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News Release

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### **Neighbor for Neighbor recruiting action teams**

Springfield's Neighbor for Neighbor project is offering citizens free ice cream and a chance to make change happen in their neighborhoods.

Neighbor for Neighbor will host recruitment events at four locations in the Weller and Robberson neighborhoods at 6 p.m. Sept. 20. Locations are: Weller Elementary (1630 N. Weller), Smith Park (1536 E. Division), Dayspring Church (2158 N. Prospect) and BBC/Freedom Southern Baptist (2201 N. Summit Ave.)

These teams will work closely with other community groups and services to focus on four areas of improvement: job creation and workforce development, health and safety, neighborhood pride and racism and civility.

Another recruitment event is planned for Oct. 5. For more information, please call 417.888.2020 or visit <http://springfieldn4n.com>.

### **About Neighbor for Neighbor**

The Neighbor for Neighbor Project (N4N) is an empowerment program sponsored by a variety of community partners to help drive positive change through a process of neighborhood discussion and planning in the Weller and Robberson neighborhoods.

A dialogue process mobilizes neighbors to come together and work together to identify and solve problems together with community partners.

Goals are to:

- Improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods.
- Empower participants to be agents of change.
- Engage citizens in neighborhoods who feel they have no vote.

The project's community partners are:

- BKD, LLP
- City of Springfield
- Community Foundation of the Ozarks
- Community Partnership of the Ozarks
- Convoy of Hope
- Council of Churches
- Evangel University

- Grupo Latinoamericano
- The Kitchen
- Missouri State University
- NAACP Springfield
- Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
- OACAC
- Praise Assembly
- Springfield-Greene County Library District
- Springfield Public Schools
- Springfield Remanufacturing Corporation
- United Way of the Ozarks
- Victory Mission.

Download an [event flier](#) (pdf).

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