



KANSAS CITY WORLD OUTREACH LIONS CLUB
Christmas Eve-Eve Brunch & Health Screenings
Neighbor2Neighbor
Mt. Washington Missionary Baptist Church
3551 Wabash, Kansas City, MO 64109
December 23, 2022



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On Dec. 23, 2022, Lions from the Kansas City World Outreach Lions Club (KCWOLC) braved -4 degrees temperature, joining other volunteers, to serve brunch to the less fortunate and homeless guests of Neighbor2Neighbor (N2N) in Kansas City, MO.

The Dec. 23rd event is an annual project that KCWOLC has participated in for several years, providing health screenings. But during the pandemic, KCWOLC could not do the health screenings, so instead, they provided sack meals and a tote-ful of Christmas gifts....winter scarves, beanies, gloves, socks, and for kids, coloring books, crayons, toys, etc,

This year, the first time since the pandemic, we were able to provide health screenings, and even though another church, the Keystone United Methodist Church, provided the hot breakfast/brunch, KCWOLC still prepared the sack meals to-go and a tote-ful of Christmas gifts.

For the sack meals, KCWOLC provided a chicken empanada, McDonald's breakfast burritos, fresh fruits and candy canes, and N2N provided a sandwich and snacks.

For the Christmas gifts, KCWOLC President, Lion Elvie Leone was disappointed when she was unable to acquire KC Chiefs shirts, so PDG Alcy Malkmus decided to add pockets at both ends of the winter fleece scarves she was sewing, using KC Chief fabric for pockets. The pockets can also be used as hand warmers. There were also fur lined beannies, and N2N had limited supplies of gloves and sweatshirts with hoodies. The children also received coloring books and crayons, donated by a local printing company, and an N2N Board Member provided packet of toys and snacks for the kids.

For the health screenings, KCWOLC partnered with the Philippine Nurses Association of Greater Kansas City (PNAGKC) since most of the KCWOLC nurses are

also members of PNAGKC. Lion Babette Orlich, President of PNAGKC, was joined by Lion Elvie Leone and Lion Cora Zamora. Lion/Dr. Jason Vollmecke was available for consult, and he also did the vision screenings for the children. Health screenings were offered prior to eating.

Neighbor2Neighbor typically feed from 150 to 200 homeless Monday to Friday. Many of these folks are fighting addiction, and many of them are being assisted by N2N. Of the 118 that came that day, 18 were children.

There were 26 volunteers, 10 of them from KCWOLC, two represented the VA (a mother who is a nurse brought her daughter), volunteers from other churches, and staff and volunteers from N2N.

The Pastor from Mt. Washington Missionary Baptist Church came and joined Lion/Pastor Greg Parr, N2N Executive Director, offered encouraging words, and Christmas blessings.

Everyone was encouraged to line up for their sack meal to-go and tote-ful of Christmas gifts on their way out.

Notes from my FaceBook post:

Thank you, Lion Elvie, for sharing your photos, and for being such a great help with all the errands to be done before hand, in spite of your travel schedules this month!. So proud of Everyone that were able to make it today. For those who wanted to come and help but couldn't today (b-r-r-r-r), we knew you were all with us in spirit!

To Lion Greg Parr, Executive Director of Neighbor2Neighbor, thank you for closely coordinating with us and working with us through all the question marks along the way.



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To Lion Helen Hatz, thank you for your share of the running errands behind the scenes and baking the brownies!

Thank you to our health screening nurses, representing both PNAGKC (Philippine Nurses Association of GKC) and KCWOLC (Kansas City World Outreach Lions Club), Lions Babette Orlich, Lion Elvie Leone, and Lion Cora Zamora.

I can't thank Lion/Dr. Jason Vollmecke enough, who gladly stepped in and did the children's vision screening.

Many, many thanks to Lion Robert Espinoza for doing much, much more than he should have, just coming out of a knee replacement, and a shoulder surgery.

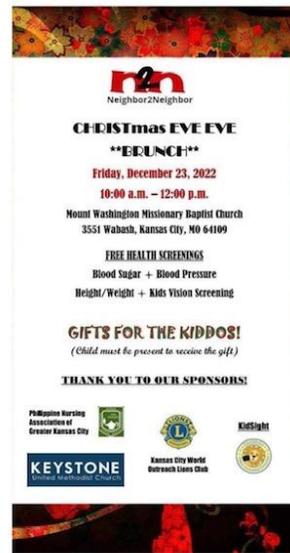
To the staff and volunteers of Neighbor2Neighbor, my deepest admiration for helping those in need, doing the feeding, and helping/guiding those who ask for help with their addictions, day in and day out!

Thank you to my friend, Joy Doolin, who hooked me up with the source for the Filipino chicken empanadas. She was scheduled to be one of the PNAGKC nurses, but since her cough had not improved, she decided to stay home. This is the first time, in many years that I can recall, that Joy has missed volunteering whenever I ask for nurse volunteers.

Many, many thanks to Lion Cres Velarde for the McDonald's breakfast burritos.

Thank you to Mr. John Sullivan, Neighbor2Neighbor, for purchasing extra McDonald's breakfast burritos to add to the donated ones!

So many acts of kindness displayed to make today's Christmas Eve-Eve Brunch & Health Screenings successfully happened!!!!



Lion Helen Hatz



More people being registered





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The health screening team with the Grinch Lion Dr. Jason Vollmecke, Lion Babette Orlich, Lion Cora Zamors

Babette Orlich
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Lion Babette Orlich taking blood pressure
 Babette Orlich and 2 others



Lion Cora taking blood sugar



Tyson Leone taking orders from the kids to be served
 Like Comment



Prayers by Lion Gregg
 Babette Orlich
 Like Comment



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 Babette Orlich
 Like Comment



Waiting to be served
 Babette Orlich
 Like Comment



Table hosts taking the breakfast & serving



Like Comment



The Grinch had a surprise visit to destroy the fun but to add to the merriment



Scarves sewn by POC Alcy Malkmus given away to the less fortunate



Service with a smile



Our doctor Lion Jason Vollmecke is with us for our health screening but was called to pose



Service with a smile



Service with a smile



My son knew we needed help, so another volunteer recruited



Service with a smile



Service with a smile



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Husband & wife tandem Lion Robert Espinoza & PDG Alcy Malkmus with one of the empanadas

Babette Orlich and 4 others



Babette Orlich and 1 other

Like Comment



Volunteers included Leah Siebert, Mary Monaghan Siebert, Tyson Leone

Babette Orlich and 2 others

Like Comment



Babette Orlich and 1 other

Like Comment

