



# NeighbourLink Parkland

## Parkland County Governance and Priorities committees

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- Who are we?

NeighbourLink Parkland is a Christian resource network committed to supporting and providing practical help to those in need in a manner which respects their dignity and self worth.

NeighbourLink works together with community partners and resources to find best solutions for the needs of our community.

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## What do we do?

- Assisting people in desperate need, advising them where to go to obtain immediate help
- Arranging rides to doctors appoints, lab work, etc locally and to Edmonton.
- Assisting people move
- Other things such as rental assistance, food vouchers, gas cards, referral to thrift shops, food bank, income support, and many more ways.

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## Statistics, 2012

•Number of request	975
•Rides	564
•Child care and support	3
•Yard work	11
•Moving	20
•Handyman chores	4
•Financial	337
•Micellaneous	11
•Selected 4 boys to attend Tim Horton Foundation camp	
•Mentoring	many

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## What benefit to Parkland County?

- Prescreening of clients to your Family Services
- Direct assistance to your residents.
- **An example;** A senior resident living in a trailer with windows in terrible shape needed them fixed before last winter. NeighbourLink Parkland found a major window company that replaced the windows free of charge.

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## What the future holds

- Our population is growing at a rate of 4-6%
- The needs of the people are changing
- Our staff is overloaded
- NeighbourLink Parkland is now looking into what these changes mean to our organization.
- Our expenses are expected to rise