

## DEAR NIA FRIENDS,

I am truly blessed to be surrounded by a loving and caring group of people with a love for Jesus and a passion to serve the families of Port Houston! From our first outreach programs in 1995 to opening the doors of our present facility in 2012, we could not have done God's work in this neighborhood without your support!

Neighbors in Action is changing lives in Port Houston, but we need your support! As you know, we are in the middle of a \$1,200,000 capital campaign. Currently NIA is housed in a 1,200 square foot rented house in the heart of the Port Houston neighborhood. Our plans to build our own 3,500 square foot center would allow NIA to triple the number of people served on a regular basis. Additionally, we could host multiple types of programming at one time; for example, adult education and children's Bible Study. The new center will also be a warm and inviting space for fellowship and community gatherings, and an enlarged kitchen will help us serve healthy food to everyone.

Your gift this Easter is vital to our plans to grow the Kingdom. With your help, we will continue to share God's love and build our Neighbors in Action family. And the best part: Your donation will be matched! The Mabee Foundation has given us a Challenge Grant of \$100k for 2019. If NIA raises \$220,000 by the end of the year, Mabee will contribute an additional \$100k. This will allow us to break ground immediately!

Your Building Neighbors in Action gift will be a meaningful contribution to the future of Port Houston and leave a legacy impacting generations to come. I ask you to prayerfully consider a significant gift. Together, we can make this vision a reality.

Gratefully,  
Marlene Nondorf  
Capital Campaign Co-Chair

## OUR VISION FOR PORT HOUSTON

We envision Port Houston becoming a beacon of light through the restoring hope and love that God offers all. Neighbors in Action builds on assets already in the neighborhood, working to end poverty, injustice, and oppression by empowering the people in the community through spiritual and educational programs.

## WHERE WE WORK

The Port Houston neighborhood is seven miles east of downtown Houston and less than one mile from the Ship Channel Turning Basin, inside Loop 610. The population of approx. 5000 is 96% Hispanic with many living below the poverty line. There are no health facilities, grocery stores, pharmacies, or other typical retail outlets, and options for public transportation are limited. The neighborhood is surrounded on all four sides by railways or industrial development. The U.S. Department of Justice closed a bar in the neighborhood known as a hub for trafficking underage girls. Many teenagers drop out of high school and teenage pregnancy is common.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Neighbors in Action is committed to helping the neighborhood of Port Houston grow

Spiritually: in relationship with God;

Physically: in meeting basic needs;

Emotionally: by developing self-esteem, and

Intellectually: providing education in literacy, language, and technology,

resulting in a community that is self-sufficient and outreach-focused.

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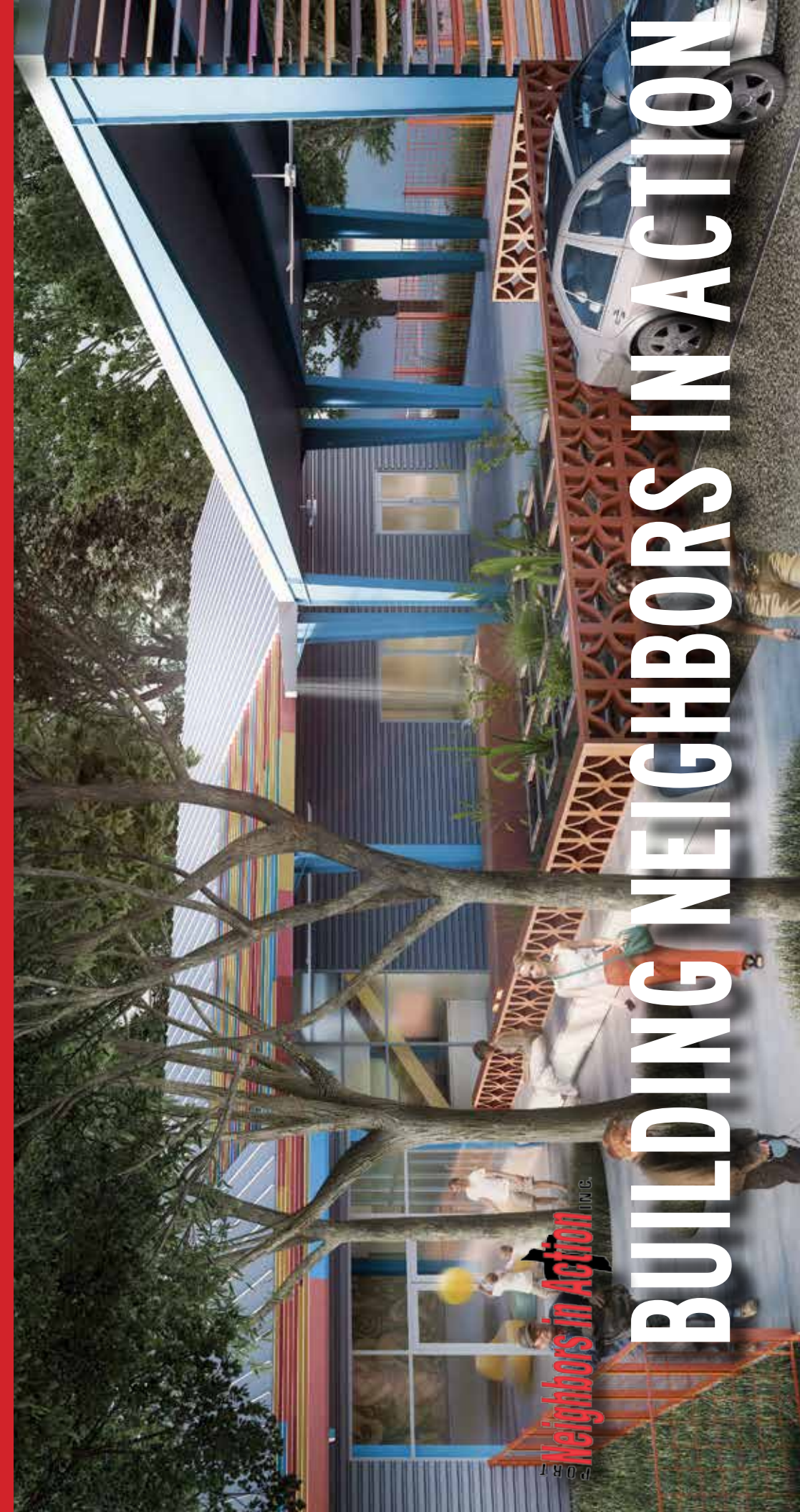
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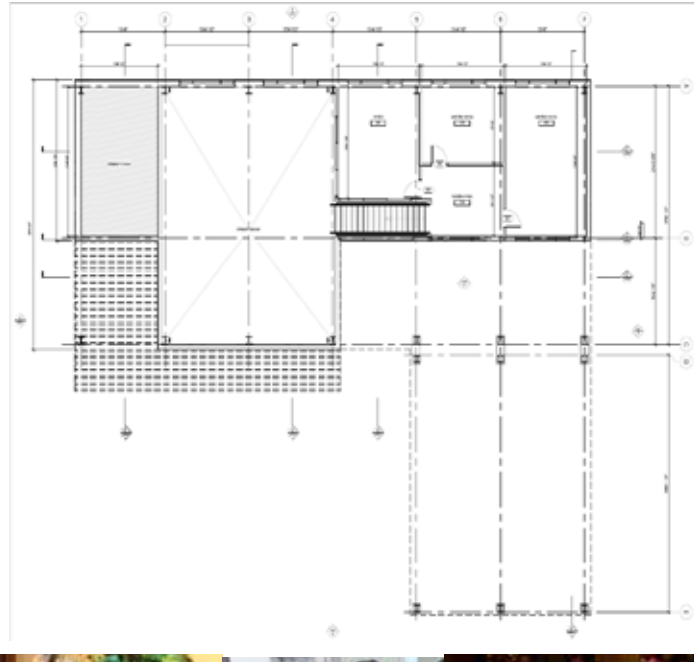
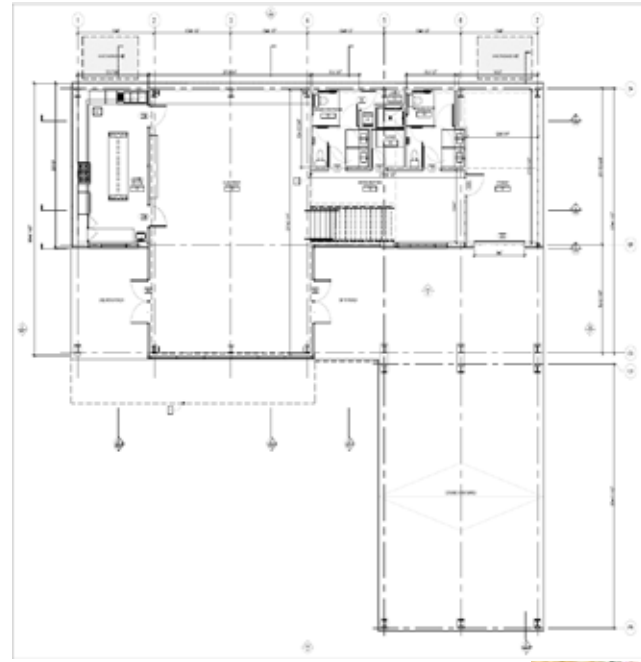
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*The building is designed for low maintenance and energy efficiency as well as safety policies. Program space is secured with minimal doorways and a controlled entrance. The exterior design features make the space open and inviting with lots of color and a low fence. Our main entry sidewalk will meet the sidewalk from Siro Gutierrez Park, a city park directly across the street. The Park will feel like an extension of our space, and vice versa.*



## FIRST FLOOR

- Large multi-purpose community space for groups up to 100
- Meeting room for small groups.
- Two bathrooms, one with shower to accommodate overnight groups
- Large capacity demonstration kitchen for cooking and healthy nutrition classes
- Covered outdoor pavilion and patio for sports, exercise classes and a weekend thrift shop
- Secure storage area for sports equipment and thrift shop goods
- Secure play area for pre-schoolers

## SECOND FLOOR

- Administrative office overlooking 1st floor community space and main entrance
- Library for tutoring and study
- Additional meeting room for small groups.
- North facing windows provide natural light to all 2nd floor rooms and 1st floor multi-purpose room

### Maribel, NIA Board Member:

“Due to my husband’s work as a police officer in Honduras, he had many threats from different gangs in Honduras. We had to leave our country on Christmas with our two sons, and applied for political asylum when we arrived at the US-Mexican border. In this difficult situation, I was able to learn that God is always with me. Thanks to Neighbors in Action and all its support, we were able to start our new life here in Port Houston. I love NIA, especially our Moms’ Group. I have heard other testimonies where I can now say that I am not the only one experiencing trials and tribulations, many others are too. God has given us all strength and above all his unconditional love that protects and gives us the strength to keep fighting. Here at Neighbors in Action, I have learned that as a woman, I am valuable. I have learned to listen to my children and their needs, physical and emotionally, and to be a better wife. I am now involved as a leader and board member.

I can’t wait to move into a bigger community center! Many more families like ours could be helped if we had a bigger building and could reach out to more people. Thank you so much in advance for your support!”

