when what they really need is a "way out". Some of the ways we provide resources are:

- Human resources (volunteers)
- Food/Clothing
- Emergency Services
- Personal care items
- Children's toys
- Personalized consultation
- Prayer
- Educational resources
- Information and awareness



Resource Sharing

Why Good in the 'Hood?

Good in the 'Hood is an organization committed to developing individuals and community. We exist in order to directly impact people and families living in the inner city. We believe in partnering and are dedicated to promoting community dignity and transformation through focused acts of kindness. Our objectives support our mission:



- To initiate positive change in our city by encouraging personal responsibility
- To inspire hope and a contagious momentum of kindness in others
- To provide a platform for volunteer services to invest their resources
- To promote individual and community dignity
- To give a "hand-up" for those in need
- To serve as a catalyst for bringing resources back into the city

Community Clean-Up

If there's an award for the cleanest community, our volunteers just might receive it!

Cleaning up the community is one of our primary objectives. We believe that one way to restore human dignity is through revitalizing a community. Our goal is to inspire each neighborhood to become the cleanest community in the city! Volunteer groups work with local residents to rake lawns, pick up litter, remove graffiti, wash windows, and perform other projects that bring beauty to the city. *Community Clean-Up* is a small but practical way to promote positive attitudes while restoring dignity to the people of the city.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can."

- John Wesley



Transforming a community requires more than a good idea. It requires good people. Our volunteers are our most important resource, and only through them can we make an impact in the city. Good in the 'Hood provides volunteer opportunities for both individuals and groups to invest their time, energy and resources in a way that makes a direct impact in the lives of others. In addition, we provide practical experiences for college students and leadership development for volunteers. The *Serve-a-thon* program also allows civic, religious and youth organizations to have an opportunity to significantly impact an inner city community. Our volunteers have an earnest desire to simply make a difference in the city.



"I am only one, yet I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something."

- Helen Keller

Volunteer Opportunities



One Life..
One Family..
One Community..
At a time.



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