

IDENTIFYING NEIGHBORHOOD NEED: An Inventory

A. Who are your neighbors?

1. Walk/drive your neighborhood - what would produce walking or drive/by traffic?
[i.e. post office, city hall, grocery, schools...]

2. Residential [single-family, apartment buildings, assisted living, etc.]

B. What needs of your neighbors have already come to your attention?

1. What requests for discretionary funds come to your priest or to you as a deacon?

2. What are your prayer requests, and where do they come from?

C. How would this compare to your state/local health and socioeconomic statistical data?

[state health department population studies local health department, city/county data, all usually available on-line – usually necessary for grant applications]

D. Who is already meeting identified needs? [i.e. county services, food shelf, shelters]

E. Unmet needs

1. What needs are unserved or underserved?
2. What, if anything, can you do about it?

F. What resources does your church have available to meet these local needs?

1. Human? [Clergy, laity, partnerships..]
2. Financial? [Budget line items, Mission Committee ..]
3. Physical Plant? [parish hall, commercial kitchen, gymnasium, rectory..]
4. What partnerships might be formed to address the unmet need?

$$A + B (+C) = \text{NEED}$$

$$\frac{-D \quad \text{MET NEED}}{\quad}$$

$$E = \text{UNMET NEED}$$