

## **Transparency Statement**

**Neighbors Community Center** was started and is managed by Christians. As people who are trying to love our neighbors, we invite you to:

- Come as you are. We want everyone, regardless of beliefs, to feel at home and be fully themselves without feeling pressure to be someone they are not.
- Know what you're getting in for. We clearly advertise events and programs so attendees know what to expect; for example, events and programs that have a religious/spiritual component will be described as such.
- **Jump in as much as you like.** We believe that all people are valuable and have something to contribute. Our staff, volunteers, and event and program leaders are eager to learn from each person who comes here.
- **Interact intentionally.** In all discussions, and especially when religion or spirituality is involved, we encourage:
  - Active listening with the goal of deeper understanding
  - An attitude of looking for the best in others
  - o Curiosity to explore various viewpoints
  - Respect for others
  - o The freedom to share what is important without being put down or manipulated
- **Make friends.** We are all about positive interactions. We hope that friendships can continue beyond what happens at Neighbors Community Center.

Thank you for coming and being a vital part of the Neighborhood! We welcome respectful discussions about faith and many other topics. Bring your best self and let's get to know each other!

Views and opinions expressed by event leaders, program partners, and volunteers are their own and do not necessarily reflect the views of Neighbors Community Center.