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40th Annual Conference on Neighborhood Concerns



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Executive Summary

The 40th annual Neighborhoods USA Conference (NUSA) was held May 20-23, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston, Texas. Proudly hosted by the City of Houston Planning and Development, this years' theme Passion into Action drew over 800 community leaders and professionals. This years' conference featured great topics, informative workshops and engaging presenters. The conference also included workshops for planning professionals to earn AICP CM credits. 200 youth ages 14-18 attended and facilitated workshops created specifically for young leaders who are serious about transforming communities.

The conference consisted of 60 workshops that focused on Grants & Government Programs, Health & Safety, Natural Environment & Resources, Neighborhood Initiatives, Senior Boom, Social & Civic Engagement, Technology and a Youth track. Wednesday May 20, NUSA pre-conference activities included: a tour of Downtown Houston, a tour of the Houston's Green Building Resource Center, housed in the state of the art LEED Certified Gold protected Houston historic landmark; a bike and bayou tour, sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas along the Buffalo and White Oaks Bayou. Activities also included an afternoon at Minute Maid Park with the Houston Astros and a Mix and Mingle happy hour which took place in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Thursday May 21, the Mayor's Welcome Reception held at the historic Julia Ideson Library featured Mariachi Music from the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts and other live entertainment. On Friday May 22, NUSA attendees visited some of Houston's best neighborhood during our NUSA Neighborhood Pride Tours. Sixteen neighborhoods provided tours that showcased their unique character and shared stories about their communities which helps make Houston the vibrant city that it is. The tours were fun, educational and provided useful information to anyone interested in neighborhood improvements.

Overall Conference Evaluation

The overall conference evaluation was designed to get feedback from all components of the conference which included: registration, workshops, events, exhibitors, meals and keynote speakers. The evaluation scores ranged from 1-5, 1 excellent 5 unsatisfactory. Of the 800 conference attendees, 200 completed an evaluation form and scored NUSA 2015 an average of 1.6.

Workshop Evaluations

There were a total of 63 workshops that covered the topics of nine workshop tracks. Out of the 63 workshops 4 workshops on Friday were young adult and youth lead workshops. Overall there were 1,441 evaluations completed by attendees, who evaluated the workshops with score averages totaling 1.53.

Workshop Tracks



Grants & Government Programs

Applying for grants and understanding government regulations can be a daunting challenge. These workshops will provide help, tips, and even some tricks, from experienced professionals. You can also hear how other communities have used grants and government programs to achieve targeted goals.



Health & Safety

Gone are the days when all it took to have a safe community was local cops on the beat. Now, neighborhoods must deal with everything from unsafe buildings to unhealthy restaurant food. Each neighborhood has its own challenges, but these workshops will provide some great solutions that just might work for you.



Natural Environment & Resources

Today, more Americans than ever are living in dense urban areas. As we urbanize, we realized that our natural areas and environment face considerable challenges. Learn how communities are using innovative programs to build stronger and more sustainable neighborhoods.



Neighborhood Initiatives

Defined by the spaces, places and the people who call them home, neighborhoods are the backbone of every city. Learn about the initiatives that have been undertaken by other communities to combat neighborhood challenges, build upon existing strengths and improve the reality of all the people who define the places we call home.



Senior Boom

America is entering a time of profound and permanent change in its demographic makeup. By 2030 the U.S. will have twice as many seniors as we have today. The lifestyle choices and critical needs of this senior population will have a great impact on our neighborhoods and service providers. Learn how we can change perception and public policy to better accommodate the needs of the seniors.



Social & Civic Engagement

An engaged citizenry is one of the most valuable neighborhood assets. Turning a neighborhood of nonparticipants into an engaged group of neighbors can be challenging. Learn how to bring together neighbors of diverse perspectives, how to establish a collective vision and how to be heard by the people that have the power to shape our neighborhoods.



Technology

Information is power. Learn how your community can harness the power of social media and new technology to effectively communicate information, network and stay connected. Increase the impact of your neighborhood organization by using social media and new technology to connect, organize and fundraise.



Youth

It is important that youth are provided the tools necessary to become actively involved in the neighborhood issues that affect them. Learn how to develop youth workshops that will encourage and guide the young on how to become active in their neighborhoods and how to effectively create change. The finale will include an interactive workshop with the entire conference attendance.



Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA)

Get information about the NUSA organization, attend workshops on running for the NUSA board of directors, connecting via social media, or becoming an affiliate member. Also, watch the presentations for the Neighborhood of the Year and Best Neighborhood Program Award Judging.

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Conference at a Glance

Wednesday, May 20, 2015	Time
NUSA Board Meeting	9:00 am-5:00 pm
Pre-Conference Tours/Workshops/Events	1:00 pm-8:00 pm
Registration	4:00 pm-9:00 pm
Exhibit Booth/Setup	12:00 pm-5:00 pm
Mix & Mingle at the Hyatt LobbiBar	6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday, May 21, 2015	
Morning Fitness Activity	7:00 am-8:00 am
Networking Breakfast/Pin Exchange	8:30 am-9:15 am
Registration	8:00 am-5:00 pm
Exhibits	8:00 am-5:00 pm
Keynote: Angela Blanchard	9:15 am-10:00 am
Workshop Session 1	10:15 am-11:45 am
Neighborhood of the Year Judging	10:15 am-11:45 am
Lunch on your own	12:00 am-1:30 pm
Workshop Session 2	1:45 pm-3:15 pm
Neighborhood of the Year Judging	1:45 pm-5:00 pm
Workshop Session 3	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
Mayor's Reception	5:30 pm-8:00 pm
Friday, May 22, 2015	
Morning Fitness Activity	7:00 am-8:00 am
Breakfast on Your Own	8:00 am-9:00 am
Registration	8:00 am-9:00 pm
Exhibits	8:00 am-5:00 pm
NUSA Board Election	8:00 am-12:00 pm
Workshop Session 4	9:00 am-10:30 am
Best Neighborhood Program Award Judging	9:00 am-12:15 pm
Workshop Session 5	10:45 am-12:15 pm
Neighborhood of the Year Awards Luncheon with Keynote: The Reverend Kirbyjon Caldwell *	12:30 pm-2:30 pm
NUSA Board Elections	2:30 pm-4:30 pm
Special Session: Engaging Youth and Adults as One	2:45 pm-3:45 pm
Best Neighborhood Program Award Judging	2:45 pm-5:00 pm
Neighborhood Pride Tours	4:00 pm-8:00 pm
Saturday, May 23, 2015	
Morning Fitness Activity	7:00 am-8:00 am
Continental Breakfast	7:00 am-8:45 am
Exhibit Booth / Breakdown	8:00 am-12:00 pm
NUSA General Membership Meeting	9:00 am-10:30 am
NUSA Best Neighborhood Program Awards Luncheon	11:30 am-1:30 pm
NUSA Board Meeting (Post Conference)	2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Conference Workshop Titles & Descriptions and Evaluation Scores

1-A

Evaluations Returned: **24**

Fair Housing and Equal Employment Opportunity Rules*

Average Score: **1.64**

The country's giant oil and gas boom has had some profound consequences: wonderful job opportunities and crippling housing shortages. As a result, it's imperative that community stakeholders understand the rights and responsibilities under the laws of Fair Housing and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). This workshop will provide you with information on how to properly address issues related to fair housing and equal employment opportunity. Topics covered include: protective classes, discriminatory housing and employment practices, filing complaints, and other related matters.

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1-B

Evaluations Returned: **10**

Summer F.U.N. – Memphis' Summer Food Service Program

Average Score: **1.13**

Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other partners, The City of Memphis Summer Food Service Program provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to help children in low-income areas get the nutrition they need during the summer months when school is not in session. You will gain knowledge on a program that has a direct and meaningful impact toward improving the health of local children.

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1-C

Evaluations Returned: **28**

Orange County, Florida's Safe Neighborhoods Program*

Average Score: **1.58**

The Safe Neighborhoods Program is a tool used by Orange County, Florida to stabilize eight transitioning communities that have started to show signs of decline. The program provides access to funds for neighborhood improvement projects, gives a voice to the community, connects citizens to information and resources, and lays out a plan to implement projects and activities. This workshop will offer lessons on how to form beneficial partnerships, improve safety and reduce crime through neighborhood projects.

Jason Reynolds, *Principal Planner, Orange County, Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization Division, Orlando, FL*

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1-D

Evaluations Returned: **12**

Introduction to Railroading and Rail Safety

Average Score: **2.01**

Thousands of communities trace their origins to settlements founded along railroads more than a century ago. Those railroads remain a critical component of the nation's transportation infrastructure. Union Pacific Railroad operates

in 7,300 communities in the western half of the United States and is committed to keeping neighborhoods and communities safe. This session will provide an inside look at Union Pacific and the programs it offers to support public safety.

Public Affairs Department, *Union Pacific Railroad*

1-E

Evaluations Returned: **3**

Hope Farms™: Urban Farming in Houston's Food Deserts*

Average Score: **1.95**

Childhood obesity is a growing concern nationwide. In cities such as Houston, overindulgence can become the norm. The need for greater awareness and appreciation about the consumption of food is critical to combating childhood obesity. This workshop will provide you with information about initiatives that address food access and affordability in Houston, promote a passion for farming as a means of incubating solutions for food deserts, and about how effective collaborations can foster sustainable food systems.

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1-F

Evaluations Returned: **29**

Congo Street Initiative*

Average Score: **1.64**

The Congo Street Initiative panel will discuss the impacts of resident-led neighborhood revitalization efforts through the lens of the designer/resident relationship. The discussion will include how that partnership has influenced the lives and professional careers of both. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn from the successes, challenges, and failures of grassroots architecture and planning effort.

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Frankie Boulden, *Congo Street Resident, Dallas, TX*

1-G

Evaluations Returned: **75**

Creating Community Engagement with Non-Cash Resources*

Average Score: **1.59**

Independence Heights was Texas' first African American incorporated municipality. Since its founding in 1908, it has undergone dramatic changes. Led by the Independence Heights Redevelopment Council, this community has an impressive track record of neighborhood revitalization in a historically African American neighborhood that is becoming increasingly diverse. Join Tanya Debose, Executive Director of the Independence Heights Redevelopment Council, as she shares lessons learned from eight years of building a strong network of community partners focused on stabilizing and improving this very proud community.

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1-H

Evaluations Returned: **18**

Teen & Police Service (TAPS) Academy

Average Score: **1.35**

The Teen and Police Service (TAPS) Academy is a U.S. Department of Justice program founded by the Houston Police Department and the University of Houston-Clear Lake. The goal of the program is to help reduce the tension, hostility, and misunderstanding between law enforcement and at-risk youth. TAPS Academy has proven to be a helpful tool that gives youth a voice as they learn skills and interact with law enforcement. By attending this session, you will learn the critical steps of creating an academy in your community.

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1-K

Evaluations Returned: **24**

Building a Dementia Capable Community

Average Score: **1.45**

As our population grows, so does the number of our neighbors who face life-changing dementia. This workshop covers the impact of dementia and methods to create a dementia capable and supportive community. Workshop participants will learn to spot the signs and symptoms of dementia and develop a plan to address dementia-related issues that affect their community.

Katie Scott, *Director of Adult Day Center Services, Neighborhood Centers Inc., Houston, TX*

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1-M

Evaluations Returned: **37**

Rapid Needs Assessments and Community Planning*

Average Score: **2.02**

This workshop will teach you how to effectively get community input for rapid needs assessments. A case study from Houston's Northside Early Childhood Coalition will demonstrate the overall process of how to both increase civic engagement and gain community input. This workshop will help you better understand the role of community engagement as part of a needs assessment, and give you an understanding of the methodology that will allow you to begin to utilize Participatory Learning in Action.

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1-N

Evaluations Returned: **36**

Enhancing Engagement through Technology

Average Score: **1.45**

Technology and social media are powerful tools for neighborhood organizers and volunteers. Discover how to effectively use simple technology to enhance current outreach strategies. Learn about the City of Orlando's iLead program, an online leadership training tool designed to help neighborhood organizations build membership, recruit leadership and increase the impact of their organization.

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2-A

Evaluations Returned: **53**

Building a Community Grant Program*

Average Score: **1.84**

Seattle's uniqueness and quality of life is tied to strong neighborhoods and active residents. These came about as a result of the city's Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) program. Established in 1988, the program provides neighborhood groups with city resources for community-driven projects that enhance and strengthen individual neighborhoods. In this interactive workshop, you will gain insight on how political and community forces led to the formation of the NMF program and discover practical tips for developing a similar program of community grants in your city.

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2-B

Evaluations Returned: **107**

From Homeless to Housed*

Average Score: **1.84**

With a 37% decrease in homelessness from 2011 to 2014, Houston is leading the nation in addressing this critical issue. This workshop gives real life, real time examples and strategies for building programs that get our most vulnerable populations off the streets and into permanent homes. You will see how a strategic shift from providing shelters to building permanent supportive housing can dramatically decrease the public cost of homelessness and change your community's conversation from serving the homeless to actually ending homelessness.

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Tom McCasland, *CEO, Harris County Housing Authority, Houston, TX*

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Mandy Chapman Semple, *Special Assistant to the Mayor for Homeless Initiatives, City of Houston, Houston, TX*

Mark Thiele, *Vice President, HCVP, Houston Housing Authority, Houston, TX*

2-D

Evaluations Returned: **23**

Healthy Homes + Healthy Families = Healthy Neighborhoods

Average Score: **1.76**

Poor housing conditions can adversely affect public health. Childhood lead poisoning, respiratory illnesses such as asthma, rodent bites and falls can be linked to substandard housing. Recognizing that code violations are a public health issue, Marion County Public Health Department, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Health has developed a comprehensive approach to resolving code violations. This session will explain the importance of Code Enforcement, housing conditions and the effects on public health.

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2-E

Evaluations Returned: 7

People, Planet, & Prosperity*

Average Score: **2.05**

“Sustainability” is often considered solely a “green” term that includes the activities we undertake to protect the planet. However, sustainability can be seen as a three-part effort that considers the impacts of our activities on people, local prosperity and the planet. This workshop will provide you with information and fun ideas that you can readily apply to make your neighborhood and community more sustainable.

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2-F

Evaluations Returned: **15**

Engaging Families through the Arts!*

Average Score: **1.67**

Collaboration between a park, school, neighborhood organization and businesses can effectively engage the whole family. The Windom Community Council demonstrates through creative event planning and shared engagement the specific ways to make this work in your community. You will be challenged to combine two successful events into one that focuses on family fun. Each participant will have the opportunity to create a collaborative art piece and photo booth keepsake.

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2-G

Evaluations Returned:

Building on Strengths*

Average Score:

You cannot build on broken. Nor can you transform a community by focusing on problems. Instead, focus your energy and work on the possibilities inherent in your community. Appreciative Inquiry uncovers the assets and strengths of communities. It is not about fixing what’s wrong; it’s about finding what works. Learn how Neighborhood Centers strength based approach is transforming communities.

The NUSA Local Planning Committee wishes to apologize for the missing evaluations for this workshop.

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2-H

Evaluations Returned: **24**

Tool Lending Center

Average Score: **1.36**

The City of Round Rock, Texas recently debuted its newest resource, the Tool Lending Center (TLC). The TLC provides tools for residents to borrow to maintain their property during a neighborhood cleanup. The TLC is also a resource for neighborhood and church volunteers to work on homes that have a genuine need for help. With tools and volunteers, this new program is removing obstacles and assisting residents with creating beautiful neighborhoods and schools.

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2-K

Evaluations Returned: **24**

Seniors: Ready, Set, Survive!*

Average Score: **1.76**

This workshop will explore the Ready Shelby program and its 2013 outreach strategy to train seniors in emergency preparedness. The Resident Association Network within the Memphis Housing Authority (MHA), in conjunction with the Memphis Office of Emergency Management – CERT, will demonstrate the best methods to inform and prepare seniors and other vulnerable populations for an emergency or disaster.

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2-L

Evaluations Returned: **7**

A New Uncharted Process

Average Score: **2.07**

Historically, Spokane allocated Community Development Block Grant funds through neighborhood steering committees. These committee boundaries were established using decennial census data. All of that changed in 2014 and funds are now allocated citywide. Learn how Spokane worked with neighborhood organizations and city staff to develop an equitable distribution of the funds resulting in shovel-ready projects. Pitfalls and successes of this new uncharted process will also be discussed.

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2-M

Evaluations Returned: **23**

Neighborhood Engagement and Well-Being (RENEW)*

Average Score: **1.85**

In 2013, representatives from several cities in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex began meeting to form a multi-city networking group for neighborhood and community development professionals. This session will focus on how communities can utilize a regional exchange to share training, best practices and community outreach activities to revitalize and engage neighborhoods. Founding members of Neighborhood Engagement & Revitalization Association (NERA) will present methods for developing regional exchanges for neighborhood empowerment and enrichment using techniques learned through their information exchange.

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2-N

Evaluations Returned: **13**

GIS in City Support and Planning*

Average Score: **1.65**

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has become a prolific tool that aids in the analysis of complex spatial problems. This workshop will explore how GIS can help residents and government officials study and develop strategies to address various neighborhood issues. The first item discussed will be utilizing GIS for identifying locations of high-flood risk. The second item discussed will be using GIS to track historical properties to aid in historic preservation. The last item discussed will be utilizing GIS to test for potential ordinance violations and ordinance compliance. This workshop will illustrate the use of GIS from the perspective of supporting the City of

Houston's Planning Department project goals.

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2-P

Evaluations Returned: 5

All About NUSA: Running for the NUSA Board of Directors

Average Score: 1.16

Ever wonder how the spirit and magic of Neighborhoods, USA stays alive? This workshop will present an overview of the NUSA organization and what is involved in joining the volunteer Board of Directors. If you ever thought of being involved in the neighborhood movement on a national level, this is your invitation. This workshop is a prerequisite to running for the NUSA Board.

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3-A

Evaluations Returned: 15

Permission GRANTed

Average Score: 1.72

Grant programs are designed to strengthen neighborhood associations and the communities they serve. This workshop will discuss the importance of community groups, public and other organizations working together to improve neighborhoods and preserve the quality of life, in addition to providing an overview of grant funded programs and the process for securing them.

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3-B

Evaluations Returned: 21

Finding Space for the Previously Incarcerated*

Average Score: 1.41

Many cities must find the balance between effectively supporting the population returning to our communities from jail and prison while continuing to keep our communities safe. This workshop by Compassion In Action, Inc. and the Pasadena/Altadena Reintegration Council explores how communities can improve public safety and build community at the same time. Participants will be given practical steps for implementing progressive measures that support formerly incarcerated persons as they return to the community.

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3-C

Evaluations Returned: **8**

Cities of Service*

Average Score: **1.46**

Cities of Service is a national model of mayor-led impact volunteering. This workshop will explore how mayors can engage citizen volunteers to address pressing local challenges and how local nonprofits can play an important partnership role. Houston's successful Volunteer CPR program will be one case study to see the concept in action, in addition to examples of other initiatives that have taken place.

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Representative, American Heart Association, Houston, Texas

3-D

Evaluations Returned: **9**

Drought is an Opportunity*

Average Score: **1.60**

Water use has become a national issue as various areas in the country are experiencing drought conditions. Often the solutions to mitigate water shortages are viewed negatively, while in practice they may help. To make lasting changes about water use, there must be a change in attitude and perception. This workshop will compare various regulatory measures to reduce water use, illustrate how public spaces can serve as an example of efficient and beautiful landscaping and learn about programs that can change perceptions of what a beautiful garden is.

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3-E

Evaluations Returned: **11**

Business Assistance for Neighborhood Corridors*

Average Score: **1.49**

Pine Hills Road is one of Orange County's older neighborhood corridors. This workshop will look at the Business Assistance for Neighborhood Corridors (BANC) program that provides resources for small businesses on Pine Hills Road. The resources and assistance provided allow the businesses to reinvest in their properties and incrementally redevelop the Pine Hills Road corridor. Learn how the BANC is making a difference in this primarily African-American community and how it might help transform a corridor in your city.

Jason Reynolds, Principal Planner, Orange County Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization Division, Orlando, FL

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3-F

Evaluations Returned: **9**

Nonprofits: Leaders in Civic Engagement

Average Score: **1.27**

Join Neighborhood Centers, Inc. and Nonprofit Vote for a discussion on how nonprofit organizations can build a culture of civic engagement within the communities they serve. Nonprofit organizations are well positioned to reach and engage low-propensity voters who are often missed by political campaigns and other outreach initiatives. In

2014, these two organizations; led a robust voter engagement program aimed at strengthening our democracy by engaging vulnerable yet vibrant communities. Learn best practices from two well-respected organizations, one a leader in community engagement and the other a national leader in nonprofit voting work.

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3-G

Evaluations Returned: **8**

Holding Back New Development in Houston's Near Northside

Average Score: **1.63**

New construction and development is booming in Houston. The Near Northside community, located close to downtown Houston has a unique history and culture to protect. Due to recent interest from developers, preserving this community's culture and history may be at risk. Learn how these neighbors are fighting back to preserve their community's heritage.

DeAngela Hayes, *Community Coordinator, Avenue CDC, Houston, TX*

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3-H

Evaluations Returned: **22**

A New Story about Seniors

Average Score: **1.63**

As demographic trends unfold, people over the age of 65 will soon represent nearly one-quarter of the nation's population. This workshop will help participants discover how to use strength-based and high-engagement approaches to create programmatic change and generate support for improvement in senior services. Learn how to take advantage of the talent around us as the population ages.

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3-K

Evaluations Returned: **25**

From Apathy to Action: Love Where You Live*

Average Score: **1.48**

Maturing cities face several challenges, especially in residential neighborhoods where city funds are not typically spent. This session describes the success of Plano's, Love Where You Live program. This program uses the power of volunteerism to create change in neighborhoods, restoring community pride. Learn how the program uses the Neighborhood Enhancement Tool to assess and analyze neighborhood indicators to determine program area needs as well as to measure the program's success.

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3-L

Evaluations Returned: **32**

How to Organize in Disconnected Communities*

Average Score: **1.89**

How does a small non-profit thrive for 30 years doing community and neighborhood organizing in a region that is

primarily unaccustomed to solving local issues? This workshop will demonstrate how adopting inclusionary practices and simply ‘talking it out’ can organize and empower the least likely of communities.

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Jessica Sweeney, *Program Associate, Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, North Adams, MA*

3-M

Evaluations Returned: **16**

Social Media 2.0 for Neighborhoods

Average Score: **1.84**

The Cities of Fort Lauderdale and Memphis have created robust communication toolboxes that afford their neighbors the opportunity to communicate with one another and their city. This workshop will provide information on how to ensure the digital-divide is forged; and, showcase new communication tools being explored to look for innovative ways to build community.

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Toni M. Hayes, *Community Resource Coordinator, City of Memphis, Office of Community Affairs, Memphis, TN*

4-A

Evaluations Returned: **15**

Increasing Participation in the Block Grant Process*

Average Score: **2.34**

Many cities receive Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) but only a few understands best practices used to for securing funds and prioritizing community driven projects. In this session, you will review proposals awarded CDBG funds; learn how to form an advisory component through incorporation and marketing; conduct demographic and sociological studies of your neighborhood; and, how to develop proposals to receive CDBG funding for your city.

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4-B

Evaluations Returned: **7**

Managing a Multimillion-Dollar Disaster Recovery Program*

Average Score: **1.66**

When disaster strikes, rarely do communities have the right resources and partners to quickly and fully recover. In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, Houston received two infusions of CDBG Disaster Recovery funds totaling \$265 million. This workshop will provide tips for managing day-to-day operations of disaster recovery programs; increase community engagement; building a partnership with Fair Housing advocates and other agencies to design effective and efficient home rebuilding programs; and, how to leverage disaster funds to spur private investment and stimulate community revitalization.

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4-C

Evaluations Returned: **27**

Creating Healthy Eating Habits in Low-Income Areas

Average Score: **1.42**

This workshop will highlight two Houston programs that promote healthy eating and active living to reduce childhood obesity. The first, CAN DO Houston, engages and empowers the low-income communities that are the most at risk for poor health. This program has led to sustainable, community-driven changes that can serve as a best practice model for other communities. In another effort, the East Aldine Management District has teamed with the county health department to create a healthy restaurant program that promotes nutritious eating.

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Jenny Varghese, *Health Education Program Specialist, Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services, Houston, TX*

4-D

Evaluations Returned: **31**

Engaging with Community Leaders and Law Enforcement

Average Score: **1.56**

Community Policing has been taught and practiced by law enforcement agencies for the past 20 years as a method for creating safer communities. To be successful, it requires a true partnership. It requires that both law enforcement and civilians work together to ensure a better quality of life in their neighborhood. This workshop will show you how to take the first steps in developing a partnership with your local law enforcement providers to make Community Policing a success in your neighborhood.

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4-E

Evaluations Returned: **23**

Art, Culture, & Creative Placemaking in Southeast Houston*

Average Score: **1.16**

This workshop will teach you about an arts based community development plan that helped transform a Houston area long plagued with few jobs and high crime. You will gain insight on how identifying local art and culture in this historically African American urban area provided a creative placemaking framework that continues to improve this community's future. In addition, you will learn how to apply it to your community.

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Patrick Peters, *Professor, University of Houston's Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture, Houston, TX*

Roland Cotton, *Community Volunteer, Houston, Texas*

Terry Garner, *City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services, Houston, TX*

Breanna Cotton, *Old Spanish Trail/South Union SuperNeighborhood, Houston, TX*

Chris Bilton, *Executive Director, Greater Southwest Management District, Houston, TX*

4-F

Evaluations Returned: **11**

Transportation Changes in Third Ward Houston*

Average Score: **2.29**

Since the beginning of time, transportation has been at the center of development. It started with cities emanating adjacent waterways, then the great railroad expansions, to various roadways, to bus systems, and a variety of smart highway systems. But the question is: have transportation and its varied modalities developed and changed in an equitable fashion? This moderated session/panel will look at modalities past, present and future of transportation in the Third Ward and analyze whether this question can be answered.

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Gwen Goodwin, *PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX*

4-G

Evaluations Returned: **27**

Maximizing Opportunities for Partnership Building

Average Score: **1.97**

Shaping the future takes foresight, stamina, knowing when to seize the moment and finding support. This session is about Spring Lake Neighborhood Association's experience of learning how, when, and to whom you need to say, "Hey, we could do this together!" Seizing the opportunities to form positive partnerships can change the shape of things to come.

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4-H

Evaluations Returned: **15**

It Takes a Village: Helping Seniors Age in Place*

Average Score: **1.27**

Attend this workshop to learn about neighborhood membership-based organizing to support seniors aging in place through a "pay it forward" system of volunteering to support senior living needs. Village models will be presented to showcase groups currently in early stages of organizing.

Madeleine Appel, *Founders Committee, Neighbors 4 Neighbors Network, Jewish Family Service, Houston, TX*

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Lorna Grenadier, *Organization Chair, Foggy Bottom West End Village, Washington, DC*

4-K

Evaluations Returned: **13**

Disaster Preparedness at the Neighborhood Level*

Average Score: **2.25**

In a disaster the first people you turn to for help are your neighbors. Building good relationships with your neighbors is the best way to extend your personal safety net. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a step-by-step guide to communities to help facilitate a neighborhood disaster preparedness plan. This program will provide the tools necessary to create a blueprint for improving community safety.

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4-L

Evaluations Returned: **45**

Strangers into Neighbors: Engaging the Masses

Average Score: **1.55**

How do you break people out of routines and spark a neighborhood association? How do you sustain that energy over time? How do you assure a productive organization? The answers to these three questions led Palm Springs, California to establish its Office of Neighborhood Involvement in 2005. Today, there are 35 certified neighborhood organizations with more forming every year! This workshop will discuss strategies that helped Palm Springs achieve and maintain their success. You must attend to learn how to replicate it in your city.

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Greg Gilman, *Tahquitz River Estates Neighborhood Organization, Co-Chair, PSNIC Communications Committee, Palm Springs, CA*

4-M

Evaluations Returned: **29**

Putting the Neighbor Back in the Hood

Average Score: **1.45**

Abide Omaha is transforming its inner city, one neighborhood at a time by creating Lighthouses, safe homes where residents work with one another to build strong neighborhoods. Lighthouse families become neighborhood advocates by coordinating positive community building activities. This workshop will show you how the Lighthouse program operates and how to find partners to fund one in your community.

Rich Plagman, *Project Coordinator, Abide, Omaha, NE*

4-N

Evaluations Returned: **12**

Facebook, Funds & Friends

Average Score: **1.57**

Facebook sweepstakes are becoming more and more popular, but do people actually ever win? Yes! They do. See how this small town in Southwest Arkansas used Facebook and other forms of social media to win \$100,000 to build a dog park for their city. And the winnings didn't stop there...

DeAnna O'Malley, *Community Educator, Texarkana, AR*

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4-P

Evaluations Returned: **13**

**Partnering for Integrated Services: CONNECT@6800
Bellaire**

Average Score: **2.15**

The Houston neighborhood surrounding 6800 Bellaire Boulevard is the most diverse and densely populated in Texas. Sharpstown/Gulfton is home to first generation immigrant and refugee families, many of whom lack access to resources and local support systems. A Purpose Built Community is built on five parts: a tightly defined geographic area, mixed income housing, cradle to college education pipeline, community wellness programs and a strong independent organization dubbed the “community quarterback” who serves as a single point of accountability and ensures that programs are coordinated, integrated and measured. Connect@6800 Bellaire uses the power of healthy partnerships - KIPP, Legacy Community Health Services, St. Luke’s/Gethsemane United Methodist Church and the YMCA of Greater Houston - to create a dynamic place of hope and health that improves the lives of residents by empowering them with knowledge, training and support.

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Kathleen Brownlee, VP, Purpose Built Communities, Atlanta, GA

5-A

Evaluations Returned: **57**

Grant & Proposal Writing Made Simple*

Average Score: **1.52**

This workshop will provide an interactive, participatory, and hands-on approach to grant and proposal writing. If you are interested in learning simple and easy steps in preparing good proposals then this workshop is for you. Participants will have an opportunity to engage in a hands-on exercise in grant writing.

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5-B

Evaluations Returned: **18**

Change Your Perception: Stop the Crime, Join the Line

Average Score: **1.45**

What does it take to counteract youth exposure to gangs and violence in low-income neighborhoods? This exploratory workshop will highlight a program at Cullen Middle School in Houston that is making a difference. The workshop will feature a facilitator and panel of youth, grades 6-8, from Cullen Middle School, showing ways to engage and encourage youth to consider appropriate alternatives to gangs and violence.

Cullen Middle School Students, Houston, TX

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5-C

Evaluations Returned: **52**

**Using City Resources to Combat Neighborhood
Nuisances**

Average Score: **1.33**

The City of Peoria, Illinois has combined the use of police, code enforcement, fire investigators, zoning inspectors and building inspectors to address nuisance properties that cause community blight. This team approach coordinates criminal, city code and fire situations at a given property at the same time, saving time and resources for the City. You will be given information on the tools used to investigate and combat nuisance properties and an outline of the steps so you can develop your own action plan for dealing with nuisance properties in your city.

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Officer Ryan Winkle, *Resident Police Officer, Peoria, IL*

Officer Sherry Carter-Allen, *Code Enforcement Inspector, Peoria Police Department, Peoria, IL*

5-D

Evaluations Returned: **11**

Be Wildlife Friendly with the National Wildlife Federation

Average Score: **1.32**

Wildlife conservation is a growing concern in neighborhoods, towns, cities and counties across the country. Restoring habitat for wildlife helps to create healthier, happier communities—places called NWF Community Wildlife Habitats. Learn how to join the program and partner with NWF to certify your community. In this workshop, participants will learn how wildlife conservation affects communities, gain understanding on how the NWF can support your community and turn your passion for your neighborhood and for wildlife into action through the NWF Community Wildlife Habitat program.

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5-E

Evaluations Returned: **20**

Redefining Affordable Housing*

Average Score: **1.82**

Culturally driven place-making is the new paradigm for affordable housing in America today. Houston architects, professors, and advocates will discuss the design work of local architecture students, who's partnered with neighborhood residents to redefine healthy housing and advocacy through resilient design methods.

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T. Leon Preston, II, *Senior Pastor, Yale Street Baptist Church, Houston, TX*

5-F

Evaluations Returned: **7**

D.I.Y. Garland: A New Framework for Engagement*

Average Score: **1.19**

Traditional community engagement often promotes communication, participation, and input into city-led initiatives. Do It Yourself (D.I.Y.) Garland expands engagement to build the capacity of residents and stakeholders to contribute significantly to neighborhood vitality and growth. Learn how residents are encouraged to take more initiative to address home improvement, connect with neighbors, and engage the right partners.

Laura Castillo, *Neighborhood Vitality Specialist, City of Garland, Garland, TX*

Angela Calvin Self, *Planning Administrator, Planning & Community Development, City of Garland, Garland, TX*

5-G

Evaluations Returned:

Mentoring Emerging Neighborhood Leaders

Average Score:

The Emerging Neighborhood Leaders Program seeks to create a leadership community that connects new and existing neighborhood associations with established community/ neighborhood leaders, to identify solutions to problems communities face every day. This approach is easily transferrable to your community and this workshop will show you how.

The NUSA Local Planning Committee wishes to apologize for the missing evaluations for this workshop.

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5-H

Evaluations Returned: **17**

Age Friendly Communities*

Average Score: **1.50**

As our senior boom population increases, our homes and neighborhoods need to be prepared and ready for this transition. An age-friendly city encourages active aging by optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security, to enhance quality of life. This workshop will explain the importance and benefits of an age-friendly community and provide tools, small and large, to improve communities.

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Joshua Reynolds, *Director, Care for Elders, United Way of Greater Houston, Houston, TX*

Marisol Rodriguez, *Associate State Director of Outreach and Advocacy, AARP Texas, Houston, TX*

5-L

Evaluations Returned:

Creating a Mediation Program in Your Community*

Average Score:

Are disputes within your neighborhood wasting valuable time and money? Learn how the City of Henderson, Nevada, created an innovative community mediation program to address this challenge. In this workshop, you will learn what mediation is and how the Henderson Mediation Program is helping residents find creative, synergistic solutions to neighborhood disputes.

The NUSA Local Planning Committee wishes to apologize for the missing evaluations for this workshop.

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5-M

Evaluations Returned: **10**

Finding the Silver (Sky) Lining in Neighborhoods – Youth Led

Average Score: **1.58**

The Neighborhood Center Inc. (NCI) Community Engagement team uses the Jr. Community Engineers program to provide leadership training to individuals from 14-18 years of age. The curriculum includes teaching them to access and use appropriate resources and developing their public speaking skills in order to advocate for positive

transformations in their communities. The NCI Jr. Community Engineers will discuss the benefits of implementing youth engagement initiatives that take a proactive approach to transforming communities. You will leave this workshop feeling motivated and informed in key ways to engage young leaders.

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5-N

Evaluations Returned: **17**

How Story Telling can Unite a Community

Average Score: **1.26**

This workshop will share stories of how to identify and honor individuals who are dedicated to making healthy and vibrant cities. This workshop will introduce the “People Organizing Place” and “Power of One” initiatives, which encourage civic participation and preserve the rich histories of our cities through community awareness.

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Craig Weflen, *Media Associate, buildingcommunityWORKSHOP, Dallas, TX*

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Martha Edwards Coleman, *Flintridge Center, Pasadena, CA*

5-P

Evaluations Returned: **5**

All About NUSA: Running for the NUSA Board of Directors

Average Score: **1.16**

Ever wonder how the spirit and magic of Neighborhoods, USA stays alive? This workshop will present an overview of the NUSA organization and what is involved in joining the volunteer Board of Directors. If you ever thought of being involved in the neighborhood movement on a national level, this is your invitation. This workshop is a prerequisite to running for the NUSA Board.

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6-A

Evaluations Returned: **69**

Building Stronger Communities

Average Score: **1.48**

Our youth are an important factor to the potential growth of our neighborhoods. This workshop will inspire our youth to embrace their individual strengths and learn how to use them to contribute towards the positive transformation of our communities. Energetic leaders will speak to youth about the importance of community work and share their personal experiences of using success as a platform for change.

Councilman Jerry Davis, *District B*, **Jillian Simmons**, *DJ, 97.9 The Box*, and **DJ Astra**, *Music Producer and Hip Hop Artist*

6-B

Evaluations Returned: **57**

Get Down with Go Youth Northside

Average Score: **1.93**

Calling all youth and civic leaders! This youth led workshop will break down the workings of Go Youth Northside. As civic and social leaders, we work towards honoring the history of our neighborhood while highlighting its greatest aspects. We will discuss what youth leadership and community organizing looks like when it comes to implementing neighborhood initiatives and community enrichment.

Gloria Ocampo, Aurora Martinez, Karina Rodriquez, Irette Torres, Jazzmine Mendez, Avenue CDC, Houston, TX

6-C

Evaluations Returned: **60**

Fostering Leaders in Neighborhoods

Average Score: **1.61**

The Neighborhood Centers Inc. Community Engagement team created the Community Engineers program to provide leadership training. The curriculum includes teaching individuals to access and use appropriate resources and developing leadership skills in order to advocate for positive transformations in their communities. Community Engineers will discuss the benefits of working with all members of their community, including youth. You will leave this workshop feeling motivated and informed in key ways to contribute to discussions traditionally led by adults.

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Carlos Paz, Community Engagement, Neighborhood Centers Inc.

7-C

Evaluations Returned:

Engaging Youth and Adults as One

Average Score:

Every member of our community has value and each possesses strengths that can serve as major assets for community development. The key to productive engagement is identifying and embracing those skills and merging them despite age difference. This workshop will focus on the benefits of intergenerational engagement. Participants will be introduced to innovative techniques on merging adult and youth priorities to transform communities for good.

The NUSA Local Planning Committee wishes to apologize for the missing evaluations for this workshop.

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Neighborhood Pride Tours



On Friday, May 22nd, 16 Neighborhood Pride Tours were conducted that showcased some of Houston's great communities. These neighborhoods tours included:

University Place

This neighborhood tour exhibited the benefits of mixing one of Houston's oldest residential neighborhoods Rice University and Rice Village shopping district, a steadily growing commercial district.

Houston Heights

Developed in 1891, Houston Heights was the first planned community in Texas. Now, as one of Houston's hottest historic districts, participants learned how the Heights retained its historic character while resisting the pressure to build twenty first century style homes.

Glen Brook Valley

This neighborhood welcomed NUSA participants to the largest post war historic districts in the country. This tour revealed what makes this historic neighborhood so popular.

Washington Avenue

Home to over 250 working studios and the highest concentration of working artists in Texas; Washington Ave. is a state recognized cultural district known for its diversity and art appeal.

Westbury

This tour elaborated on how this revived and rejuvenated community has evolved and regained its identity through the Working on Westbury Green Project.

Corinthian Pointe

Corinthian Pointe is a master planned community spearheaded, initiated and implemented by a faith base organization. Windsor Village United Methodist Church revolutionized how development can change a community with the right partners and community stakeholders.

Old Spanish Trail and South Union

This tour showcased how neighborhood revitalization can happen in underserved communities by partnering with government grants, philanthropic foundations and community residents.

Lyons Avenue

NUSA participants took a journey of historic Fifth Ward. Once home to 40 black-owned businesses in the 1930's, this neighborhood has defined the term resilience and determination. Revitalization efforts include a new housing complex, renovation of an historic theatre and the development of an entertainment complex.

Near Northside

This tour explained how this once distressed community transformed with the partnership of Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC). This partnership has created a healthy sustainable community and provided a good quality of life for its residents.

Neartown Montrose

This eclectic neighborhood blended with architectural styles and land use, was once home to President Lyndon Johnson and billionaire Howard Hughes.

This neighborhood has a little of everything - housing is diverse, ranging from cottages to large townhomes, historic mansions, arts, culture and local businesses.

The American Planning Association once named it, one of "The Great Places in America- Greatest Neighborhoods."

Museum Park

A walking tour of Museum Park gave NUSA participants a firsthand look into this unique urban neighborhood.

Known as a cultural destination, Museum Park is surrounded by 15 museums, lots of green space, educational institutions and mixed land use. It serves as a critical corridor to the Texas Medical Center and Downtown and is easily accessible by the rail system.



East End

This diverse community dates back to the Texas Revolution. This tour exhibited how the East End community has worked to preserve its community's character despite the pressures of new development.

Millennials & Development

This tour shed light on residential development for those 20-30 year olds who seek out urban living in high-rise apartments with more compact walkable areas. This tour highlighted development in the Houston's Mid-town, East Downtown and Downtown neighborhoods.

Aldine and Gulfton

Neighborhood Centers Inc. has been the driving force behind transforming communities for good by providing resources to improve the quality of life for its residents. This tour showcased how NCI provides services to residents including health, education, immigration and citizenship to empower and sustain communities.



We would like to thank the Neighborhood Pride Tour coordinators and volunteers who did an amazing job showcasing their neighborhoods. Now that's putting your ***Passion Into Action!***

2015 Neighborhood of the Year Award Recipients

Each year since 1984, the Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) recognizes the commitment and work of neighborhoods in awarding the “Neighborhood of the Year” in three categories. A Grand Prize winner is then selected from among the winners of each category.

2015 Best Neighborhood of the Year Winner:

Wedge Garden in Raleigh, North Carolina

Led by Shamsa Visone and located on the Alexander Family YMCA property in Raleigh, NC, the Wedge Garden is a true community garden and learning center. This center connects and motivates students and families from diverse backgrounds through organic gardening, environmental stewardship and nutrition education. Since 2012, it has promoted a more health and connected neighborhood because it brings neighbors and volunteers together by gardening, education, and sharing the harvest among neighbors, volunteers and those in need.



Physical Revitalization – Single Neighborhood

1st Place

Westbury Civic Club – Houston, Texas

Project: Westbury Community Garden

Westbury Civic Club launched a revitalization effort by facilitating green projects. This effort created the Westbury Community Garden, which grew to be the largest and most diverse garden in Houston. When the garden was in danger of being destroyed, neighbors banded together to save this precious feature of their community.



2nd Place

Forest Creek Homeowners Association – Round Rock, Texas

Project: Recycled Water Irrigation

Forest Creek Homeowners launched a cooperative project between its HOA and the City of Round Rock to reserve water. Together, they reduced their use of potable water for the community’s greenbelt and park by more than 90 percent, saving \$25,000 and 15 million gallons of water. In so doing, it also connected the city’s reclaimed water outlet to the community’s irrigation system.



3rd Place

Denver Park Neighborhood – Memphis, Tennessee

Project: Denver Park Outreach in Memphis

A small group of neighbors committed to making change for the better with the Denver Park Neighborhood Association. The group works closely with the police department's Community Outreach Program to take back their community through a number of projects and programs like Unity in the Community Day, the Denver Park Block Party and Trick a Trunk.



Finalist Shores of Wellington – Garland, Texas

Lake Shores Park Lake Shore Park in Garland, TX provides homeowners in the Shores of Wellington with pedestrian lake access while maintaining the privacy of nearby homeowners and the natural habitat of the area. Features include sustainable landscaping, erosion control, and secluded seating areas for residents to pause and contemplate the view.



Social Revitalization - Single Neighborhood

1st Place

Southeast Houston Transformation Alliance – Houston, Texas

Project: Old Spanish Trail / South Union Revitalization

A neighborhood alliance of residents, agencies, educational institutions and many others came together to revitalize the Old Spanish Trail and South Union community. Their efforts started a number of outdoor and exercise initiatives, park improvements at Hartsfield Elementary School, and community safety programs that engage and unite residents, improving their quality of life.



2nd Place

Sunset Avenue Neighborhood – Pasadena, California

Project: Sunset Avenue Architectural Tour

Sunset Avenue Neighborhood’s decade-long effort to restore peace to its community, that’s been compromised by crime achieves a win through the neighborhood’s architectural tour. The premier tour of the area’s historical homes led by historian Timothy Gregory has begun a transformation that is bringing big results to the Sunset Avenue Neighborhood.



3rd Place

Meredith Gardens Homeowners – Huntington Beach, California

Project: Chili Cook-Off & Bocce Ball Tournament

Faced with losing their neighborhood park, baseball fields and green space, residents of the Meredith Gardens Homeowners Associations banded together to create the “Save LeBard Park – Bocce Ball Tournament and Chili Cook-Off.” The day of fun proved to be a great fund raiser, social event and catalyst for bringing people together to save their beloved park.



Finalist

Eastwood Neighborhood – Birmingham, Alabama

Project: Eastwood Neighborhood Preservation Project

Resident members of the Eastwood Neighborhood Association strived to preserve and protect their neighborhood. They launched a variety of community park projects as well as outreach and revitalization efforts throughout the Eastwood neighborhood. These efforts have been successful in uniting residents of the community and making the neighborhood association stronger.



Multi-Neighborhood Partnership Winners:

1st Place

Raleigh, North Carolina

Project: Wedge Garden

By using the Asset-Based Community Development model, a group of dedicated neighbors and gardeners has grown the Wedge Garden into a learning center to connect and motivate students and families from diverse backgrounds. Using organic gardening, environmental stewardship and nutrition education, volunteers of the Wedge Garden have transformed a neighborhood and the City of Raleigh from the inside out.



2nd Place

Hawthorne Center – Indianapolis, Indiana

Project: Near West Collaborative – Abandoned Mural Masterpiece

Using gifts and raw talents from artists to enhance the appearance of boarded-up properties, the Hawthorne Center in Indianapolis launched the Abandoned Mural Masterpiece as part of its Near West Collaborative. Through the efforts of this program city laws have been established to allow the transformation of blighted properties throughout the community.



3rd Place

Lake Worth Centennial Committee – Fort Worth, Texas

Project: Lake Worth Centennial Celebration

A year-long celebration and project created to fulfill the motto of Lake Worth; its Centennial Celebration did everything to “Honor the Past and Protect the Future.” Throughout 2014, events were designed to foster multi-neighborhood partnerships, improve community engagement and increase participation among stakeholders and neighbors.



Best Neighborhood Program Award Recipients

The Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) annually recognizes outstanding programs implemented to improve neighborhoods and communities by a governmental entity, business, nonprofit organization or corporation. The 2015 Best Neighborhood Program Award winners are:

1st Place

City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Project: Adopt-A-Neighbor

Launched in 2014, The Fort Lauderdale’s Adopt-A-Neighbor initiative pairs caring volunteers with homeowners to build community by enhancing properties and beautifying neighborhoods throughout the city. The program was developed to help low-income, elderly or disabled homeowners bring their properties into compliance. City employees help identify program participants and then match them with a local volunteer organization, while volunteer groups work directly with neighbors to address code concerns and beautify properties.



2nd Place

City of Round Rock, Texas

Project: Tool Lending Center & Neighborhood Cleanup Program

The City of Round Rock, Texas received runner-up honors in the physical revitalization category for its neighborhood cleanup program that featured a tool-lending center. The center was filled with more than 275 tools for residents and volunteers to check out at no cost for cleanup days in the neighborhoods.



3rd Place

Birmingham, Alabama

Birmingham Museum of Art Project: Into the Streets – Community Mural Project

In Birmingham, Alabama, the Museum of Art launched a program that brought multiple community groups together where they worked on creating a series of mural panels. This program not only revitalized a community center and park by using art, but it also created a social transformation of the area promoting harmony and unity.



Finalist

City of Garland, Texas

Project: Do It Yourself Garland

The City of Garland, Texas sponsors a program that provides guidance and support to homeowners who are seeking to complete home improvement projects. The program is led by the Idea Book Series, a set of user-friendly publications that highlight home improvement activities for all homeowners, regardless of their level of experience or expertise.



Best Neighborhood Program – Social Revitalization

1st Place

City of Orlando, Florida

Project: iLead – Your Interactive Neighborhood Training Source

The City of Orlando’s iLead Your Interactive Neighborhood Training Source program is a comprehensive initiative that was launched to provide the residents of Orlando with the tools they need to inform, connect and involve other neighbors. Through a series of guides, video, webinars and workshops that are available online 24/7, the program supports and helps neighborhood leaders by covering topics like how to effectively hold meetings, how to utilize a variety of communication tools, how to engage the next generation of leaders and many more.



2nd Place

City of Columbia, South Carolina

Project: ACCESS Columbia

The City of Columbia SC’s Community Development office was recognized for its free program billed as a workshop for the entire family. Access Columbia helps people from across the city learn more about financial stability in a fun environment, as well as provide workshops on a wide range of topics from budgeting to fair housing.



3rd Place

Southeast Houston Transformation Alliance, Houston, TX

Project: Palm Center Farmers Market

The Southeast Houston Transformation Alliance implemented a farmer’s market program to combat the food desert that existed in and around Palm Center, which was being inundated by a plethora of fast food eateries and unhealthy dining options in their community.



Finalist

Memphis Housing Authority, Memphis, TN

Project: Ready Shelby

Sponsored by the Memphis Housing Authority, the Ready Shelby program is a collaborative public educational and outreach initiative of eight cities in Shelby County, Tennessee which prepare senior facility and high-rise tenants for emergencies and disasters.



Finalist

Eau Claire Cooperative Center, Columbia, SC

Project: Hopkins Family Practice & Healthcare Facility

In rural Richland County, the Eau Claire Cooperative built a family medical practice in Hopkins, an area that was massively underserved when it came to healthcare services. Its efforts have sparked a turn-around for more than 2400 patients and are revitalizing the rural community located near Columbia, SC.



Finalist

Denver Housing Authority, Denver, CO

Project: Mariposa District Project

In Denver, Colorado, the Mariposa District was in bad need of some tender loving care. That's why the Denver Housing Authority launched its program to revitalize 270 public housing units and homes from an area of concentrated poverty into a vibrant, mixed-income community.



Finalist

City of Arvada, Colorado

Project: Block Party Trailer Program

The City of Arvada, Colorado launched a program that was initiated to provide neighbors an easy way to gather and get to know each other better. The Block Party Trailer Program features a trailer that is stocked with party supplies and can be checked out by communities and neighborhood groups for special events and annual get-togethers.



“Who’s Who in America’s Neighborhoods” Award Recipient

2015 WHO’S WHO IN AMERICA’S NEIGHBORHOODS AWARD The Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) annually recognizes neighborhood advocates and volunteers whose work mirrors the mission of NUSA with the “Who’s Who in America’s Neighborhoods” award. Established in 2010, the award honors individual(s) who work to: (1) build and strengthen neighborhood associations; (2) encourage neighborhood involvement in the decision-making process in local governments; and (3) promote productive communications and collaborations among neighborhood associations, local governments and the public and private sectors.

Shirley Patterson, Arlington, Texas



Since 1965, Shirley Patterson has been a resident of the Parkview neighborhood in eastern Arlington, Texas. In those 50 years, Patterson saw first-hand and experienced the typical life cycle of her neighborhood and she began to notice more and more house were being bought and rented by out-of-town owners, and housing quality and property maintenance were deteriorating. Not content with seeing any further deterioration, Patterson embarked on an effort to revitalize the area and renew the spirit and pride of residents from Parkview. Built upon members from the Citizens on Patrol group, Patterson started a neighborhood group that she led as president. Patterson next led the effort to create a neighborhood plan, which created a vision and goals for the Parkview community, proposing ways to expand the social network and organization, addressing problematic land-use and zoning issues, and exploring redevelopment ideas for the commercial area adjacent to Parkview. Under her leadership, Parkview has been rejuvenated from enhancing the neighborhood’s entrance sign, to upgrading a dilapidated fence along a major street with an ornamental iron fence, to creating a wildflower and butterfly garden, to installing benches that honor longtime residents at school bus stops. Her longtime goal of establishing a gathering place was realized in 2012 with the creation of a community garden and focal point for the neighborhood. Without Patterson’s hard work, this would still be just a dream. Her passion to make east Arlington a vibrant and diverse community extends beyond the borders of Parkview. She is a resource to other Arlington neighborhood leaders and gives her time freely to guide and mentor them. She has distinguished herself in her contributions to her neighborhood, her city, and is a welcome addition to the list of previous honorees to earn the title of Who’s Who in America’s Neighborhoods.

2015 Neighborhoods, USA Newsletter Award Recipients

The Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) annually recognizes neighborhood newsletters. Entries are evaluated and on criteria like layout, consistency, content, relevance, appearance, etc. There are four divisions of newsletters – government, printed (more than 6 times/year), printed (6 or fewer times/year) and electronic– and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places are awarded for each division. Neighborhood Newsletter Award winners recognized by NUSA for 2015 are:

Government Printed Division

1st Place

Neighborhood Connect, City of Memphis Housing & Community Development Memphis, TN



Printed Division – More than 6 times / year

1st Place

The Knightly News, Camelot Neighborhood Assoc.
Garland, TX



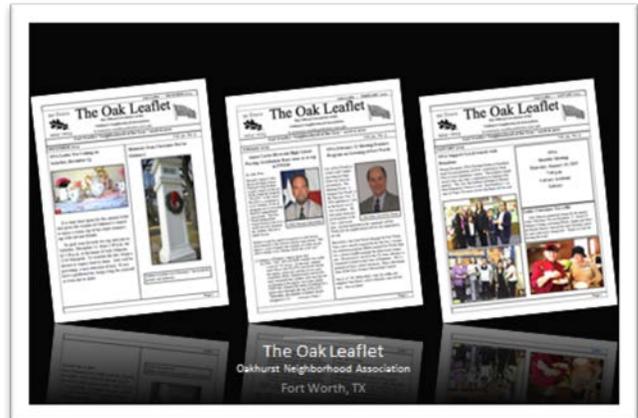
2nd Place

Westbury Crier, Westbury Civic Club Houston, TX



3rd Place

The Oak Leaflet, Oakhurst Neighborhood Assoc.
Fort Worth, TX



Finalist

Highland Neighbors, Highland Reserve Neighborhood
Roseville, CA



Printed Division – 6 times or less / year

1st Place

Arlington Heights, Neighborhood News and Views
Neighborhood Fort Worth, TX



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2nd Place

Fairmount, Fairmount Neighborhood Assoc.
Fort Worth, TX



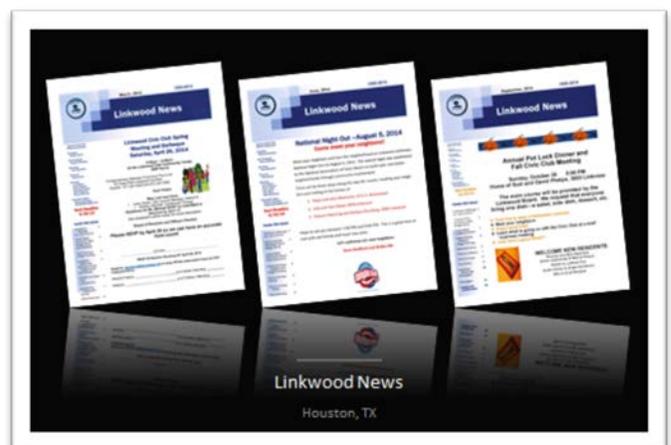
3rd Place

The Heights, California Heights Neighborhood Long
Beach, CA



Finalist

Linkwood News, Linkwood Civic Club
Houston, TX



Finalist

The Flea, Cherrywood Neighborhood
Austin, TX



Finalist

Society Hill Reporter, Society Hill Civic Association
Philadelphia, PA



Finalist

Close to Home, Field Regina Northrop
Minneapolis, MN



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Finalist

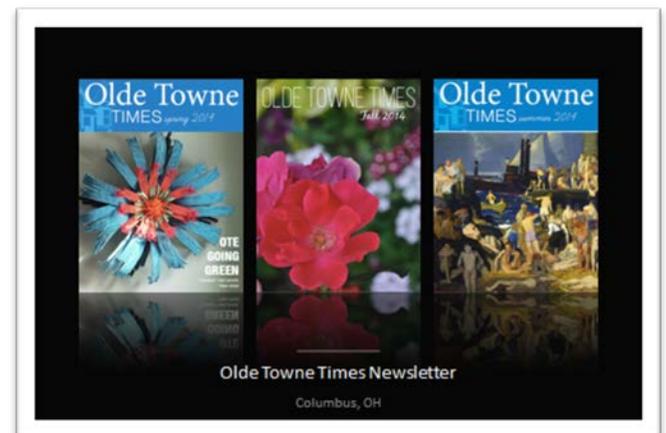
Meredith Garden Gazette,
Meredith Gardens Homeowners
Huntington Beach, CA



Electronic Division

1st Place

Olde Towne Times, *Columbus, OH*



2nd Place

Strafford Community Center,
Strafford, NH



3rd Place

Palm Springs Neighborhood Involvement Committee,
Palm Springs, CA



Pre-Conference Activities

This year's NUSA Pre-conference activities were exciting and well attended by participants who wanted to get an early start on site seeing in Houston. Some of the pre-conference activities included a Bikes and Bayous tour along the Buffalo and White Oaks Bayou and a Houston Astros game at the beautiful Minute Maid Park. Houston City Bus Tour provided our NUSA attendees with a grand tour that included Main Street Market Square Historic District, the Theater District, the Museum District, vibrant Midtown and Downtown. NUSA participants also toured the Houston's Green Building Resource Center which offers economical Green solutions for the community. The Resource Center featured a showroom and a classroom with examples of recycled and refurbished materials, interactive displays, information that provides strategies for Going Green, and the center's huge array of solar panels and demonstration vegetated roof.



Bike & Bayou Tour



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Mix & Mingle

The day ended with a Mix and Mingle happy hour in the LobiBar of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The mixer was well attended by NUSA attendees who enjoyed meeting new folks and catching up with old friends and acquaintances.



Mayor's Welcome Reception



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Keynote Speakers

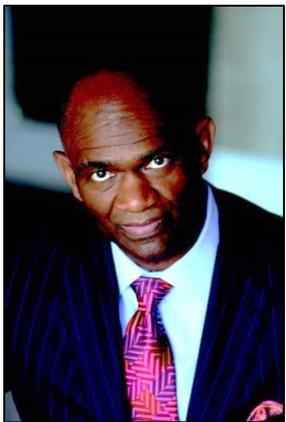


Angela Blanchard
President & CEO, Neighborhood Centers Inc.



Through her more than 25 years of experience, Angela Blanchard has reached an epiphany: A community should be defined by its strengths, resources, achievements and hopes – not its degree of “brokenness.” As President and CEO of Neighborhood Centers Inc., Blanchard guides the agency’s work throughout the Houston region to impact more than 525,000 people a year. Under Angela’s leadership, Neighborhood Centers remains the largest non-profit in Texas, ranks in the top 1% of charitable groups in the nation, and has an operating budget of more than \$260 million.

Angela spoke about what makes strong communities; she explained that leaders are not necessarily those organizations that come into communities telling residents what they should and shouldn’t do. Real community leaders are those who understand and know the community in and out and can tell you what’s going on block by block. Organizations should listen twice, help once.” *Listen for aspiration, listen for hunger, listen for what people would get up early and work late for. That is what strong communities are built on”.*



Kirbyjon H. Caldwell
Senior Pastor, Windsor Village United Methodist Church



Kirbyjon H. Caldwell is Senior Pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church. Under the leadership of Caldwell since 1982, Windsor Village Church membership has increased from 25 members to more than 16,000, making it one of the largest Protestant churches in the country. As a result of his effective social entrepreneurship, both Caldwell and the Windsor Village Church Family have been featured extensively in national and international print and broadcast media, including *U.S. News & World Report*, the *British Broadcasting Corporation*, *The Wall Street Journal* and the *CBS Evening News*. Caldwell was included in Newsweek’s “Century Club”, the publication’s list of 100 people to watch as America moved into the 21st century. In partnership with the Windsor Village Church Family, Caldwell has spearheaded several independently operated nonprofits and community development projects that have impacted the social and economic landscape of central Southwest Houston. Collectively, the nonprofit projects have produced 700 permanent jobs and make a \$65.5 million cash flow impact on the community annually.

Pastor Caldwell spoke to NUSA attendees with the message: Having a Vision for your Community, The making of Pointe Two, Three Four. *“You must have the vision for your community and you must have the right people involved in the vision. Otherwise, your vision will become a division...one big mess.”*

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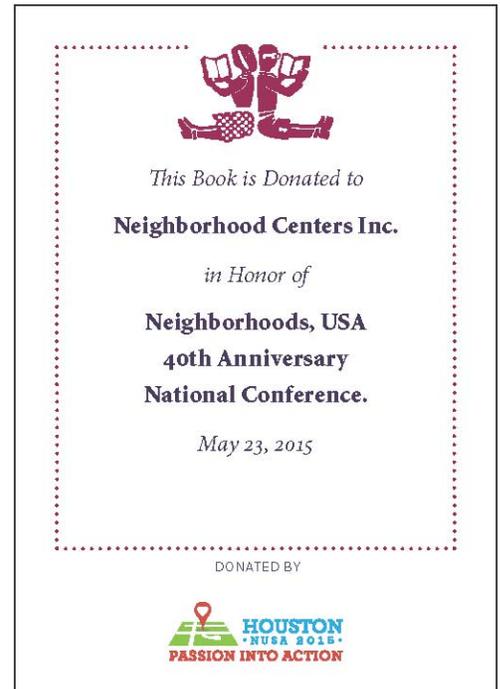
Jeri Pryor, Administrative Assistance

Fort Lauderdale, FL

40 Years of NUSA & Legacy Project

This year to commemorate NUSA's 40th anniversary, the organization wanted to put their passion into action. All attendees were asked to bring a children's book to donate to the Neighborhood Centers Inc. libraries. We received thousands of books from around the country! Neighborhood Centers will loan these books out to under-served children at locations though out the city. For years to come, children all over Houston will read these books, see your dedication and know that you cared.

Thank you for sharing your passion!



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Leslie	Jimenez			
Xavier	Morales			
Alicia	Ramirez		Texas	
Anaheim	Sporn	Anaheim	California	United States
Jason	Bergerson	Anchorage	Alaska	United States
Niki	Burrows	Anchorage	Alaska	United States
Toni	Reupke	Anchorage	Alaska	United States
Bob	Reupke	Anchorage	Alaska	United States
Angela	Marshall	Arlington	Virginia	United States
Gregory	Carr	Arvada	Colorado	United States
Kathleen	Brownlee	Atlanta	Georgia	United States
Carol	Gibbs	Austin	Texas	United States
Duane	Hutson	Austin	Texas	United States
Mary Jane	Wier	Austin	Texas	United States
Kevin	Wier	Austin	Texas	United States
Rhonnie	Brewer	Bartlett	Tennessee	United States
Donna	Collins-Lewis	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	United States
Lorena	Campa	Bellaire	Texas	United States
Estella	Gonzalez	Bellaire	Texas	United States
Neil	Hanson	Bellaire	Texas	United States
Ann	Hilbig	Bellaire	Texas	United States
William	Landon	Bellaire	Texas	United States
Fidencio	Leija, Jr.	Bellaire	Texas	United States
Mary	Rodriguez	Bellaire	Texas	United States
Rene	Solis	Bellaire	Texas	United States
Russell	Tomlin	Bellaire	Texas	United States
Alex	Triantaphyllis	Bellaire	Texas	United States
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Willine	Body	Birmingham	Alabama	United States
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Tige	Watts	Columbia	South Carolina	United States
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Jessica	Latchaw	Fort Worth	Texas	United States
Ruben	Olmos	Fort Worth	Texas	United States
Donato	Perez	Fort Worth	Texas	United States
Kimberly	Porter	Fort Worth	Texas	United States
Angela	Rush	Fort Worth	Texas	United States
Linda	Tuggle	Fort Worth	Texas	United States
Veronica	Villegas	Fort Worth	Texas	United States
Cheron	Hillmon	Friendswood	Texas	United States
Kimberly	Milton	Friendswood	Texas	United States
Patricia	Shell	Friendswood	Texas	United States
Soichiro	Maeyama	Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture		Japan
Beryl	McCadden-Pritko	Gardena	California	United States
Laura	Castillo	Garland	Texas	United States
Felisa	Conner	Garland	Texas	United States
Don	Hughes	Garland	Texas	United States
Diane	McArdle	Garland	Texas	United States
Angela	Self	Garland	Texas	United States
Johnny	Hargroves	Gig Harbor	Washington	United States
David	Rush	Granbury	Texas	United States
Jasmine	Bryson	Hampton	Virginia	United States
Shanel	Lewis	Hampton	Virginia	United States
Darren	Robinson	Hampton	Virginia	United States
Marcie	Spragan	Hampton	Virginia	United States
Maxine	Coleman	Hattiesburg	Mississippi	United States
Emily	Lewis	Henderson	Nevada	United States

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Heather	Virtuoso	Henderson	Nevada	United States
Joshua	Acevedo	Houston	Texas	United States
Elian	Aguilar	Houston	Texas	United States
Frank	Aguilar	Houston	Texas	United States
Liliana	Aguirre	Houston	Texas	United States
Claudia	Aguirre-Vasquez	Houston	Texas	United States
Rhonda	Aias	Houston	Texas	United States
Fabrizio	Alejo	Houston	Texas	United States
Tajiri	Alexander	Houston	Texas	United States
Tanika	Alexander	Houston	Texas	United States
Desmine	Allen	Houston	Texas	United States
Selena	Alvarez	Houston	Texas	United States
Karina	Amaya	Houston	Texas	United States
George	Anderson	Houston	Texas	United States
Christopher	Andrews	Houston	Texas	United States
Madeleine	Appel	Houston	Texas	United States
Robert	Arana	Houston	Texas	United States
Jessica	Arias	Houston	Texas	United States
Kanji	Asakura	Houston	Texas	United States
Patrick	Atkins	Houston	Texas	United States
Ranferi	Avilez	Houston	Texas	United States
Radu	Barbuceanu	Houston	Texas	United States
David	Bass	Houston	Texas	United States
Jane	Bavineau	Houston	Texas	United States
Virginia	Bazan	Houston	Texas	United States
Dennis C	Beedon	Houston	Texas	United States
Tomaro	Bell	Houston	Texas	United States
Sally	Bercu	Houston	Texas	United States
Mike	Bercu	Houston	Texas	United States
Sara	Bitting	Houston	Texas	United States
Jesse R.	Boone	Houston	Texas	United States
Willie Belle	Boone	Houston	Texas	United States
Carolyn	Boozer	Houston	Texas	United States
Norma	Bradley	Houston	Texas	United States
Karissa	Briones	Houston	Texas	United States
Reilly	Brooks	Houston	Texas	United States
Rose	Broome	Houston	Texas	United States
Margaret	Brown	Houston	Texas	United States

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Lance	Brown	Houston	Texas	United States
Janice	Brown	Houston	Texas	United States
Peter H	Brown	Houston	Texas	United States
Mathew	Browning	Houston	Texas	United States
Brenda	Brumfield	Houston	Texas	United States
Linda	Burger	Houston	Texas	United States
Brian	Burks	Houston	Texas	United States
Roberta	Burroughs	Houston	Texas	United States
Christopher	Butler	Houston	Texas	United States
Robin	Cabrera	Houston	Texas	United States
Lauren	Caldarera	Houston	Texas	United States
Jamie	Calobrisi	Houston	Texas	United States
Trevor	Campbell	Houston	Texas	United States
Ava	Carter	Houston	Texas	United States
Michelle	Caruso	Houston	Texas	United States
Christina	Cave	Houston	Texas	United States
Gracie	Cavnar	Houston	Texas	United States
Cindy	Chapman	Houston	Texas	United States
Mandy	Chapman Semple	Houston	Texas	United States
Paul D.	Charles	Houston	Texas	United States
Susan	Clifton	Houston	Texas	United States
Michael	Cline	Houston	Texas	United States
Max	Coleman	Houston	Texas	United States
Kathy	Cornejo	Houston	Texas	United States
Sheri	Cortez	Houston	Texas	United States
Breanna	Cotton	Houston	Texas	United States
Cean	Cotton	Houston	Texas	United States
Roland	Cotton	Houston	Texas	United States
Jakobie	Cotton	Houston	Texas	United States
Aaron	Courtland	Houston	Texas	United States
David	Crossley	Houston	Texas	United States
Jay	Crossley	Houston	Texas	United States
Walter	Cuby	Houston	Texas	United States
Deandra	Daniels	Houston	Texas	United States
Debra	Davis	Houston	Texas	United States
Claytie	Davis, Jr.	Houston	Texas	United States
Flora Anne	Davison	Houston	Texas	United States
Veronica	DeBoest	Houston	Texas	United States

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Tanya	Debose	Houston	Texas	United States
Chiquita	Dexter	Houston	Texas	United States
Ivan	Diaz	Houston	Texas	United States
Deborah	Dickerson	Houston	Texas	United States
James	Donatto	Houston	Texas	United States
Tom	Dornbusch	Houston	Texas	United States
Sanin	Dosa	Houston	Texas	United States
Nellie	Doty	Houston	Texas	United States
John	Doty	Houston	Texas	United States
Juan	Dunn	Houston	Texas	United States
Becky	Edmondson	Houston	Texas	United States
Jennifer	Edmondson	Houston	Texas	United States
Claudette	Edwards	Houston	Texas	United States
Tom	Einhorn	Houston	Texas	United States
Randall	Ellis	Houston	Texas	United States
Helen	Enriquez	Houston	Texas	United States
Gwendolyn	Fedrick	Houston	Texas	United States
Bobbi	Figures	Houston	Texas	United States
Marsha	Fisk	Houston	Texas	United States
Ian	Fitch	Houston	Texas	United States
Myra	Fleeks	Houston	Texas	United States
Ingrid	Flornoy	Houston	Texas	United States
Ramiro	Fonseca	Houston	Texas	United States
Pedro	Fonseca	Houston	Texas	United States
Rita T.	Foretich	Houston	Texas	United States
Chloe	Forney	Houston	Texas	United States
Erica	Foster	Houston	Texas	United States
Bolivar	Fraga	Houston	Texas	United States
Verda	Gaines	Houston	Texas	United States
Glenda	Garay	Houston	Texas	United States
Kimberly	Garay	Houston	Texas	United States
Daisy	Garay	Houston	Texas	United States
Graci	Garces	Houston	Texas	United States
Alyssa	Garcia	Houston	Texas	United States
Oriana	Garcia	Houston	Texas	United States
Ann	Garcia	Houston	Texas	United States
Luis	Garcia-Alvarez	Houston	Texas	United States
Guillermo	Garibaldi	Houston	Texas	United States

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Terry	Garner	Houston	Texas	United States
Huey	German-Wilson	Houston	Texas	United States
Felicia	Gilbert	Houston	Texas	United States
Lance	Gilliam	Houston	Texas	United States
Kerry	Goelzer	Houston	Texas	United States
Gus	Gomez	Houston	Texas	United States
Gwen	Goodwin	Houston	Texas	United States
Ryan	Gorczycki	Houston	Texas	United States
Patricia	Govan	Houston	Texas	United States
Marcenia	Grace	Houston	Texas	United States
Catherine	Green	Houston	Texas	United States
Annie	Greenhouse	Houston	Texas	United States
Betty	Gregory	Houston	Texas	United States
Lorna	Grenadier	Houston	Texas	United States
George	Griffin	Houston	Texas	United States
Michael	Griffin	Houston	Texas	United States
Stedman	Grigsby	Houston	Texas	United States
Gwyn	Guidy	Houston	Texas	United States
Almetria	Guzman	Houston	Texas	United States
Franklin	Hall	Houston	Texas	United States
Alec	Hamilton	Houston	Texas	United States
Virginia	Hancock	Houston	Texas	United States
Leticia	Harmon	Houston	Texas	United States
Markus	Harris	Houston	Texas	United States
Tamika	Harris	Houston	Texas	United States
Vivian	Harris	Houston	Texas	United States
Sommer	Harrison	Houston	Texas	United States
Marcia	Hartman	Houston	Texas	United States
DeAngela	Hayes	Houston	Texas	United States
Betty	Haynes-Perry	Houston	Texas	United States
Jesse	Hendrix	Houston	Texas	United States
Miguel	Hernandez	Houston	Texas	United States
Ninfa	Herrera	Houston	Texas	United States
Anna	Hildebrand	Houston	Texas	United States
Barbara	Hite	Houston	Texas	United States
Megan	Hoag	Houston	Texas	United States
Tho	Hoang	Houston	Texas	United States
Hazel	House	Houston	Texas	United States

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Junia	Howell	Houston	Texas	United States
Jeysel	Huezo	Houston	Texas	United States
Kirk	Jackson	Houston	Texas	United States
Gilda	Jackson	Houston	Texas	United States
Elizabeth	Jimenez	Houston	Texas	United States
Reagan	Johnson	Houston	Texas	United States
Elaine	Johnson	Houston	Texas	United States
Zoe	Johnson	Houston	Texas	United States
Jessica	Johnson	Houston	Texas	United States
Synclair	Johnson	Houston	Texas	United States
Natasha	Johnson	Houston	Texas	United States
Rodney	Jones	Houston	Texas	United States
Jacqueline	Jones	Houston	Texas	United States
Priscilla	Jorissen	Houston	Texas	United States
Racel	Kagan	Houston	Texas	United States
Michael	Kahlenberg	Houston	Texas	United States
Fahad	Kamal	Houston	Texas	United States
Betty	Keller	Houston	Texas	United States
Amy	Kelley	Houston	Texas	United States
Jocklynn	Keville	Houston	Texas	United States
F. Qasim Ibn Ali	Khan	Houston	Texas	United States
Margaret	Kidd	Houston	Texas	United States
David	Kim	Houston	Texas	United States
Mark	Klein	Houston	Texas	United States
Elizabeth	Korver-Glenn	Houston	Texas	United States
Nathan	Kraus	Houston	Texas	United States
Eliza	Lane	Houston	Texas	United States
Debra	Lathan	Houston	Texas	United States
Roberta	Leal	Houston	Texas	United States
Dee	Leal	Houston	Texas	United States
Angelia	Lecompte	Houston	Texas	United States
Leonard	Lee	Houston	Texas	United States
Marilyn	Lee	Houston	Texas	United States
Daniella	Lewis	Houston	Texas	United States
Renee	Lewis	Houston	Texas	United States
Michael	Lewter	Houston	Texas	United States
Virginia	Livingston	Houston	Texas	United States
Olga	Lopez	Houston	Texas	United States

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Meggin	Lorino	Houston	Texas	United States
Elizabeth	Love	Houston	Texas	United States
Marianna	Luna	Houston	Texas	United States
Xiheng	Ma	Houston	Texas	United States
David	Madison	Houston	Texas	United States
Joseph	Malveaux	Houston	Texas	United States
Elvis	Malveaux	Houston	Texas	United States
Cecilia	Marks	Houston	Texas	United States
Mannaser	Marshall	Houston	Texas	United States
Beverly	Martin	Houston	Texas	United States
Alyssa	Martinez	Houston	Texas	United States
Alma	Martinez	Houston	Texas	United States
Ruth	Maya	Houston	Texas	United States
Anitra	Medina	Houston	Texas	United States
Miguel	Medrado	Houston	Texas	United States
Karina	Medrano	Houston	Texas	United States
Annette	Mitchell	Houston	Texas	United States
Jennifer	Moise	Houston	Texas	United States
April	Momon	Houston	Texas	United States
Maria	Morales	Houston	Texas	United States
Gareth Rhian	Morgans	Houston	Texas	United States
Theodora	Muokebe	Houston	Texas	United States
Martha	Murphree	Houston	Texas	United States
Bridgette	Murray	Houston	Texas	United States
Titus	Murray	Houston	Texas	United States
Devyn	Nguyen	Houston	Texas	United States
Camille	Nguyen	Houston	Texas	United States
John	Nienhuser	Houston	Texas	United States
Larry	Nierth	Houston	Texas	United States
Joel	North	Houston	Texas	United States
Clementina	Nunez	Houston	Texas	United States
Glenda	Nunley	Houston	Texas	United States
Alicia	Nuzzie	Houston	Texas	United States
Kevin	OBrien	Houston	Texas	United States
Gloria	Okome	Houston	Texas	United States
Jackson	Oldham	Houston	Texas	United States
Xochitl	Olguin	Houston	Texas	United States
Sandy	Olson	Houston	Texas	United States

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Jasmine	Opusunju	Houston	Texas	United States
Kathleen	O'Reilly	Houston	Texas	United States
Chrishelle	Palay	Houston	Texas	United States
Steve	Parker	Houston	Texas	United States
Lillian	Parker	Houston	Texas	United States
Carroll	Parrot Bue	Houston	Texas	United States
Randolph	Partain	Houston	Texas	United States
Yajaira	Pena	Houston	Texas	United States
Everette	Penn	Houston	Texas	United States
Donald	Perkins	Houston	Texas	United States
Margie	Perkins	Houston	Texas	United States
Cobbe	Perkins	Houston	Texas	United States
Patrick	Peters	Houston	Texas	United States
Doug	Peterson	Houston	Texas	United States
Thao	Pham	Houston	Texas	United States
Ryan	Powell	Houston	Texas	United States
Dr. Martha Marie	Preston	Houston	Texas	United States
Rev T. Leon	Preston, II	Houston	Texas	United States
Katherine	Price	Houston	Texas	United States
John	Puder	Houston	Texas	United States
Neal	Rackleff	Houston	Texas	United States
Dothory	Reddick	Houston	Texas	United States
Victoria	Reed	Houston	Texas	United States
Layne	Reesor	Houston	Texas	United States
Cynthia	Reinoza	Houston	Texas	United States
Josh	Reynolds	Houston	Texas	United States
Angelee	Rhyne	Houston	Texas	United States
Mary	Roberts	Houston	Texas	United States
Candice	Robinson	Houston	Texas	United States
Jesse	Rodriguez	Houston	Texas	United States
Cristina	Rodriguez	Houston	Texas	United States
Anthony	Rodriguez PhD	Houston	Texas	United States
Nely	Rodriquez	Houston	Texas	United States
Preston	Roe	Houston	Texas	United States
Patricia	Rogers	Houston	Texas	United States
Wythel	Rogers	Houston	Texas	United States
Syrcolby	Rogers	Houston	Texas	United States
Sineria	Rosa	Houston	Texas	United States

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Gwendolyn	Rose	Houston	Texas	United States
Saeed	Rose	Houston	Texas	United States
Kelley	Sanchez	Houston	Texas	United States
Mariana	Sanchez	Houston	Texas	United States
Blanca	Sanchez	Houston	Texas	United States
Yensy	Sanchez	Houston	Texas	United States
Alexandra	Sanchez	Houston	Texas	United States
Vincent	Sanders	Houston	Texas	United States
Tonya	Sawyer	Houston	Texas	United States
Donald	Scott	Houston	Texas	United States
Ira	Scott	Houston	Texas	United States
Katie	Scott	Houston	Texas	United States
Linda	Scurlock	Houston	Texas	United States
Rutty	Serna	Houston	Texas	United States
Jonathan	Simmons	Houston	Texas	United States
Jaylin	Sledge	Houston	Texas	United States
Bessie	Small	Houston	Texas	United States
Yolanda	Smith	Houston	Texas	United States
Joyce	Smith	Houston	Texas	United States
Alexis	Solano	Houston	Texas	United States
Mekha	Solomon	Houston	Texas	United States
Patti	Solomon-Acosta	Houston	Texas	United States
Nina	Springer	Houston	Texas	United States
Ruthie	Staley	Houston	Texas	United States
Alan	Steinberg	Houston	Texas	United States
Charlie	Stephens	Houston	Texas	United States
Joetta	Stevenson	Houston	Texas	United States
Christa	Stoneham	Houston	Texas	United States
Harold	Stubblefield	Houston	Texas	United States
Belinda	Stubblefield	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #1	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #10	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #11	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #12	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #13	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #14	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #15	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #16	Houston	Texas	United States

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Jack Yates High School	Student #17	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #18	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #19	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #2	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #20	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #21	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #22	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #23	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #24	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #25	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #26	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #27	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #28	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #29	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #3	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #30	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #31	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #32	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #33	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #34	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #35	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #36	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #37	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #38	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #39	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #40	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #41	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #42	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #43	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #44	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #45	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #46	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #47	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #48	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #49	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #5	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #50	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #6	Houston	Texas	United States

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Jack Yates High School	Student #7	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #8	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student #9	Houston	Texas	United States
Jack Yates High School	Student 4	Houston	Texas	United States
Pablo	Szub	Houston	Texas	United States
Norma	Szub	Houston	Texas	United States
Milagros	Tanega	Houston	Texas	United States
Darrin	Taylor	Houston	Texas	United States
Nora	Tejada	Houston	Texas	United States
Brayan	Teran	Houston	Texas	United States
Sarah Kate	Thomas	Houston	Texas	United States
William	Thomas	Houston	Texas	United States
Donna	Thomas	Houston	Texas	United States
Twonda	Thompson	Houston	Texas	United States
Amanda	Thorin	Houston	Texas	United States
Logan	Thornton	Houston	Texas	United States
Lizzette	Tienda	Houston	Texas	United States
Isreal	Tinoco	Houston	Texas	United States
Jonathan	Tobar	Houston	Texas	United States
Evan	Toler	Houston	Texas	United States
Cherish	Townsend Bey	Houston	Texas	United States
Laura	Tryon	Houston	Texas	United States
Alex	Valdez	Houston	Texas	United States
Libby	Vann	Houston	Texas	United States
Jenny	Varghese	Houston	Texas	United States
Anne	Vickers	Houston	Texas	United States
Emely	Villada	Houston	Texas	United States
Victor	Villarreal	Houston	Texas	United States
Jessica	Villegas	Houston	Texas	United States
Gayle	Waden	Houston	Texas	United States
Jenifer	Wagley	Houston	Texas	United States
Paulette	Wagner	Houston	Texas	United States
Debra	Walker	Houston	Texas	United States
Demetria	Wallace	Houston	Texas	United States
Leslie	Wang	Houston	Texas	United States
Carolyn	Ward	Houston	Texas	United States
April	Ward	Houston	Texas	United States
Howard	Watson	Houston	Texas	United States

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Ulis	Watson	Houston	Texas	United States
Sherry	Weesner	Houston	Texas	United States
Jane	West	Houston	Texas	United States
Anne	Whitlock	Houston	Texas	United States
Justin	Wiederman	Houston	Texas	United States
Cameron	Wieman	Houston	Texas	United States
Jude	Wiggins	Houston	Texas	United States
Raiven	Williams	Houston	Texas	United States
Marcy	Williams	Houston	Texas	United States
Iris	Williams	Houston	Texas	United States
Deryl	Williams	Houston	Texas	United States
Kelvin	Williams	Houston	Texas	United States
Phillis	Wilson	Houston	Texas	United States
Dustin	Windham	Houston	Texas	United States
Kelly	Windham	Houston	Texas	United States
Jonathan	Winters	Houston	Texas	United States
Tyler	X	Houston	Texas	United States
Yesinia	Zavala	Houston	Texas	United States
Sylvia	Bolling	Humble	Texas	United States
Joe	McElligott	humble	Texas	United States
Vilma	Morera	Humble	Texas	United States
Kent	Hayden	Huntington Beach	California	United States
April	Helliwell	Huntington Beach	California	United States
Ashley	White	Huntington Beach	California	United States
Greg	Allen	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Jocelyn	Allen	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Martha	Baker Blue	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Sonja	Buckner-Marion	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Debra	Carroll	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Patrice	Duckett	indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Brenda	Havens	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Korey	Jackson	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Leigh	McCall	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Nita	McCormick	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Pamela	Parker	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Francetta	Peterson	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Dana	Reed Wise	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Anne-Marie	Taylor	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States

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Deveree	Webster	Indianapolis	Indiana	United States
Deletta	Dean	Kansas City	Missouri	United States
Maria	Banos Jordan	Kingwood	Texas	United States
Deborah	Sharp	Knoxville	Tennessee	United States
Joseph	Gordon-Wiltz	Lafayette	Louisiana	United States
Patricia	Becker	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Sandy	Becker	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Andre	Bernard	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Pamela	Bingham	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Tiffany	Blackwell	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Howard	Bryels	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Dorothy	Bryels	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Shannon	Draper	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Erma	Hendrix	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Larry	Johnson	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Norma	Johnson	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Lisa	Jones	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Margaret	Lewis	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Cheryl	Martin	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Josiah	McCalman	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Michelle	Noto	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Erma	Peterson	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Christopher	Porter	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Dwight	Pridgeon	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Tracye	Ross	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Henry	Shorter	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Doug	Tapp	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Willie	Watson	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Doris	Wright	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Carrie	Young	Little Rock	Arkansas	United States
Mark	Barons	Littleton	Colorado	United States
Sarah	Smith	Livingston	Texas	United States
Jerry	Caligiuri	Long Beach	California	United States
Monique	Coleman	Lubbock	Texas	United States
John	Royce	Long Beach	California	United States
Susan	Minarik	Mead	Washington	United States
Shaquita	Blaylock	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Kenneth	Brown	Memphis	Tennessee	United States

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Joyce	Cox	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Regenia	Dowell	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Jocelyn	Eddins	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Deborah	Frazier	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Vernua	Hanrahan	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Toni	Hayes	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Debra	Lovelace	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Vatricia	McKinney	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Gregory	McNeal	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Tony	Olden	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Kacey	Patterson	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Sharolyn	Payton	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Christine	Pipkin	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Robert	Powell	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Albert C.	Sanders	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Taya	Simmons	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Evelyn	Suggs	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Irma	Tabor	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Rosietta	Woodley	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Patrice	Woods	Memphis	Tennessee	United States
Stephany	Galbreath	Meridian	Idaho	United States
Hazel	Cunningham	Midfield	Alabama	United States
Orlando	Robinson	Midfield	Alabama	United States
Amanda	Vallone	Minneapolis	Minnesota	United States
Jolie	Vallone	Minneapolis	Minnesota	United States
Dakota	Vallone	Minneapolis	Minnesota	United States
Barbara	Blue	Missouri City	Texas	United States
Melba	Lee	Missouri City	Texas	United States
John	Manley	Missouri City	Texas	United States
Clarence	Robbins	Missouri City	Texas	United States
Yolanda Y	Williams	Missouri City	Texas	United States
Alfredo	Enriquez	Monrovia	California	United States
Larry	Spicer	Monrovia	California	United States
Sheila	Spicer-Batice	Monrovia	California	United States
Ariel	Tolefree-Williams	Monrovia	California	United States
Elena	Vigil	Nampa	Idaho	United States
Amber	Besaw	North Adams	Massachusetts	United States
Annie	Rodgers	North Adams	Massachusetts	United States

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Janet	Bonet	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Eric	Burgin	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Katie	Coughran	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Vanessa	Denney	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Gwen	Easter	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Robert	Gould	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Jarrett	Johnson	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Kyle	Keith	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Brent	Lubbert	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Norita	Matt	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Ryan	McClure	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Teela	Mickles	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Tina	Moulton	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Chinwendu	Nwinye	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Rich	Plagman	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
M. Charlene	Potter	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Rafael	Santa-Maria	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Julie	Smith	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Jeff	Spiehs	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Tom	Stenson	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Paula	Stenson	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Matthew	Stelly	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Todd	Swirczek	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Mary S	Thompson	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Kathleen	Vinton	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Cheryl	Williams	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Ella	Willis	Omaha	Nebraska	United States
Michele	Brennan	Orlando	Florida	United States
Cindy	Light	Orlando	Florida	United States
Jason	Reynolds	Orlando	Florida	United States
Rosalind	Johnson	Overland Park	Kansas	United States
Judy	Paulette	Overland Park	Kansas	United States
John	Rod	Overland Park	Kansas	United States
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Lisa	Middleton	Palm Springs	California	United States
Brian	Biery	Pasadena	California	United States
Martha	Coleman	Pasadena		United States
Patricia	Cummings	Pasadena	Texas	United States
Jarvis	Emerson	Pasadena	California	United States
Chris	Finney	Pasadena	California	United States
Mayra	Macedo-Nolan	Pasadena	California	United States
Susana	Porras	Pasadena	California	United States
Darryl	Qualls	Pasadena	California	United States
Ellen	Schwaller	Pasadena	Texas	United States
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Anthony	Allen	Peoria	Illinois	United States
Sherry	Carter-Allen	Peoria	Illinois	United States
Michael	Patterson	Peoria	Illinois	United States
Ryan	Winkle	Peoria	Illinois	United States
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Shamsa	Visone	Raleigh	North Carolina	United States
Patrick	Fitzgerald	Reston	Virginia	United States
Jan	Mignone	Richmond	California	United States
Rochelle	Monk	Richmond	California	United States
Aaron	Stevens	Richmond	Indiana	United States
Dawn	Carter	Riverside	California	United States
Paul	Davis	Riverside	California	United States
Andy	Melendrez	Riverside	California	United States
Frances	Posoisky	Riverside	California	United States
Adriana	Sandoval	Riverside	California	United States
Yvette	Sennewald	Riverside	California	United States
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Estelle	McCadden	Roanoke	Virginia	United States
Ron	McCorkle	Roanoke	Virginia	United States
Elta Mae	Wilson	Roanoke	Virginia	United States

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Keith	Chandler	Round Rock	Texas	United States
Mike	Freeman	Round Rock	Texas	United States
Benito	Fresquez	Round Rock	Texas	United States
Henry	Nickel	San Bernardino	California	United States
Scott	Kutner	Santa Ana	California	United States
Margarita	Macedonio	Santa Ana	California	United States
Miranda	Lansdale	Sarasota	Florida	United States
Ed	Pottharst	Seattle	Washington	United States
Karen	Selander	Seattle	Washington	United States
Adam	Roach	Sioux Falls	South Dakota	United States
Russ	Sorenson	Sioux Falls	South Dakota	United States
Rod	Minarik	Spokane	Washington	United States
Thelma	Kennedy-Malveaux	Spring	Texas	United States
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Jeffrey	Baldwin, Sr.	Sugar Land	Texas	United States
Stacie	Henderson	Sugar Land	Texas	United States
Nicole	Solis	Sugar Land	Texas	United States
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John	Hawkins	Syracuse	New York	United States
William	Simmons	Syracuse	New York	United States
Gladys	Smith	Syracuse	New York	United States
Linda	Braddy	Tacoma	Washington	United States
Elizabeth	Burris	Tacoma	Washington	United States
Janis	Clark	Tacoma	Washington	United States
Dalton	Gittens	Tacoma	Washington	United States
James	Philp	Tacoma	Washington	United States
Pennie	Smith	Tacoma	Washington	United States
Marion	Weed	Tacoma	Washington	United States
Carol	Wolfe	Tacoma	Washington	United States
Wanda	Sloan	Tampa	Florida	United States
William (Bill)	Twaite	Tampa	Florida	United States
Avelino	Vide	Tampa	Florida	United States
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Patricia	Southmayd	Tulsa	Oklahoma	United States
Darino	Elizaga	Valenzuela		Philippines
Judi	Bailey	Vancouver	Washington	United States
Kerry	Peck	Vancouver	Washington	United States
Barbara	Taylor	Washington DC	District of Columbia	United States
Jose	Tagle	West Palm Beach	Florida	United States
Jeni	Harward	West Valley City	Utah	United States
Leslie	Hudson	West Valley City	Utah	United States
Craig	Thomas	West Valley City	Utah	United States
Loretta F.	Buckner	Wichita	Kansas	United States
Carla	Lee	Wichita	Kansas	United States
James	Roseboro	Wichita	Kansas	United States
Gene	Fells	York	Pennsylvania	United States

Overall Conference Evaluation Sheet

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How would you rate your experience with each of the following conference categories?

Evaluation of General Conference	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Uncertain/ Can't Say
Pre Conference Registration	1	2	3	4	5	0
Promotional Communication	1	2	3	4	5	0
Confirmation Communication	1	2	3	4	5	0
Exhibit Hall	1	2	3	4	5	0
Volunteers	1	2	3	4	5	0
Facility	1	2	3	4	5	0
Food Overall	1	2	3	4	5	0
Conference Theme	1	2	3	4	5	0
Conference Overall	1	2	3	4	5	0
Wednesday May 20, 2015	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Uncertain/ Can't Say
Pre-Conference Workshops	1	2	3	4	5	0
On-Site Registration	1	2	3	4	5	0
Mix N Mingle	1	2	3	4	5	0
Thursday May 21, 2015						
On-Site Registration	1	2	3	4	5	0
Opening Breakfast	1	2	3	4	5	0
Breakfast Keynote Speaker Angela Blanchard	1	2	3	4	5	0
Neighborhood of the Year Judging	1	2	3	4	5	0
Mayor's Welcome Reception	1	2	3	4	5	0
Exhibit Hall	1	2	3	4	5	0

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Friday May 22, 2015	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Uncertain/ Can't Say
Best Neighborhood Program Award Judging	1	2	3	4	5	0
Neighborhood of the Year Awards Luncheon With Keynote Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell	1	2	3	4	5	0
Neighborhood Pride Tours	1	2	3	4	5	0
Exhibit Hall	1	2	3	4	5	0
Saturday May 23, 2015						
Continental Breakfast	1	2	3	4	5	0
NUSA General Membership Meeting	1	2	3	4	5	0
Best Neighborhood Program Award Luncheon	1	2	3	4	5	0

How did you hear about this conference? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> COH Email | <input type="checkbox"/> NUSA Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
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Other comments or suggestions?

Workshop Evaluation Sheet

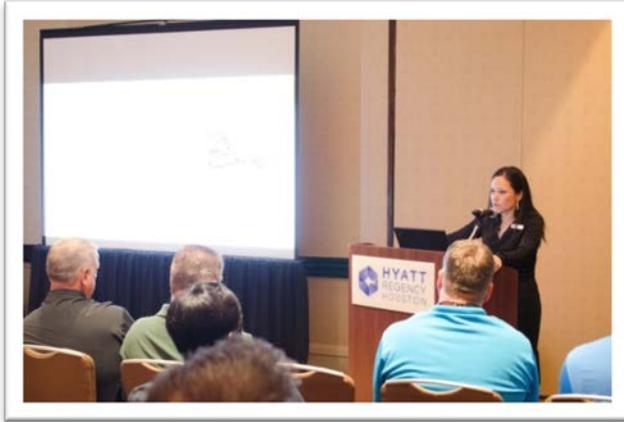
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Workshop Title:

Evaluation of General Workshop Items	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The workshop presented matched the course description	1	2	3	4	5
The objectives of this workshop were clear	1	2	3	4	5
The content of the workshop was relevant to my community's needs	1	2	3	4	5
The material and information presented matched the theme of the conference	1	2	3	4	5
The presentation was clear and to the point	1	2	3	4	5
The setting/workshop environment contributed to the quality of the presentation (and retention of information)	1	2	3	4	5
Workshop handouts were readily available and beneficial	1	2	3	4	5
The length of the workshop was appropriate for the material covered	1	2	3	4	5
The Presenter was engaging and encouraged audience participation	1	2	3	4	5
Evaluation of Workshop Presenter(s)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The presenter(s) were well organized	1	2	3	4	5
The presenter(s) covered material in a clear and understandable manner	1	2	3	4	5
The presenter(s) provided information that was current and relevant to the workshop information	1	2	3	4	5
The speaker was responsive to questions	1	2	3	4	5
The presenter(s)/panelists were knowledgeable in the workshop matter presented	1	2	3	4	5

1. What's the most important lesson learned from this workshop that you will take back to your neighborhood or community?
2. What part of this workshop was most useful? Why?
3. What part of this workshop was least useful? Why?
4. What other comments or suggestions do you have?

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Conference Overall	1	2	3	4	5	0
Thursday May 21, 2015						
	Very Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Neutral	Unsatisfactory	Very Unsatisfactory	Uncertain/ Can't Say
On-Site Youth Registration	1	2	3	4	5	0
Youth Kick-off Reception	1	2	3	4	5	0

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Keynote Speaker	1	2	3	4	5	0
On-Site Registration	1	2	3	4	5	0
Neighborhood of the Year Awards Luncheon With Keynote Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell	1	2	3	4	5	0
Exhibit Hall	1	2	3	4	5	0

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 COH Email NUSA Email Radio Word of Mouth
 Postal Mailer Other: _____
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What is your city and state? _____

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 Plane Public Transportation
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