

## How do I get involved?

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OR

Go online and fill out an individual  
volunteer form at  
[urbanministrycenter.org/volunteer](http://urbanministrycenter.org/volunteer)

*The Urban Ministry Center is an inter-faith organization dedicated to bringing the community together to end homelessness... one life at a time.*



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NEIGHBOR TO  
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The HousingWorks approach is simple: give individuals what they need most – a safe, stable, affordable home – and then provide the wrap-around support to help them remain housed and foster lives of wellness and dignity.



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## About Neighbor to Neighbor

Neighbor to Neighbor pairs volunteers with tenants of Urban Ministry Center's HousingWorks program in a one-on-one capacity connecting individuals with similar interests so that these opportunities can

be explored together. Each person is responsible for filling out a questionnaire asking for

their hobbies and availability, which acts as the springboard for creating the matches. Our goal as a staff is to facilitate the introductions and serve as an ongoing resource, while allowing friendships between volunteers and tenants to grow and flourish organically. Tenants and volunteers typically meet at a minimum of once a month and we are in the process of seeking more volunteer/tenant pairs.



## GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

1. Encourage volunteers/tenants to get more involved in the community together
2. Inspire volunteers to understand HousingWorks, homelessness, and its social implications
3. Motivate volunteers/tenants to learn new skills and be involved in activities they enjoy
4. Build a strong friendship and sense of community that would otherwise not take place due to sociocultural/socioeconomic differences

*For more information about HousingWorks visit us at [www.urbanministrycenter.org/housing-for-homeless](http://www.urbanministrycenter.org/housing-for-homeless)*



"I like the premise that is implied in the name Neighbor to Neighbor. We are peers. Not volunteer and resident, not mentor and mentored, rather two folks that may

have different stories, but also much in common. The more we get to know each other, the more I am seeing how true that is."

- John Woodcock, Volunteer

"That was something I always wanted to learn how to do, to sit down and read a book, to write a letter to family, to text someone. So when I heard about the chance to work with someone 1-on-1, I thought it would be better than having to work in a group setting... It's always good to learn something new every day; you're never too old for that."

- Johnny Hester, Scattered Site Tenant



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