How Can I Help?

Local churches, businesses, civic organizations, scout troops, student groups, individuals and families can donate their time to the Neighborhood Initiative Program.

Volunteers in this program help qualified residents who are elderly, disabled or single parents with much needed home repairs. Projects may include yard work, tree trimming, painting, replacing windows and doors, repairing plumbing and electrical systems, just to name a few.

Opportunities are available for volunteers of all ages and skill levels. Many projects are completed in one day. Some larger projects may take several days to complete.

Don't have time to volunteer? Consider donating materials, supplies or equipment to the Neighborhood Services Program. All types of tools, equipment and building supplies are needed to complete home maintenance and repair projects. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Help neighbors in need. Volunteer today for the NRH Neighborhood Initiative Program.

To Volunteer:

To volunteer for the City of North Richland Hills Neighborhood Initiative Program, please contact:

North Richland Hills
Neighborhood Services Department
7200 C Dick Fisher Drive S.
North Richland Hills, Tx 76180
817-427-6650

Other assistance and incentive programs may also be available for qualified residents. Please contact the North Richland Hills Neighborhood Services Department for more details.

North Richland Hills Neighborhood Initiative Program

PROGRAM GOALS

- To help qualified NRH residents make exterior and interior repairs to their homes, which will help them maintain the quality of life they deserve
- To encourage volunteerism in North Richland Hills
- To demonstrate the City's commitment to reinvest in residential neighborhoods
- To support local businesses and shop NRH first

Program History

The North Richland Hills Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) was created in 2004 to help the elderly, single parents and persons with disabilities with minor exterior home repairs and yard work. The City of North Richland Hills partners with volunteers to help complete each project, such as replacing rotting wood, painting, repairing fences, mowing yards, and trimming trees. Equipment and supplies are donated by local businesses, or purchased with monetary donations from local businesses.

By sprucing up their homes, these residents are able to maintain the high quality of life they deserve, while having a positive impact on their neighborhood.

Thanks to the generous support of volunteers, nearly 400 residents have been helped since the Neighborhood Initiative Program was created.

Because of the program's success, the City Council agreed in March 2010 to expand the program to include interior home repairs, as well as larger exterior home repairs, for residents in need.

Awards

The NRH Neighborhood Initiative Program has received the following national awards:

- US Conference of Mayors Outstanding Achievement Award
- Daily Point of Light Award

How the Program Works / Eligible Repairs

A qualified* homeowner who needs assistance must complete an application and submit it, along with proof of income, to the NRH Neighborhood Services Department. If the request meets program requirements, the project will be added to the list of current needs.

Volunteer groups contact the NRH Neighborhood Services Department to review the list of current needs and select projects they would like to complete. The projects are completed with volunteer labor. Materials may be donated by local community groups and businesses. The City may also contribute 50% of material cost up to a total contribution of $3,000. Materials must be purchased from local NRH businesses.

Program Goal: Helping residents maintain the quality of life they deserve.

Eligible repairs may include:

- Exterior paint
- Siding
- Caulk and weather strip
- Front gutters
- Roofs
- Front porch
- Fence
- Windows
- Exterior doors, including garage doors
- Plumbing systems
- Electrical systems
- Yard Maintenance

(Above list is not inclusive. Additional repairs will be considered upon request.)

** To qualify you must be elderly, or disabled, or a single parent and meet certain low income requirements.*