

Good Neighbor Agreement

Between:

Matthew's House Ministry

766 Seventh St.

Grand Rapids, Mi 49504

("The Ministry")

And:

[Name of Neighbor / Business / HOA / Representative]

[Address]

(Neighbor")

Date_____

Purpose

This Good Neighbor Agreement is a mutual commitment between Matthew's House and its neighbors to promote respect, safety, and cooperation in the surrounding community.

Matthew's House serves individuals experiencing homelessness and financial hardship by offering essential services including showers, laundry, food, and clothing.

The intent of this agreement is to ensure that all parties-Matthew's House, its guests, and its neighbors-can coexist peacefully, with mutual respect and shared responsibility.

Guest Commitments

As a Guest of Matthew's House, I agree to:

Be Respectful:

1. Treat the property, staff, volunteers, and neighbors with dignity and respect.
2. Keep noise down and avoid any disruptive, unsafe, or disrespectful behavior.
3. Keep it Clean: Use trash cans and help keep the area clean for everyone.
4. Honor the Community: Understand that being a good guest also means being a good neighbor to the surrounding community.

Matthew's House Commitments

Matthew's House agrees to:

- 1. Operate Respectfully:** Encourage respectful behavior from guests, staff, and volunteers on and around the property. Discourage loitering, disruptive behavior, or unsafe activity near neighboring properties.
- 2. Maintain Cleanliness:** Keep the property and surrounding area free from litter and debris. Provide trash receptacles and ensure regular waste collection.
- 3. Manage Hours and Noise:** Operate services during posted hours and minimize noise and disruption outside those times.
- 4. Provide Oversight:** Ensure staff or volunteers are present to monitor activities and address any issues that arise.
- 5. Respond Promptly:** Respond quickly and constructively to concerns raised by community members. Provide neighbors with a contact for reporting issues or sharing feedback.
- 6. Engage the Community:** Maintain open, respectful communication with the surrounding neighborhood. Be willing to meet with neighbors periodically to address concerns or offer updates.

Neighbor Commitments

The Neighbor agrees to:

- 1. Communicate Directly and Respectfully:** Bring any concerns to Matthew's House before taking legal or public action. Engage in good faith discussions to seek resolution.
- 2. Support Shared Values:** Acknowledge the importance of the services Matthew's House provides to vulnerable members of the community. Promote a spirit of compassion and cooperation.
- 3. Report issues Appropriately:** Notify Matthew's House of any incidents or ongoing issues involving guests or the property.

Shared Commitment

All parties agree to:

Foster a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment. Revisit this agreement as needed to improve outcomes for the community. Communicate openly to resolve issues in a timely and respectful way.

Contact Information

Matthew's House Contact:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Neighbor Contact:

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Acknowledgment and Signatures: By signing this agreement. all parties acknowledge their shared responsibility in creating a peaceful. clean, and caring neighborhood where everyone is treated with respect.

Matthew's House Representative

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Neighbor / Business / HOA Representative

Signature: Printed Name: _____

Title (if applicable): _____

Date: _____

Guest of Matthew's House

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____