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"Helping our Neighbors to help themselves"

OUR STORY

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Neighborhood House is a local charity that provides help to local, needy families, children and individuals in Farmington and Farmington Hills. We rely entirely on donations and grants from our community.

Neighborhood House was created out of the Farmington Area Goodfellows over 40 years ago. The goal was to have a local resource in place to help those in our community all year-round. The initial group was started by the late Dick Tupper, local businessman, former mayor and councilman of Farmington and long-time head of the Goodfellows. The group was called Emergency Fund and worked closely with the Farmington Public Schools and Head Start. The Goodfellows was the primary donor in the beginning. The name was later changed to Farmington-Farmington Hills Neighborhood House as a separate, non-profit organization. Fundraising was begun through the community as the need increased.

Neighborhood House helps, on average, 250 families a year by providing financial support for rent, utilities, food, medical, temporary housing and other areas where needed. We began partnering with several other local groups, faith-based organizations and non-profits to provide the services needed. We hired a part-time Client Support Specialist to work closely with clients and other partner agencies to provide solutions. Neighborhood House added a small food pantry, with non-perishable food, toiletries and paper goods, as a supplement to the financial assistance we give our clients. If someone needs help out of our area or ability, we gladly refer them to another appropriate agency who can help.

After occupying a couple cramped offices, Neighborhood House settled into our office at the Jon Grant Center connected to Farmington Hills Fire Station #3 in 2005.

In 2015 Neighborhood House was awarded the Outstanding Organization award by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Commission on Children, Youth and Families.

Each August, Neighborhood House holds its annual fundraising gala at which time the Dick Tupper Community Service award is presented to an individual in the community who represents the same type of community spirit that Dick Tupper had.