



Good Neighbors Group

By Faith Burns

Nimble. Compassionate. Collaborative. Connectors.

Tucked in the heart of Severna Park and looking to expand to communities in Annapolis, Good Neighbors Group (GNG) is not just an organization - it's a movement. Since its founding in 2006, and formal nonprofit status in 2017, GNG has championed community-driven solutions to local needs with one guiding belief: everyone can do something.

At the core of GNG's mission is the desire to turn compassion into action by connecting resources with need—whether that's matching donations before they hit the dumpster, rallying neighborhoods to fight hunger through the S(o)uper Bowl Food Drive, or cleaning up storm drains through One Clean Block.

"Our goal is to help people make an impact right where they live," says the founder, who started GNG as a grassroots effort to redistribute household items to local families in need. "People want to help. They just need to know how."

From Grassroots to Growing Force

What began as email threads among neighbors has blossomed into a network of nearly 1,000 engaged residents, all working to address local issues—from food insecurity to environmental impact. GNG brings heart and hustle to every project, proving that meaningful change starts with simple acts.

Each year, their Earth Day Festival draws crowds to Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company. Now in its 24th year, the event brings together eco-conscious vendors, musicians, artists, and volunteers in celebration of sustainability, wellness, and connection. Equally impactful is the February S(o)uper Bowl drive—a lighthearted competition with a serious purpose: restocking depleted food pantries after the holiday season.

Helping the Helpers: Partnering with service providers to meet the needs of clients that traditional programs can't cover.

Donations Before Dumpsters: Giving new life to unwanted items and keeping them out of landfills.



One Clean Block: Encouraging community members to adopt and maintain their own neighborhood storm drains.

STITCHES OF KINDNESS: Volunteers sew needed items for those in crisis.

Hands-On, Heart-Filled Engagement

From native plant gardens to blood drives and community fix-it projects, every GNG initiative aims to empower residents to take part. Whether volunteering time, sharing resources, or simply spreading the word, involvement is as easy as saying "yes."

Want to do more? The group is always looking for volunteers, neighborhood reps, Good Neighbor Ambassadors, and board members to help shape the future. Even simple tasks like offering transportation for donated goods can make a lasting difference.

Looking Ahead

One dream on the horizon is the creation of a **GNG Depot**—a dedicated space to collect, repair, and redistribute donated items while providing hands-on training in sustainability and restoration. It's a vision that, like everything GNG does, brings community and compassion full circle.

Get Involved

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A Final Word

"Rethink your impact—the one you are making, and the one you can make," says the team at GNG. "We'd love to help you find your way to give back."

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