



## NeighbourLink PARKLAND

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### OPENING REMARKS

Neighbourlink has been operating successfully for over 12 years. Many things have changed such as more single fathers, increased family violence, and a rapid population growth, and it is now time to address how things have been done in the past and what changes, if any, we will need to make in the future. Many people have been assisted during the years of operation and we have been fully supported by our sponsors during this time.



Currently there are 17 member churches and unlimited volunteers helping us meet our needs.

All this is happening with God's grace and guidance. Praise to our Father for giving us the opportunity to serve Him in this way.

### NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

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.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dick Lutz – Chair	Bill Courtis – Treasurer
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Office: Diane Mitchell – Ministry Director	
Susan Thomsen – Office Assistant	

**Request to members** We are asking you to consider Neighbourlink when you are preparing next year's budget. Please call the office if you have any questions.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK DONE



Meeting with people in desperate need and advising them where to go to get immediate help, rides to Edmonton, local rides, furniture needs, moving help, rental assistance, food vouchers, gas cards, referral to thrift shop, food bank and income support and helping people in many more ways..

### A STORY TO HELP YOU RELATE

This is an example of how Neighbourlink helps people in need.

A woman came into the office very distraught. She was not able to work. She has a daughter who was reluctant to leave their home due to the condition of her teeth. Calls were made to dentists in the area and we found one who pulled her teeth and another who did dentures all free of charges. This young woman is now feeling confident and is working and supporting her mother.

There are many stories of this nature and many happy endings. Praise to the Lord for giving us the opportunity to assist these people.

### DIRECTIVES FOR THE BOARD

The planning session held on April 23, 2013, indicated the need to communicate with our members more efficiently. We decided the best way to communicate would be by putting out a quarterly newsletter.

We also learned that our needs are changing. We are not certain as to what extent. Sub-committees have been formed to look at our mandate, governance model, by-laws, role of the board, role of the ministry director and the overall operation.

The Act that governs nonprofit organizations has been changed and we must comply with the new act by the fall of 2014. The Finance Committee will be responsible for complying with this new Act.