

# POINTS *of* HOPE

The Newsletter of Building Together Ministries

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## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The *NeighborStore* is a ministry based thrift and consignment shop serving the needs of the community. The store provides quality clothing, furniture, household items, school supplies, computers, small appliances, toys and collectibles at modest prices. It also provides a safe and inviting environment for sharing in conversation and fellowship with our neighbors. All profits from the sales of the *NeighborStore* benefit the programs of Building Together Ministries. The *NeighborStore* is open to the public and welcomes all shoppers.

Clean, unbroken items may be brought to the store during regular business hours for donation. We also need volunteers willing to work at the store and assist customers. If you are interested, please call (919) 755-0048.

The *NeighborStore* is located at 1526 Wake Forest Road in Raleigh (next to Texaco/Fisher's Food Mart in the former Oakwood Antique Mall location)  
Phone Number (919) 755-0048

### *NeighborStore* Hours

Monday – Friday 10-6  
Saturday 9-3



### *The NeighborStore's Mission*

*To facilitate Christian community development by providing low cost clothing, furniture, appliances, toys, household items and school supplies to the neighboring community.*

### A Special Thank You to *NeighborStore* Volunteers

Virginia Bennett

Linda Bennett

Fran Doherty

Patrick Doherty

Becky Dribbon

Betty Dunn

Joyce Fox

Wobke Kummerle

Paul and Judy Millar

Gary Preston

Debbie Santelli

Betty Thomas

Daniela Goerzen

Megan Bontrager

Denise Stumpo

Macon Bunn

Pam Bunn

Sarah Anderson

Andi Hughes

Carlitha Ector

Jordan Turner

Janine Clinding

Eula Brayboy

Jan Aguirre

Linda Rhodes

Linda Cuthrell

Francis Morisey

Pat McInnis

Jenny and Jim Sumerall

Tasha Gill

Hannah Brodie

Scott Youngblood

Andrea Botelho

John and Debbie

Salisbury and Family

Kathy Boos

June Chidlaw

Ernstein Moore

### **Special Announcement**

Building Together is privileged again for the third year to be chosen Charitable Recipient of proceeds from the upcoming PARADE OF REMODELED HOMES. This event takes place the weekend of

November 15-16. There is a \$5 admission fee and the Remodelers Council donates 25% of all proceeds to BTM. We encourage you to come out and participate. Watch for times and locations in the News and Observer.

# Giving So Others Can Give

Instead of giving gifts this year to a needy family, consider donating toys to Building Together Ministries' **Pride for Parents** store. Rather than offering parents a "hand out", **Pride for Parents** offers toys *they* can purchase at reduced, affordable prices. The point here is to provide a way for parents to buy gifts for their children, instead of well-meaning strangers doing so. That way, on Christmas Day the children will delight in receiving gifts from their parents, and the parents will have the joy of watching them open gifts that they themselves selected.

For parents who cannot afford to make gift purchases at all, we will provide them the opportunity to work in the *NeighborStore* in exchange for credit toward their purchases. Our guiding aim is to respect the dignity of the parents.

What a small sacrifice for us who are givers. Our toys and our joys are given freely and anonymously to the "least of these" (His little ones). Are these not acceptable sacrifices to the Father who sees what is done in secret?

All profits realized from the **Pride for Parents** effort are dedicated to the funding of the programs of Building Together Ministries such as the Playing Together Preschool, the After School Program, and the College Scholarship Fund.

## How You Can Help

**Donate new, unwrapped toys** (such as African American dolls, educational toys and games, balls, legos, trucks, board games, etc.) Toys may be brought to the *NeighborStore* during regular *NeighborStore* hours between now and Christmas. We discourage violent toys (guns, knives, bow and arrow) and toys that symbolize witchcraft/horror. We also discourage stuffed animals and books because we receive more of these than the store sells.

**Make a financial contribution** to help us buy popular toys in bulk and new bikes. You may mail your check made payable to Building Together Ministries and designated for PFP, in the enclosed envelope to BTM.

**Volunteer** to stock shelves, assist customers, wrap gifts, assemble bikes, etc.

**Pray** for God to be glorified through the *Pride for Parents* ministry, for enough volunteers and donations to make the program successful, and for community relationships to be strengthened and encouraged.

**Promote** this opportunity among church groups, associations, schools, etc.



## *Pride for Parents* Store Hours

December 4 – December 20  
Thursdays and Fridays 3-6 pm  
Saturdays 10-2 pm

*\*Special Store Hours:*  
*Tuesday December 23, 3-6 pm*

The *Pride for Parents* Store is located downstairs in the *NeighborStore*, at 1526 Wake Forest Road in Raleigh. The phone number is (919) 755-0048.

*"I especially like shopping the **Pride for Parents** Christmas Store. This special store helps parents to provide for their children the different types of toys, even popular ones, at a price they can afford." - Cathy Hawkins*

*"**Pride for Parents** allows us to fulfill our need and desire to share our resources, while helping maintain the dignity of all concerned." - Annette and Jim Epps*

*"I participate in the **Pride for Parents** program at BTM because of the well known adage 'what would Jesus do?'.....I believe the greatest Giver of all would have us be in the business of building up people in His love, and **Pride for Parents** is one way to love our neighbors." -Tommy Drake*

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