

## The Benefits of Hosting

Direct benefits to the Host & Support Congregations include broadening perspectives on poverty and homelessness by allowing volunteers the opportunity to have direct engagement with those in deepest need. Some clergy have commented that participation in Just Neighbors was a "turning point" for their ministry and their congregation. Others maintain that Just Neighbors became the focal point for renewal, as a spirit of "cooperation and generosity" increased among parishioners. The Just Neighbors experience enables congregations and other groups to put their faith into action through service to the "least of these" in our community.

Just Neighbors unites many different people of purpose into a joint mission effort. By sharing a mutual concern and response to the problem of homelessness, relationships are born that transcend religious traditions and cultures, and a common purpose enriches not only the congregations and partnering groups themselves but the life of an entire community.